Relevant Information for Council

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TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Amit Chanan, Director City Projects and Property

THROUGH: Monica Barone, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 7.2 – Project Scope – MacDonald Street

Widening and Trunk Drainage Project, Erskineville

For Noting

This memo is for the information of the Lord Mayor and Councillors.

Purpose

To provide additional information in response to questions raised and information requested at the 2 September 2019 Environment Committee meeting.

Background

At the meeting of the Environment Committee on 2 September 2019, further information about the Project Scope – MacDonald Street Widening and Trunk Drainage Project, Erskineville was requested.

The current proposal is for works associated with the road widening of Macdonald Street and is as per the adopted Ashmore Precinct Masterplan. A comprehensive traffic study (Ashmore Precinct Traffic and Parking Assessment from 27 February 2013) was prepared in conjunction with the approved Masterplan.

The parking strategy is to install 2P 8am-10pm seven day a week parking restrictions throughout the Ashmore Precinct, to ensure turnover of parking for visitors to the area. Disability parking will be provided in strategic locations and car share spaces will be provided within the broader precinct. There will also be a bi-directional, separated cycleway constructed in Macdonald Street to provide key links through the Ashmore Precinct. Off street parking has been minimised as per the City's parking policies to lessen the use of private vehicles in the precinct and encourage the use of walking, cycling, public transport and car share.

Erskineville Public School is an approximately 500-metre walk from the site of the current proposal. Please refer to Attachment A - Schools Map Surrounding MacDonald Street, Erskineville, which highlights the school locations surrounding the subject site road-widening project.

The current proposal is for works associated with the road widening and trunk drain insertion to Macdonald and Goddard Streets, which have been designed in line with the adopted Ashmore Precinct Masterplan. The construction works are proposed to commence mid-2020 and be completed by mid-2021.

The timeframe for completion of the Macdonald Street extension to Mitchell Road East (adjoining the current scope of works) is approximately six to 10 years and will be undertaken by the adjoining developer

In general and as each development comes on line in the precinct, private developers will complete their section of the public domain, which includes the construction of roads (and associated parking) and footpaths. Further, they are required to facilitate traffic, parking (including 2P parking restrictions) and other requirements as stipulated as part of the approved masterplan.

As each development progresses, the Public Domain Team will negotiate temporary traffic arrangements to keep the precinct traffic flowing, in accordance with best practice and policy. When all the developments are complete, the Ashmore Precinct Masterplan will be realised in full and aligned to the strategy described above.

The City will continue to work collaboratively with schools in the area, Roads and Maritime Services, NSW Police and the Department of Education to identify any safety concerns and develop solutions, as it has recently with Newtown Public School.

Memo from Amit Chanan, Director City Projects and Property

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Attachments

Attachment A. Schools Map Surrounding MacDonald Street, Erskineville

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