



## Transport & Mobility Forum

### **RSES Material Amendment Submissions**

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Response to Public Consultation on the  
**Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)**  
**Final Proposed Material Amendments**  
Southern Regional Assembly, October 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Transport and Mobility Forum, Cork (TMF) is a representative group of organisations who have a common interest in sustainable travel \*. The TMF fully supports sustainable modes of travel measures and policies. Sustainable and Active Travel helps reduce congestion on roads, improve air quality, supports a low carbon economy, reduces noise pollution and improves public health.

As we have been actively involved in the consultation process for the RSES draft document earlier this year, we very much welcome the opportunity to comment on the proposed material amendments to the RSES Draft Document and are delighted to see that lots of our suggestions have been taken on board and are included in the proposed amendments.



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In general, we see many of the proposed amendments (“A”) positive and will comment on mostly – but not only – those from the chapters of most relevance to us, “Connectivity” and “Cork MASP”.

These are in particular:

- A59 / RPO 135 We support the explicit inclusion of rail into “International Connectivity”
- A60 / RPO 136 We support the inclusion of the Rail Hub for freight and passenger rail in Limerick Junction
- A66 / RPO 136 We support the stronger wording on integration of land use and sustainable travel and the explicit reference to DMURS for all urban(ised) areas
- A67 / RPO 147 see above A66; we welcome the clarification on sustainable travel modes in travel plans and the explicit mentioning of cycle parking guidelines
- A68 / RPO 152 We support the clarifications for LTPs, **however**, in point 3) we also like to see “sustainable” included into “*Plan for the efficient and sustainable movement of people, goods and services*”
- A69 / RPO J We strongly support addition of E-mobility
- A70 / RPO K We strongly support addition of multi-modal travel / integration of modes
- A71 / RPO L We strongly support addition of Sustainable Mobility Targets, **however**, under c) it shall be pointed out that the given figures are NATIONWIDE average targets and target figures for modal shift shall be higher in metropolitan areas
- A72 / RPO 155 We support the enhanced emphasis on sustainable travel, and inclusion of multi-modal travel as well as water travel
- A73 / RPO 158 We support the explicit inclusion of “rail” and “sustainable transport”
- A76 / RPO 162 We support inclusion of low carbon rail fleet. Under point 8), “Bike+Ride” **shall be included** along with Park+Ride.
- A77 / RPO 163 We support additions to Bus Services, in particular regarding new fare structures, also integrating sharing services, carrying bicycles on buses and trains and set-up of community buses
- A78 / RPO 166 We strongly support amendments to “walking and cycling”, especially the detailed specifications to cater for various groups of people cycling, safe access to schools, multi-purpose use of greenways, and specifics on cycling infrastructure (“segregation”, “quiet routes”, 30km/h zones, junction design, coherence, etc).
- A82 / RPO 172 We welcome and support inclusion of Volunteering and Active Citizenship
- A83 / RPO 173 We welcome the strengthening of Equal Access and Universal Design, as this would also benefit better and safer walking routes for all people walking



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- A86 / RPO 177 We welcome and support the strengthening of accessibility of schools by active travel by choice of appropriate school locations
- A105 / PO 2 For the Cork MASP, we welcome and support the emphasis on high quality architectural and urban design **but love to see this extended** to all urban quarters, not just the new water fronts. The network of large city parks is strongly supported. **However**, creation of smaller green areas shall also be aimed at where possible in inner city locations.
- A109 / PO 8 We support the additions and amendments regarding improved integration of sustainable travel modes, improved walkability also in existing neighbourhoods, specification of cycle network features (segregation, Lee to Sea, ...)

As a general observation we support the stronger wording “shall” instead of “should” in many RPOs.

We also welcome the stronger wording of a monitoring and implementation mechanism as proposed in A 101 / RPO 218.

We again would like to reiterate our support for the overall proposed amendments and commend the Southern Regional Assembly for a transparent and inclusive public consultation process in the development process of the RSES document.

Should you require any clarifications, please email us at [tmfcork@gmail.com](mailto:tmfcork@gmail.com) .

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephan Koch".

Stephan Koch (Chair)  
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**Note:** The comments within this submission are solely the view of the Transport and Mobility Forum (TMF) as a whole and not the opinion or view of any individual partner of the TMF.

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