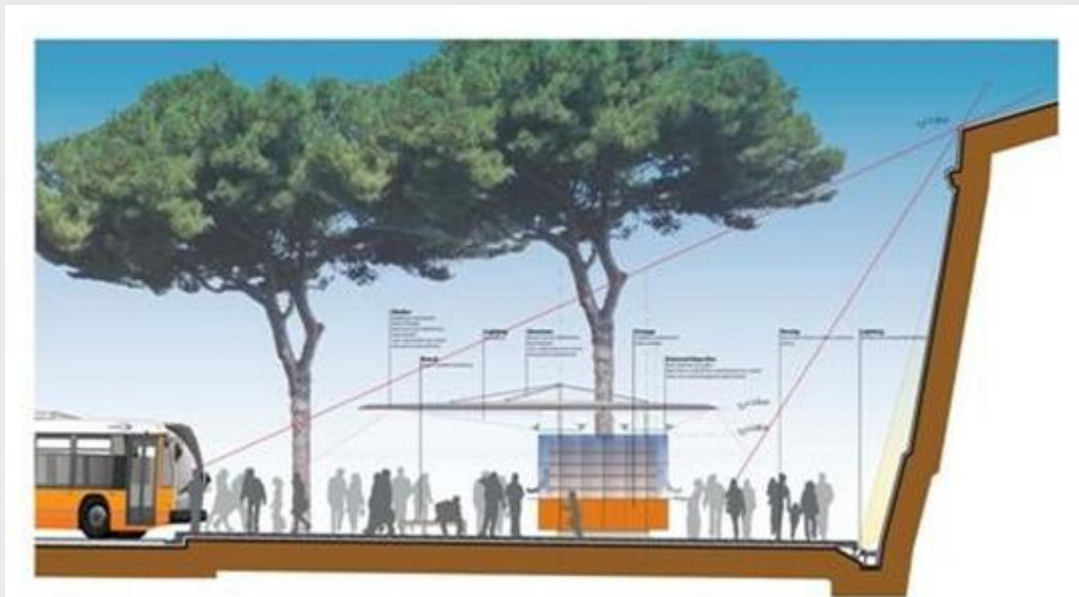


## Mepa approves Valletta bus terminus move



The Planning Authority Board has given the go-ahead for the relocation of the Valletta bus terminus to the area below St James Counterguard in Valletta.

The project forms part of the bus service reform.

The project will see commuters alighting at the area known as Il-Biskuttin near City Gate and board the buses in the St James Counterguard ditch (close to where the Sunday open market is set up).


The terminus will be substantially smaller than the present one. It will be composed of just 14 bus bays close to the bastion walls. The case officer said there would be fewer buses at the terminus because other major hubs would be created in other localities, eliminating the need for commuters to go to Valletta to catch connecting buses. Buses would also have less waiting time at the terminus.

Seven kiosks currently at the City Gate bus terminus will be erected on the new site, although their structure will be revamped using glass and coloured aluminium.

See also

<http://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20100218/local/valletta-terminus-to-move-to-st-james-ditch>


## Comments

bertu caruana(3 days, 5 hours ago) 


why should buses wait at the terminus at all?

a stationary bus is not working.

in most places I have been I saw drivers change on the fly and the bus NEVER stopping except in a closed garage when not in service.

James J. Patton(4 days, 4 hours ago) 

A great idea which is all in line with scheduled planning and fine tuning by the preferred bidder Arriva, the new arrangement will not only be effective but pleasing to the eye and bring Malta in line with other countries throughout Europe with a much needed Public Transport System.

F Micallef(4 days, 5 hours ago) 


This means that commuters will have to walk a longer distance to get a bus, especially during the rainy season.

R Saliba(4 days, 4 hours ago)


Ohh come on! Are you real?

Jon Vercellono(3 days, 7 hours ago)


They need to construct a moving sidewalk between the gate and the terminus (as they have in the airports).

Mariella Galea(4 days, 6 hours ago) 

As if MEPA had a choice!

L. Cutajar(4 days, 6 hours ago) 


Where is the new Valletta police station going to be placed? Is the police station part of Lorenzo Piano project? The police station is one of the most places frequented by tourists and locals who visit Valletta for a number of reasons. Let's hope that a suitable, modern and adequate place for a police station is located.

mark johnson(4 days, 6 hours ago) 

Will the drivers take their buses home every night when arriva take over?

Am Camilleri(4 days, 1 hour ago)

Apparently, no - drivers will no longer own the buses - buses (and not the drivers) will work long hours and then be fueled and serviced at Arriva depots - wherever they may be - but for sure there won't be one near the entrance to Valletta.

Adrian Wirth(4 days, 7 hours ago) 

And are the trees being preserved ?

Mark Borg(4 days, 6 hours ago)

Even if they are, I'm pretty sure that they won't be around for too long due all of the diesel fumes.

Charles Borg(4 days, 6 hours ago)

Cut the trees, plant new trees somewhere else, and let's move on!

Joann Bugeja(4 days, 6 hours ago)

haven't you seen the new plans Mr. Wirth !?

T Camilleri(4 days, 4 hours ago)

Charles Borg is that how you take care and protect the environment?

R Saliba(4 days, 4 hours ago)

T Camilleri Get real. So are you also going to blame the government because of some trees? Just admit that the plan is good for once

Bernard Storace(4 days, 2 hours ago)

TREES! Why if MEPA cuts them down where will the drivers relieve themselves?

And will the drivers tolerate pigeon poop to rain on their 'clean' busses? TREES!

We are very good at cutting them down because those who give the order do not know the benefits derived from trees. Trees are being cut down everywhere and being replaced with Oleander plants...shame on us all for treating our environment in such a crude manner.

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