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Dear Nick,

In Plenary on 9 March, you asked the First Minister for an update on the south Wales Metro, and a potential hub at the Celtic Manor.

This hub is currently being considered by the Burns Delivery Unit. The South East Wales Transport Commission (SEWTC) has discussed Celtic Manor in relation to Caerleon station, and has seen merit in a Chepstow Road rapid bus benefiting Celtic Manor connections to Newport Central. The latter would likely form a key plank of any business case for road reassignment on that corridor. Chepstow Road, of course, connects large amounts of east Newport to the city, including Celtic Manor and the new International Convention Centre.

Transport for Wales (TfW)'s Development Unit, in partnership with Newport City Council, is also taking an active role in progressing measures following the SEWTC findings.

Yours sincerely,

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