

Since the presentation the following have occurred –

- It was announced (March 09) that the Ted O'Brien VFT proposal was successful in securing Federal Govnt funding support for the development of the project business case. It seems, however, that this may be contingent on matching funding from both the State Government and the Council. I understand that it is highly unlikely that the State will tip in funds. The Council's position is unknown.
- TMR will not authorize or agree to further work on the CAMCOS connection until it has completed a regional transport strategy. This has been promised for months but never seems to get any closer to commencement let alone completion. There is a description of this don't do anything until we have completed the 'grand plan' – paralysis by analysis.
- I am attempting to secure a meeting with Transport & Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey in an effort to persuade him to move things along. Generally speaking, there appears to be a lack of interest in Brisbane in doing anything for the Sunshine Coast.
- I also understand that TMR is also considering route options for extending the CAMCOS concept further towards Brisbane, which AMT would strongly support. Previously, I have communicated AMT's interest in fully cooperating in reviewing this possibility.

The bottom line, however, is that there seems to be little that we can do to get the relevant authorities to allocate a higher priority to CAMCOS or indeed any other public transport initiative in the Coast region.

No good news I am afraid.

Regards

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