

# Additional Information

## **Item 8.4**

### **Ordinary Meeting**

**Wednesday, 10 November 2021**



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| Meeting:               | Ordinary Meeting                          | Date:                 | 10 November 2021                     |
| Requesting Councillor: | Councillor J Natoli                       |                       |                                      |
| Item:                  | 8.4 Transport Levy Annual Report          |                       |                                      |
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| Officer (title):       | Coordinator Transport Strategy and Policy | Approving GE (title): | Group Executive Built Infrastructure |

In response to a question raised by Councillor J Natoli, please note the following additional information for your consideration.

### Questions:

In relation to page 115 of 343:

- Given the low participation level in MTCC, and given the council's commitment to "*engage with the community during network, area, route and link studies to ensure the views of **the entire community** to inform Council's decision making*" do you believe survey organisers have the correct methodology to ensure Council's decision making will be correctly informed by the survey results and that the views can be drawn from the entire community?
- If the answer is Yes, will you provide the rational and evidence for the confidence in the methodology and the expected successful results?
- If the response to the question above can be given now when will this be able to provide?
- If the answer to the first question was No, when can survey organisers ensure the views of the entire community can be achieved to inform Council's decision making?
- How can the entire community best be informed of this survey and encouraged to participate so that Council's decision making on this survey is informed, and not uninformed or misinformed?

### Response:

In relation to page 115 the questions appear to be related to the Community Travel Survey item where the Department of Transport and Main Roads is expanding its Household Travel Survey (HTS) sampling on the Sunshine Coast in partnership with Council and with the assistance of funds from the Transport Levy.

The HTS is a rolling survey that invites households to participate in detailing the time, distance, duration, mode of travel and purpose of trips made by each member of the household over a random weekday. All data collected is 'de-identified' at time of collection and is aggregated to further preserve privacy.

The data is accumulated to a common level and weighted using Australian Bureau of Statistics Census of Population and Housing Data for the same year. This data provides a snapshot of key travel trends in the region.



The methodology was developed by the Department and was first applied in south-east Queensland in 1976. The Department uses this data to create strategic transport models, business cases and strategies to guide investment decisions. Without a robust and accurate evidence base, these investments would lack informed argument for community and economic benefit.

The data collected provides advice to enable comparison of travel characteristics between different regions of Queensland. It also allows identification of changes that may be occurring in travel patterns which may be relevant in the planning of future infrastructure and services.

There is no intention of surveying the entire community, but rather ongoing sampling.