Consultation - Crossrail Central Operating Section (CCOS)

Consultation Report on the 2019 Network Statement, including response to issues raised
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1 Background

1.1 Under regulation 13 of The Railways (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2016, Rail for London (Infrastructure) Limited (RfL(I)), as the infrastructure manager of the CCOS, is required (following consultation with all interested parties) to develop and publish a network statement containing certain information relating to the CCOS.

1.2 On 25th October 2016, Transport for London (TfL), on behalf of RfL(I), launched a consultation in relation to its draft CCOS 2019 Network Statement intended to apply with effect from the timetable change date in December 2018 (the Consultation). This is the date upon which the first passenger services – the Crossrail passenger services – are expected to commence on the CCOS.

1.3 The draft CCOS Network Statement set out a structure of proposed charges for access to the CCOS and principles as to how those proposed charges will be derived. It also set out principles for a performance regime and a regime for addressing what happens when RfL(I) needs to undertake engineering work on the CCOS, preventing or reducing the number services which can operate.

1.4 The Consultation concluded on 16th December 2016 and TfL received 10 responses from a variety of industry parties and interested individuals. This document sets out a summary of the responses received and TfL’s conclusions thereon. This document is, necessarily, a summary of the responses received, although TfL would like to assure respondents that all comments have been carefully considered in reaching the conclusions set out in this document.

2 Responses to the Consultation

2.1 TfL received 3 consultation responses from industry parties as follows:
   - MTR Corporation (Crossrail) Limited
   - Network Rail Infrastructure Limited
   - Rail Delivery Group

2.2 A further 7 responses were received from interested individuals.

3 Response to issues raised

3.1 TfL would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have considered and responded to the Consultation.

3.2 The industry consultation responses raised no issues with the principles of the charging and performance regimes or the scheme which TfL/RfL(I) intends to apply when it restricts the number of services which can operate on the CCOS for engineering work. Similarly, no issues were raised with the process by which TfL/RfL(I) intends to adopt to refine its proposals in these areas.

3.3 Consultation responses received from individuals also raised no material issues with the above proposals and principles.
3.4 As a result, TfL/RfL(I) have concluded that they should proceed with implementing the principles set out in the Consultation. These will be reflected in the track access documentation (please see section 5.3 below).

3.5 Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and RDG proposed some helpful corrections and areas of clarification which will be reflected as appropriate in the final 2019 CCOS Network Statement.

3.6 Network Rail Infrastructure Limited also provided updated contact information in relation to its infrastructure which will also be reflected as in the final 2019 CCOS Network Statement.

4 Consultee feedback on Consultation documents and process

The majority of consultees who gave feedback stated that the quality of the consultation documentation was good.

5 Next steps

5.1 TfL/RfL(I) plan to issue a final CCOS 2019 Network Statement for consultation in August/September 2017. This Network Statement will:

- incorporate the changes arising from this consultation (paras 3.4 and 3.5 above);
- reflect the Office of Rail and Road’s (ORR’s) establishment of the charging framework for the CCOS; and
- incorporate final charges reflecting the above and based on the then extant forecasts of the final construction cost of the CCOS and the costs of operating, maintaining and renewing the CCOS infrastructure.

5.2 The final CCOS 2019 Network Statement will be published in English and another EU language (to be determined) in accordance with regulation 13(8) of The Railways (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2016.

5.3 On or around the date of this Consultation Report, TfL/RfL(I) will launch a consultation on the draft template Framework Track Access Contract and the draft Network Code for the CCOS. This documentation will reflect the principles set out in the draft 2019 CCOS Network Statement for: charging for access; a performance regime; and when RfL(I) restricts the number of services which can operate on the CCOS for engineering work.