



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Inquiry into the Territory Plan and other associated documents

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by Mr Parton MLA on 7 December 2023: Mr Ponton took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: The City Plan

MR PARTON: I can imagine. This is short and sweet, and hopefully we can answer it in 60 seconds or take it on notice. I have got in front of me a draft of the city plan themes page of this document, and the final version of the city plan themes document. I would like to know why the final version of the city plan update has removed reference to dramatically increasing public transport ridership that was featured in the draft version.

In the draft version under Movement and Place it says, "Dramatically increase public transport ridership and active modes of travel to and from and within the city." In the final version it just says, "Improve universal accessibility throughout the city centre," and we have removed reference to "dramatically increasing public transport ridership." Can anyone explain to me why that change was made from draft to final?

Mr Ponton: I am looking at my colleagues, and I think we will take that one notice, if that is okay, Mr Parton.

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Following the public consultation process, the draft City Plan vision, strategic goals, themes and priority objectives were reviewed to refine the objectives, achieve greater clarity and reduce duplication.

While the wording of this particular objective was refined, references to the importance and priority of public transport remain in several key places in the updated City Plan.

The vision of the City Plan refers to the City being a place that is public-transport oriented. One of the strategic goals of the City Plan refers to achieving a 'public transport supportive urban environment' and 'priority for public transport users'.

Under the Movement and Place theme of the City Plan, there are six objectives. One of those already references prioritising public transportation use (objective 2). To minimise duplication of references to public transport, objective 5 under the Movement and Place theme was amended to refer to 'Promote the use of sustainable transportation modes for travel to, from, and within the City Centre'. This reference to sustainable transport mode is intended to capture public transport modes, as well as active travel modes, such as cycling and walking.

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