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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ASKED BY

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TO

THE HON. JOHANY S. EBANKS, MP - MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING, AGRICULTURE, HOUSING, INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

QUESTION:

Can the Honourable Minister update the House on the progress with the design and implementation of a new public transportation system for Grand Cayman?

ANSWER:

Mister Speaker,

The Ministry of Planning, Agriculture, Housing, Infrastructure, Transport and Development (PAHITD) has developed a comprehensive plan, presented in the form of a green paper, which outlines both short-term and long-term measures. These measures were recently reviewed and approved by the Cabinet. They include the following:

Short-term Measures:

- Improving public bus information;
- Enhancing the reliability of the existing public bus system;
- Upgrading services in eastern districts, which is to start with a pilot programme;
- Rolling out and adopting the taxi booking app.

Long-term Measures:

- Introducing a new public bus network servicing three key arterial routes;
- Purchasing new buses to support the new network;
- Developing the necessary infrastructure for the new network, including bus depots, terminals and shelters:

- Implementing bus priority measures;
- Transitioning to an integrated and digital ticketing model;
- Exploring changes to the sector's operating model.

The Ministry is now actively working on systematically implementing these measures to provide immediate relief to the public and pave the way for our new public transportation system.