

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT POLICY - STATES DEBATE

A Proposition (P104/2010) made by the Minister for Transport and Technical Services asking the States to support the proposed policy was approved by the States, subject to amendments, on December 1 2010. The full Report and Proposition, along with three amendments and an amendment to the second amendment are available on the States Assembly website www.statesassembly.gov.je. All amendments were approved, though proposals within the 2nd amendment to implement a pedestrian priority zone in Halkett Place by 2011, and to increase the funding available for the policy to £1,000,000 per annum, were withdrawn. The effect of the amendments was that an amended proposition was approved as detailed below.

PROPOSITION

(by the Minister for Transport and Technical Services – with approved amendments shown in italics)

The States are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

to receive Jersey's Sustainable Transport Policy dated 2nd July 2010 as prepared by the Minister for Transport and Technical Services (TTS) and -

- a) to agree that the measures described in the Policy to reduce the Island's reliance on the private car and to encourage walking, cycling and public transport should be applied by the Minister for Transport and Technical Services, *but to acknowledge that for some sections of the Island community, the private car remains the only practical option and to agree that the cost of motoring (including parking) should not be disproportionately increased until a viable alternative method of transport is available to all.*

to bring forward within one year of the adoption of the Policy comprehensive strategies designed to facilitate and encourage walking and cycling;

to carry out a review of the transport requirements of the mobility-impaired or 'disabled drivers', including the administration and operation of the 'Blue Badge scheme', and to report back to the States with recommendations for any changes or improvements;

to implement a scheme to enhance pedestrian safety in Midvale Road by the end of 2012 subject to appropriate consultation;

to research and develop proposals by the end of 2012 to enhance pedestrian levels of service at the following locations –

- (i) the junction of Wellington Hill and the Ring Road;*

- (ii) the junction of Bath Street, Peter Street and Beresford Street;*
- (iii) the junction of Gloucester Street and the Parade;*
- (iv) the pedestrian exit across Little Green Street from the Green Street car park;*
- (v) the Queen's Road roundabout;*

to carry out a review of the proposal for increased shopper car parking at Snow Hill in conjunction with Jersey Property Holdings, subject to availability of funding for feasibility studies, and to bring recommendations to the States by the end of 2012.

to work with States Departments, especially the Harbours Department, to achieve the release of a proportion of the privately leased parking spaces in States' ownership for short-stay shopper parking, and to enable the provision of increased scooter or motorcycle parking;

to request the Minister for TTS to take the necessary steps to provide that any additional revenue in the Car Parking Trading Fund from any above-inflation increases in parking charges will be ring-fenced to fund improvements in the provision of alternatives to the private car, including improvements to encourage walking, cycling and bus travel;

to request the Minister of TTS to bring forward by July 2011 proposals to extend the opening hours of Liberation Station in conjunction with late bus services;

- b) *to approve the objective of reducing peak hour traffic flows into St Helier by 15% by 2015 and to request the Minister to apply appropriate measures including those set out in the Policy to achieve this objective;*
- c) *to request the Minister, in conjunction with the Minister for Home Affairs and the Honorary Police with regard to enforcement, to apply appropriate measures as set out in the Policy to re-establish a reducing trend in road injury rates and to agree an eventual 'vision zero' target of no deaths or serious injuries on Jersey's roads, and to request the Minister to ask the task force to be set up by the Department for Transport and Technical Services to adopt formally within the first year a specific trend target for accident reduction by the end of the policy period, and to inform the States of this target and the rationale behind it;*
- d) *to agree that the Minister applies appropriate measures as set out in the Policy to encourage the use of smaller low emission vehicles;*
- e) *to request the Minister to undertake appropriate monitoring of the impact and effectiveness of the Policy against the goals set out on page 8 of the policy and to publish the results at least annually.*

Minister for Transport and Technical Services