

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA 2

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INNER WEST COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 13 AUGUST 2019

6.30pm

Location Ashfield Service Centre, 260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield

**MEETING AGENDA – PRECIS
SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

The following reports appear as late items with Mayoral approval as information required for the preparation of the reports was not available at the time of distribution of the Business Paper.

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Item No: C0819(1) Item 21
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: FOOTPATHS SURROUNDING BALMAIN HOSPITAL
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT:

- 1. Council prioritise the delivery of funded footpath renewal works adjacent to Balmain Hospital to be completed before the end of this year; and**
 - 2. Officers engage with Hospital management in the development of the scope of footpath renewal works required to ensure priority areas are addressed.**
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Background

Council recently received representations from Balmain Hospital concerning the condition of footpaths surrounding the Hospital site. Safe pedestrian access to the Hospital, particularly by the elderly and patients undergoing rehabilitation, can be placed at risk if footpath conditions are not provided to an acceptable standard.

The current capital program provides funding for footpath renewal works adjacent to Balmain Hospital to be undertaken this financial year. Given the importance of pedestrian safety at this institution, it is necessary that the planned works are expedited.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0819(1) Item 22
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: GREENWAY CHALLENGES
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

THAT:

- 1. Council write to the relevant Ministers requesting their assistance in obtaining approvals from agencies currently preventing work from going ahead on the completion of the GreenWay;**
 - 2. Subsequent to landowners consent being obtained for the development application and prior to the application being submitted that the revised concept plans be reported back to an Ordinary Council meeting for review; and**
 - 3. Council recommit to amendments to the Master Plan incorporated by Councillors at the time of its adoption.**
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Background

Council staff have been preparing to begin works outlined in the GreenWay Master Plan, approved in August 2018. The staff have been liaising with Sydney Trains for over 12 months and have made all design changes requested by this body.

Council has allocated over \$25 million to this project over the next three years, including over \$18 million of State government funding, most of which has time limits on its expenditure.

However, despite all our best efforts, Council is encountering challenges that are making it difficult for officers to deliver the GreenWay as planned.

Transport for NSW – Business Case

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has formally notified Council that the State Government requires that a formal Business Case for the GreenWay project, and will not release the RMS grant funding without this Business Case.

Despite staff having liaised with TfNSW on the project for over a year, the Business Case was only recently requested. It may take up to 15 months to complete, and would need to be funded from the existing project grant allocation.

This means that the Central Links section of the Masterplan cannot be delivered to the original timeline promoted to the community.

Alignment of Link between Longport Street and Parramatta Road

Sydney Water have advised that the current route on the western side of Hawthorne Canal may make it necessary to relocate to water mains at significant cost. Council engaged McGregor Coxall to investigate the alternative route on the eastern side of the Canal and it appears that relocating the path will be approximately \$2.1m cheaper.

This would necessitate withdrawing the current Development Application (DA) and lodging a new combined DA for both the central and southern missing links.

Council also needs to obtain land owners consent from Sydney Trains to enable access to their land to carry out GreenWay works. This consent has currently been pending for more than 12 months.

Officers have advised that they will not withdraw the current DA and begin work on a new DA until Sydney Trains make clear exactly what is required for the landowners consent and ongoing licencing, in order to expedite the processing of any new DA.

High Voltage Electricity Relocation

Sydney Trains owns a high voltage electricity feeder within the light rail corridor, between Constitution Road and Dulwich Hill Station. Failure to obtain approvals to relocate the HV electricity (as detailed in the report to Council 26 February 2019) has the potential to delay delivery of the southern links.

Next Steps

A group of senior officers either currently or recently involved with RMS, State Rail and Transport for NSW have agreed work together to determine whether some of the processes might be expedited.

As a result of the delays being experienced with the DA approval process and external agency approvals, Council staff have reviewed the delivery program and re-prioritised works. This includes:

- The on-road works, particularly in the southern missing links
- Richard Murden Reserve upgrade works
- Bay Run upgrade works at the Iron Cove
- Seawall upgrade works at the Iron Cove
- The Blackmore Oval path upgrade

Staff have commenced site investigations and detailed designs on the above works.

A contractor for the Blackmore Oval link, including shared pathway upgrade and lighting works, has been appointed. Substantive works have commenced.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.