



# **Transport for NSW**

## **Responses to post-hearing questions**

Portfolio Committee No. 7 – Planning and  
Environment

Development of the Transport Oriented  
Development Program

Hearing Date – 24 July 2024

## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

### QUESTION 1. PP14-15

**The Hon. SCOTT FARLOW:** Mr McKibbin, was there any analysis done of road capacity when it came to the site selection?

**MATT McKIBBIN:** Transport for NSW provided the Department of Planning with an assessment of the existing transport capacity across both the road and the rail network in the selection of the TOD precincts. For the road network in particular, the work that we did looked at the degree of congestion that's experienced during peak periods relative to off-peak periods, and it gives us a good indication generally of which precincts suffer more road congestion. I will say, though, that the time at which road congestion issues are dealt with more substantively is during the rezoning process. What you'll see now with the several TOD precincts that are on exhibition is that there are specific transport statements which have looked at local traffic congestion and have also identified infrastructure which can be delivered to address those concerns.

**The Hon. SCOTT FARLOW:** Mr McKibbin, when was that work undertaken?

**MATT McKIBBIN:** Could I clarify which stage of work? Is it the site selection?

**The Hon. SCOTT FARLOW:** You were saying about the road capacity of the peak and off peak. I take it that that was for the TOD sites. Is that correct?

**MATT McKIBBIN:** Specifically it was the accelerated precincts.

**The Hon. SCOTT FARLOW:** Both the accelerated precincts. Was that part of the 305 station assessment?

**MATT McKIBBIN:** It was. We provided that advice to the Department of Planning in the second half of last year.

**The Hon. SCOTT FARLOW:** If that were the case, why did we not receive any of that advice within the Standing Order 52? Why is there no evidence of that?

**MATT McKIBBIN:** I'm sorry, I can't speak to the terms of the standing order.

**The Hon. SCOTT FARLOW:** It was quite specific in terms of road capacity analysis. There was no evidence whatsoever of any assessment that was undertaken or provided to the department.

**SIMON HUNTER:** There is a two-stage process that was followed. There was the assessment that Mr McKibbin referred to where we looked at high-level capacity analysis, particularly on the rail and public transport networks, up until 2036 that informed the selection of the sites. During the process where the sites were being prepared for exhibition, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure led transport studies that have now been published as part of those exhibition documents.

**The Hon. SCOTT FARLOW:** But this is the distinction, though, in terms of the tier 1 sites and the SEPP sites.

**SIMON HUNTER:** My understanding is that those studies were prepared and finalised after the Standing Order 52, but we can confirm that and provide an answer on notice if we need to.

**ANSWER:**

Transport for NSW was not a party captured under the relevant Standing Order 52 referred to during the hearing.

**QUESTION 2. P18**

**The Hon. JACQUI MUNRO:** This question is about a transport dataset. It's the travel zone projections. There is a travel zone projection from 2022. Is there an updated dataset that you will be using for the estimation of transport that was needed or is that something that has formed part of this assessment?

**SIMON HUNTER:** We do progressively update the travel zone projections based on those previous sources I mentioned around the projections of population housing supply. If you need the specifics around when the next release is and when they will be updated, I would probably have to take that on notice, unless you can add any more detail, Mr McKibbin?

**MATT McKIBBIN:** No.

**ANSWER:**

Travel zone projections are developed using several key datasets, including population projections which are completed by the Department of Housing, Planning and Infrastructure. It is anticipated that any updated travel zone projections will be made publicly available on the Government Open Data Hub and via Transport's website.

**QUESTION 3. P19**

**The Hon. JACQUI MUNRO:** So the next travel zone projection dataset will be made public?

**SIMON HUNTER:** I believe so. If it's okay, I would like to take that on notice to confirm when it will be done, following the population projections, and what the process for making any information public is.

**ANSWER:**

Please refer to the response to Question on Notice 2.