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Master Plan to include new transport hubs

COIMBATORE: Senior officials from Coimbatore municipal corporation and the Local Planning Authority on Tuesday held a discussion to integrate the recently announced mobility and transportation projects in the city limits to be included in the Master Plan for Coimbatore district. The city municipal corporation is planning to implement a series of traffic improvement proposals including setting up of cycle tracks, pedestrian zones and other infrastructure improvements. Apart from these the various provisions of the city development and mobility plans expected to be formally announced in the coming months are integrated with the master plan document.

"The discussion was held to check and integrate our transportation improvement proposals with the Coimbatore master plan. The proposals in the city development and mobility plans should also be incorporated in the master plan. The discussion was to ensure these aspects," said G Latha, commissioner, Coimbatore municipal corporation.

Apart from these proposals, the Master Plan is also expected to include provisions for Mono Rail project and its feasibility study as announced by the government. The Commissionerate of Municipal Administration through an independent transport consultancy firm has come up with a mobility plan for the city.

"It was just a discussion to ensure that there will be no inconsistency between the final master plan document and the projects proposed by the city municipal corporation," Latha added.

According to Local Planning Authority officials, the Coimbatore Master Plan is in the final stages of approval and is expected to be released soon. However, the master plan has been long delayed and though the review master plan was approved in 2011, the final document is yet to be cleared from the government. The Directorate of Town and Country Planning along with the district Local Planning authority had also sought suggestions and opinions from the public as part of the review and fine tuning exercise. More than 2000 suggestions were received in this regard and were reportedly taken up for consideration based on the merits and feasibility factors.