

Sunshine Coast Mass Transit Action Group Inc. (MTAG)

March 2024

Divisional Councillor Candidate Questionnaire

As a key advocacy groups on the Sunshine Coast, we are seeking your views on public transport and housing densification in the region. Please be advised your responses will be collated and made public as we believe all voters should be aware of your position on these two key issues prior to voting. No response will be taken to mean you agree with the following:

1. The current Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) Southern Sunshine Coast Public transport strategy and their decision to proceed with Rapid Bus Transit in a dedicated lane along our coastal strip.
2. The current Sunshine Coast Regional Council plan to house the large majority of the future population growth out to 2041, in the Coastal corridor between Maroochydore and Caloundra.

Name of candidate:	Camillo Primavera Jp	Date:	24 January 2024
Division contesting:	Division 10		

Section 1: Transport

- 1 Do you think two public transport spinal networks (Heavy Rail from Beerwah to Maroochydore and a Mass Transit system from Maroochydore to Birtinya) with feeder networks running to them, is the best public transport system for the region?**

YES/NO No

- 2 If NO, and you are elected, will you advocate to TMR for a different Sunshine Coast Public Transport strategy?**

YES/NO Yes

If YES what?

Continue to utilise our current bus system and make it more affordable and cost effective

- 3 Do you support a Rapid Bus Transit system in a dedicated right of way along our coastal corridor?**

YES/NO No

- 4 What will you do to improve public transport now?**

Response:

As specified above we should be utilising what we have and make it more cost effective, efficient and affordable. We don't need to spend more money right now. The congestion in Maroochydore is bad enough now without adding to it.

- 5 What do you think should be the priority for better public transport in the future?**

Response:

1: Investigate how other countries transport systems work, WA has a very effective transport system, why cant we adopt something similar

2: Specific pickup points or buses for Hospital destination, Shopping destinations, ie Sunshine plaza, Kawana shopping centre, Beach/ tourist points

3: More collection centres, ie. Landsborough, Big Pineapple, Mapleton, Yandina etc

4: Cost effective buses,(not necessarily electric buses), that are affordable and easy to use.

Section 2: SCRC 2024 Draft Planning Scheme

6 Do you support the current plan to put the large majority of new arrivals out to 2041 within the Coastal Corridor? (Maroochydore to Caloundra)?

YES/NO No

7 What does high-rise mean to you (how many storeys)?

Response:

Limit/cap the height of buildings, Limit the amount of high rise developments by capping infrastructure over development. People move to the Sunshine coast for a relaxed lifestyle, continued development will take this away. Those that wish to live in crowded cities have a choice of Brisbane or Gold Coast, we don't want that here.

8 Do you think housing densification should occur along the Heavy Passenger Rail Corridor rather than the Mass Transit Coastal Corridor?

YES/NO Yes

Explain why?

We need to populate the outer suburbs and rural areas to help bring life back to those rural communities and businesses and not overcrowd our already congested city

9 If you are an existing Councillor, did you vote in favour of the current draft 2024 Planning Scheme?

YES/NO

10 If you are elected, will you vote to review the draft 2024 Planning Scheme, in particular the densification of the coastal corridor?

YES/NO Yes

11 As a Divisional Councillor, what will you do to ensure we do not become another Gold Coast?

Response:

Re examine the smart city framework. Too much money spent on over developing Maroochydore while nothing is being done in our rural communities, ie Nambour, Kenilworth, Mapleton, Yandina Eumundi. Limit building heights and density. We don't need to be forced to live in sardine tin cities as quoted by the Mayor of Redlands shire

12 Do you think the current planning decision making process is too lenient toward developers, especially in regard to site coverage, set backs and density?

YES/NO Yes

Why?

Not enough consultation and transparency, I believe there is currently some council members who have conflicts of interest regarding certain preferable developers to provide construction projects while they hide their interests behind family trust or other system where they don't show their accountability

13 Do you think all Development Applications should require Council to notify all adjoining neighbours?

YES/NO Yes	If YES, what will you do to try and make this happen? Community consultation is a must, open and transparent communication is important to look at all possible implications for that particular neighbourhood
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14 As a Divisional Councillor, what will you do to achieve better development outcomes for the region and your Division?

Response: Proper community consultation, not just sending out notices, but following up by visiting respective stakeholders and affected residents. Honest and truthful media reporting
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