

**Meeting of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee  
to be held on Wednesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2022**

**Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir (referred from Metro Meeting)**

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council establish a multidisciplinary suburban rail task force for Limerick, with a purpose to engage with the relevant stakeholders and agencies to develop a suburban rail strategy for Limerick and establish a channel of communication between the local authority, Iarnród Éireann, OPR and other relevant agencies.

**Reply:**

A comprehensive sustainable transport strategy, which includes for significant detail on suburban rail proposals for Limerick, is currently in progress in the form of Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS). This strategy includes for significant public/stakeholder participation. The first Public Consultation has been completed (2020) and the second Public Consultation is now underway. The Strategy is led by the NTA, with support from TII, Limerick City and County Council and Clare County Council. There is significant engagement with the relevant stakeholders, in particular Iarnród Éireann with regard to rail issues. Full public consultation will again be sought during LSMATS Draft 2 consultation on all aspects of the strategy, including suburban rail proposals in Limerick.

It should be noted that the LSMATS study, currently in draft format, forms a significant supporting strategy to the Limerick City and County Council Development Plan, hence the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) are appraised of the developing strategy.

As the subject of the Notice of Motion is adequately dealt with in the context of the emerging LSMATS, it is not proposed to set up a task force to duplicate a study already well advanced.

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29<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.