

Question on Notice

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MR M BERKMAN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)

QUESTION:

With reference to long-term public and active transport planning and the Queensland Transport Strategy that 'anticipates', presumably based on modelling, 1.6 million daily trips on public transport by 2050—

Will the Minister advise (a) what is the figure in mode share terms and (b) does the Queensland Government have a target for the desired mode share for public and active transport for 2031, 2041, 2050 or any other year, either in SEQ or all of Queensland?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maiwar for the question.

The *Queensland Transport Strategy* (QTS) is a future focused, whole of transport system strategy with a 30-year vision, which seeks to harness emerging transport trends to move people and products safely and efficiently into the future. Structured around five customer outcomes, the strategy guides how the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will respond to emerging trends to deliver a transport system that enhances the economic prosperity, sustainability, and liveability of our state.

While the QTS forecasts a target of 1.6 million daily trips on public transport by 2050, it does not set mode share targets. The 1.6 million public transport trips in 2050 represents approximately nine per cent mode share across South East Queensland. The mode share performance of public and active transport will be monitored, using TMR's *Household Travel Survey*, against the anticipated 1.6 million public transport trips and the increasing future active transport trips.

As new transport services emerge and innovative technologies mature, it is important to put Queenslanders' needs first so that new services and technologies are harnessed for the benefits of all. Over the next 30 years, there will be many unforeseen changes to the transport system. For example, during the COVID-19 pandemic many people changed their travel behaviour because of decentralised work teams and increased their local active transport trips, such as walking and cycling.

The QTS aligns with the *Transport Coordination Plan* which articulates the government's objectives over a decade and provides the overarching framework for strategic planning and management of transport in Queensland. This plan guides the development of more detailed transport plans and strategies, such as *Creating Better Connections* which encourage an increase in public transport patronage.

Through the *Queensland Cycling Strategy 2017–2027* and the *Queensland Walking Strategy 2019–2029*, the Queensland Government is taking action to ensure that, as the population grows, people are supported to choose cycling and walking as convenient, enjoyable, and healthy ways to travel. When people choose to ride a bike, walk, or take public transport, our transport system is more sustainable, it reduces traffic congestion and helps to reduce Queensland's carbon footprint, while people with more active lifestyles are generally happier and healthier.