

## Additional commuter car parking at Schofields Railway Station

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**Committee Meeting on 20 July 2016**

Division is not required

<b>Topic</b>	We have negotiated a proposal with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to provide 60 additional commuter car parking spaces at Schofields Railway Station.
<b>Analysis</b>	<p>The additional parking spaces could be constructed as part of the project to upgrade the 500m section of Railway Terrace, from Schofields Road toward Burdekin Road, which involves alteration to the frontage of the existing car park and bus interchange.</p> <p>The State Government will provide us with grant funding of \$2.75M to construct the parking facility on behalf of TfNSW.</p> <p>The Railway Terrace upgrade is presently not funded, however a funding strategy has been developed to enable Council to take advantage of this grant.</p> <p>Attachment: Attachment 1 – Concept plan for Railway Terrace upgrade and associated car parking.</p>
<b>Report Recommendation</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Endorse the proposal to provide additional commuter car parking as part of the Railway Terrace upgrade.</li> <li>2. Accept the \$2.75M grant and enter into a funding deed with Transport for NSW for delivery of the project.</li> <li>3. Item R2.1 from the 2016-17 Works Improvement Program (WIP) - CP20 be replaced with the Railway Terrace upgrade. The balance of funding required for the Railway Terrace upgrade be transferred from the CP20 item R5 Alex Avenue construction.</li> </ol>

### Key reasons

#### 1. Current parking at Schofields Station is inadequate

- a. Schofields Railway Station currently has 230 commuter car parking spaces - 110 spaces on the eastern side of the station and 120 spaces on the western side.
- b. The rapid growth of development in the area created parking demand that seen these car parks fully occupied with parking spilling onto adjacent streets.
- c. We have received representations about the lack of parking, even though commuter

car parking is the responsibility of the State Government.

- d. We introduced a number of parking restrictions on streets surrounding the station precinct to provide safe conditions. In 2013, Council considered a report on potential options for additional commuter carparking and requested further investigations be undertaken into developing a preferred carpark proposal and that we liaise with TfNSW on a potential solution and funding.

## **2. Proposal to increase commuter parking spaces**

- a. The realignment of Railway Terrace, as part of the Schofields Road upgrade by RMS, presented the opportunity to use the redundant road reserve of Railway Terrace for off-street carparking. The result is a design solution that provides for a net increase in parking of 60 spaces. A concept plan detailing the proposal is at attachment 1.
- b. TfNSW has approved the proposal and agreed to provide \$2.75M contribution toward the project. Our contribution to the carpark is the provision of the redundant road reserve.
- c. It should be noted that this increase in parking will improve conditions but will not fully address the demand for commuter parking at this station. However, TfNSW has indicated it is prepared to continue to work with us on further carparking solutions.

## **3. Project funding**

- a. The upgrade of Railway Terrace (\$3.1M) was initially not funded in the 2016/17 Works Improvement Program (CP20 – Transport), as there was no confirmation of the grant funding from TfNSW. Given the advice we have now received, a review has been undertaken of the currently funded S94 projects, to determine if there was potential to replace any of these projects at this time. The review identified that there was a project that could be replaced by this project, without affecting the S94 program roll out.
- b. An item in CP20 (road reference number R2.1) has been delayed due to acquisition issues and the funding of \$2,303,000 for this project can be transferred to the upgrade of Railway Terrace. Any additional funding (approx. \$800,000) can be transferred from CP20 (road reference number R5) Alex Avenue construction, as there have been reductions in the scope of this project due to works undertaken by the developers.

## **4. Project construction will commence in early 2017**

- a. Council prepared a design for the upgrade of Railway Terrace as part of future works under the Section 94 Plan CP20. As part of the design investigation for this upgrade, we examined a number of options to incorporate additional commuter parking spaces.
- b. The full project consists of:
  - Upgrade 500m of Railway Terrace to a 4 lane divided carriageway from Schofields Road to Jacqui Avenue.
  - Adjustments to the frontage of the existing car park and bus interchange.
  - Three sets of new traffic signals to provide safe access to the new intersections, bus / rail interchange and car parks. This will also provide safe pedestrian crossing facilities between the railway station and shopping precinct.
  - Landscaping to improve the appearance of this corridor.
- c. The design is expected to be finalised by December 2016, following sign-off from




TfNSW. Should funding be approved, construction could commence early 2017.

- d. TfNSW has also indicated that it would like to arrange a joint media release for this project.

## Approval

Name and position	
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→ Director approval	Rudi Svarc, Director City Assets
	Signature:
→ General Manager approval	Kerry Robinson, General Manager
	Signature:

## Attachments

Ref	Description	Files
1		 CA360035A1.pdf

## Recommendations

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