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MASTER PLAN FOR CITY

Sydney City Council's development committee yesterday appointed a firm of private consultants to prepare a strategic master plan for the city.

The firm is Urban Systems Corporation Pty. Ltd. in association with McConnell, Smith, Johnson and W. D. Scott and Co.

They will complete the plan in 33 weeks for a fee of \$99,670, according to their submission.

Members of the consultant firm include Mr. George Clarke, Mr. D. Gazzard and Professor Peter Johnson, President of the N.S.W. Institute of Architects.

According to their submission, the consultants also can call on the services of Mr. Pat Monaghan, former under secretary for the Department of Local Government.

The Development Committee's resolution on the appointment carried the instruction "that high priority be given to the question of floor space ratios to be allowed in new buildings."

Floor space ratio is the amount of floor space allowed in a building in proportion to the size of the site.

Martin Place plaza seen as traffic aid

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The proposed pedestrian plaza in Martin Place would help traffic flow smoothly, the Lord Mayor, Alderman L. E. McDermott, said last night.

In a radio program he said that the "T" junction at George Street where Martin Place ends had long been a bottleneck.

Alternatives had been worked out for traffic which now uses Martin Place between Pitt and George Streets and there were no bad aspects of the proposal.

The plaza proposal had been thoroughly researched and every property owner in the vicinity had been consulted, he said.

Off the air, Alderman McDermott said the alternatives for traffic included rerouting of two peak-hour bus services.

Also, it would be unnecessary for buses to turn across the traffic flow at the Martin Place-George Street intersection and elsewhere.

Vehicles which now

travelled down Martin Place to George Street could turn right at Castle-reagh Street or left at Pitt Street. This would ease congestion.

The Minister for Lands, Mr T. L. Lewis, called for objections to the plaza scheme some time ago. May 31 was the last day objections could be lodged.

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Liberal body gathers

CANBERRA, Sunday. —Delegates to the Liberal Party's Federal Council began arriving in Canberra today for a meeting which will examine the party's philosophy.

The council, the party's policy machine, will meet tomorrow and Tuesday for the first time in almost two years.