

ITEM A

LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE BETWEEN DAPTO, WEST DAPTO AND THE M1 MOTORWAY

The provision of M1 Motorway access is very important for the existing areas in Dapto as well as to support the ongoing growth of the West Dapto Urban Release Area (WDURA) which is expected to be home for an additional 56,500 people by around 2060.

As part of master planning work for the WDURA, Council has been working with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to develop a high-level strategy for access to/from the M1 motorway. The M1 Motorway is the responsibility of TfNSW.

The imminent completion of the Albion Park Rail Bypass (APRB) will provide a motorway standard road between Yallah and Oak Flats, however no southbound access will be provided for motorists from the wider Dapto/West Dapto area. These motorists will be required to use the existing Princes Highway through Albion Park Rail, albeit at an improved level of service to that prior to the APRB being implemented.

It is understood that the final Stage 3 of the APRB will include a full interchange at Tallawarra, including a southbound on-ramp to the M1 Motorway which would cater for southbound Dapto traffic. The timeframe for implementation of this final stage has not been announced by TfNSW. This does not address the interim (and unknown) period of inconvenience for Dapto residents who wish to travel south to destinations via the M1 motorway.

With the growth at West Dapto, demand for access to/from the south via the existing Princes Highway will continue to increase, with the associated rise in congestion, delays and road safety concerns. It is critical that TfNSW plan and commit to deliver additional south-facing M1 ramps north of Tallawarra.

RECOMMENDATION

Council request that Transport for NSW engage with Council Officers to expedite an integrated plan and strategy for the construction of direct road connections and appropriate infrastructure between the West Dapto Urban Release Area (WDURA) and the M1 Motorway. The priority should be the southbound direct access to the M1 due to the imminent completion of the Albion Park Rail Bypass which at present limits the WDURA access to the M1 via the Princess Highway only.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.