Council meeting

Agenda item 7.1

29 October 2013

Notice of motion: Public transport extended hours

Motion

1. That Council request that the People City Portfolio Chair together with the Transport Portfolio Chair, as well as other available Councillors and appropriate Council Officers:

1.1. Invite the Minister for Public Transport to discuss the possibility of extended hours on the metropolitan

public transport network in order to facilitate transport into, around and out of the city.

1.2. Report back to the Future Melbourne Committee following any discussion with the Minister for Public

Transport.

Background

The issue of a lack of public transport late at night was raised as a concern at the recent Alcohol and Other

Drugs Roundtable.

Information shared at this roundtable included that people continually walk around the city and sleep in public

car parking facilities until the commencement of the train and tram services the following day.

The Police also commented at the roundtable that if these people 'aren't an offender, then they are a victim'.

Recent media has also confirmed that the Salvation Army are finding young people unconscious in car parks.

Travelling from venue to venue is also an issue and heightens the level of criminal activity.

The introduction of extended hours on the metropolitan public transport network is essential in making the city a

safer environment for all members of the community.

Moved: Cr Foster