

## Report to the Chairperson and Members of the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

The following item was submitted by Councillor Dermot Lacey for the consideration of the Transportation SPC:

### **“Item for Transportation SPC**

That this Committee would consider the issues and ideas contained in the email attachment set out below:

Dermot Lacey

There are 10's of thousands of elderly people from all over the country who do not and will not come into the city centre, ever, just like my mother. They would like come into “Town” and spend money in the city centre, in the shops, restaurants, hotels and other entertainment businesses but they can't. They go elsewhere and Dublin City Centre is at a loss. In the current traffic debate there is plenty of talk about cyclists. Not once have I heard anyone bring elderly access to the city centre into that same debate. Where are the wheelchair parking points? The council have looked after cyclists by supplying 1500 bicycles. There is not one wheelchair for the elderly to use to get around on. Why can't we have “Dublin Chairs” similar to Dublin Bikes? One day all of us will be the elderly I am now advocating for and now is the time to start to plan for our future. After all the likes of my mother paid her taxes to build the city we now have and she is being excluded. There are many things that could be done to help elderly people to improve their quality of city living. Electric golf style carts for ferrying people to side streets is an example, like a mini taxi service for the elderly. Rickshaws are allowed to run around why not elderly transport, regulated of course.”

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