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Master Plan to have provisions

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The Master Plan for Coimbatore will have provisions for better transport systems in the city, including mass transport system. The provisions will be incorporated after studies by experts.

An official of the Local Planning Authority (LPA) told *The Hindu* that so far the Master Plan had mainly the land classification details and indications of roads. With cities such as Chennai and Coimbatore growing rapidly, it was important to bring provisions for transport too. This would include inner roads, outer roads, ring roads, scheme roads, Master Plan roads, mass transport systems, bus and truck terminals, and multi-level parking bays.

The Local Planning Authority would hold discussions with each local body in the LPA area and identify the Government land for development of these facilities. The local bodies could also develop detailed proposals and give the details to the LPA. For instance, the Coimbatore Corporation could develop a mass transport system project and give the details to the LPA and the provisions for it would be incorporated in the Master

Plan, the official said.

The need for such provisions in the Master Plan would only increase in the future so that the city had planned growth and this would be for the entire LPA area.