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via email: **Schedule 2.2(a)ii**

Dear **Schedule 2.2(a)ii**

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – OMBUDSMAN REVIEW [2021] ACTOFOI 9

I refer to your application to the ACT Ombudsman made under section 75 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), to review the access application decision made by Major Projects Canberra (MPC) on 12 December 2022, in which you sought access to:

The Light Rail Project Board meeting met on Wednesday 23 February 2022 to discuss, among other things, Light Rail Express Services. I seek access to all briefing material in support of that discussion at that meeting, and relevant minutes.

On 12 December 2022, I made a decision in relation to this access request, advising that three (3) documents were found to be within the scope of the request.

My decision in relation to the documents relevant to your request at the time was summarised as follows:

- Partial access to two (2) document;
- Withhold access to one (1) documents

On 4 May 2023, in response to your application to the ACT Ombudsman made under section 75 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act) to review the original access application decision made by MPC, the delegate's decision is to vary MPC's decision under section 82(2)(b) of the FOI Act.

The delegate's decision is be summarised as follows:

“A small amount of the information at issue in these documents – including background information in the meeting paper (document 2) and publicly available factual information in the Cabinet submission (document 3), which was not released by MPC in its original decision – is factual, does not contain or reveal deliberative content, and is not integral to or inextricably linked to deliberative content, so that it can properly characterised as “purely factual information” for the purposes of Schedule 1, s 1.6(2) of the FOI Act.”

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Chief Projects Officer under section 18 of the Act to deal with access application made under Part 5 of the Act. This decision is made pursuant to section 83 of the Act.

Decision on access

I have decided to waive an ACAT review of the Ombudsman's decision. The further information identified by the Ombudsman is attached to this correspondence.

Online Publishing – Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the Act, MPC maintains an official online record of access applications called a disclosure log. The Ombudsman's decision, the further unredacted release material and this decision will be published in the MPC disclosure log on the date of the decision. You may view the MPC disclosure log at <https://www.act.gov.au/majorprojectscanberra>.

Should you have any queries in relation to your request, please contact me by telephone on (02) 6207 0058 or email MPCFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Nikki Pulford
Information Officer
Major Project Canberra
24 May 2023



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Minutes

Subject Light Rail Project Board Meeting #101

Date 23 February 2022

Location Via video conference

Prepared by Linda McCoy

Members Present

Greg Wilson	'GW'	Independent Chair
Hamish Stephens	'HS'	A/g, Executive Branch Manager, Infrastructure Finance, CMTEDD (proxy for Stuart Hocking)
Ben McHugh	'BM'	Deputy Director-General, TCCS (proxy for Alison Playford)
Jim Corrigan	'JC'	Deputy Director-General, EPSDD (proxy for Ben Ponton)
Malcolm Snow	'MS'	Chief Executive Officer, CRA
Ian Hunt	'IH'	Independent Member

Attendees

Duncan Edghill	'DE'	Chief Projects Officer, MPC
Shaun Strachan	'SS'	Deputy Chief Projects Officer, MPC
Nikki Pulford	'NP'	Secretariat, MPC
Ashley Cahif	'AC'	Project Director, Light Rail City to Woden, MPC
Linda McCoy	'LM'	A/g Minutes Secretary, MPC
Tania Navarro	'TN'	Senior Director, Communications, MPC
Wilhelmina Blount	'WB'	Observer, CMTEDD
David Doctor	'DD'	Executive Branch Manager, Technical Development Light Rail, MPC
Jo Dawson	'JD'	Executive Branch Manager, Light Rail Operations, TCCS
Judith Sturman	'JS'	Executive Group Manager, Transport Canberra, TCCS (Item 13 only)
Sarah Taylor-Dayus	'ST'	Executive Branch Manager, Planning & Delivery, Transport Canberra, TCCS (Item 13 only)
Luke Powter	'LP'	Director, Strategy, Planning & Policy, Transport Canberra, TCCS (Item 13 only)

Apologies

Alison Playford	'AP'	Director-General, TCCS
Stuart Hocking	'SH'	Deputy Chair, Under-Treasurer, CMTEDD
Ben Ponton	'BP'	Director-General, EPSDD

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No.	Item
1	Previous Minutes The Light Rail Project Board (The Board) approved the minutes and actions from meeting #100 to be a true and correct record of the meeting.
2	Conflicts of Interest Members and attendees did not declare any perceived or actual conflicts of interest related to any of the items on the agenda.
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13	<p>Light Rail Express Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JS presented the board with a paper on Light Rail Express Services from City to Woden, noting the assessment of the services were a commitment in the Parliamentary and Governing Agreement of the 10th Legislative Assembly.• Schedule 1, s 1.6 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Board noted:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>The Parliamentary Agreement of the 10th Legislative Assembly commitment to examine the feasibility and cost of introducing express light rail services in peak periods, noting this will not set back planning, design and construction of Light Rail Stage 2.</i>○ Schedule 1, s 1.6

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>The draft Cabinet Submission in Attachment A that TCCS will be providing for discussion with the Minister.</i>
14	Out of Scope
15	Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nil.
	The Chair closed the Meeting at 11:30am



Light Rail Project

Light Rail Project Board Meeting Paper

Board Meeting Paper Details

Meeting Date:	23 February 2022
Agenda Item:	12
Agenda Item Title:	Light Rail Express Service, City to Woden
Paper Type:	For Noting
From:	EGM Transport Canberra
Drafted:	7 February 2022

Proposed Resolution

That the Light Rail Project Board (Project Board) discuss and note:

- The Parliamentary Agreement of the 10th Legislative Assembly commitment to examine the feasibility and cost of introducing express light rail services in peak periods, noting this will not set back planning, design and construction of Light Rail Stage 2.
- **Schedule 1, s 1.6**
- The draft Cabinet Submission in **Attachment A** that TCCS will be providing for discussion with the Minister.

Background

Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) has progressed the Parliamentary Agreement of the 10th Legislative Assembly commitment to examine the feasibility of introducing express light rail services between Woden and the City in peak periods.

Express services occur routinely on bus networks where overtaking of stopping services is possible due to multiple road lanes. Express services are also a design feature in some heavy rail networks where overtaking/passing is via an additional purpose-built track that is provided either for the full alignment or at specific locations where overtaking/passing is planned to occur. These are not often a feature of Light Rail networks around the world.

Schedule 1, s 1.6

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Recommendation

That the Light Rail Project Board (Project Board) note:

- The update on evaluating the commitment to examine introducing express light rail services between Woden and City in peak periods.
- **Schedule 1, s 1.6**
- the draft Cabinet Submission in **Attachment A** that TCCS will discuss with the Minister.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Cabinet Submission – Light Rail – Express Services (and associated attachments)

Attachment D – Base case

Schedule 1, s 1.6

The light rail stage 2 alignment and stops are shown in Figure 4. The route runs via the eastern side of State Circle. There are eleven intermediate stops.

Schedule 1, s 1.6

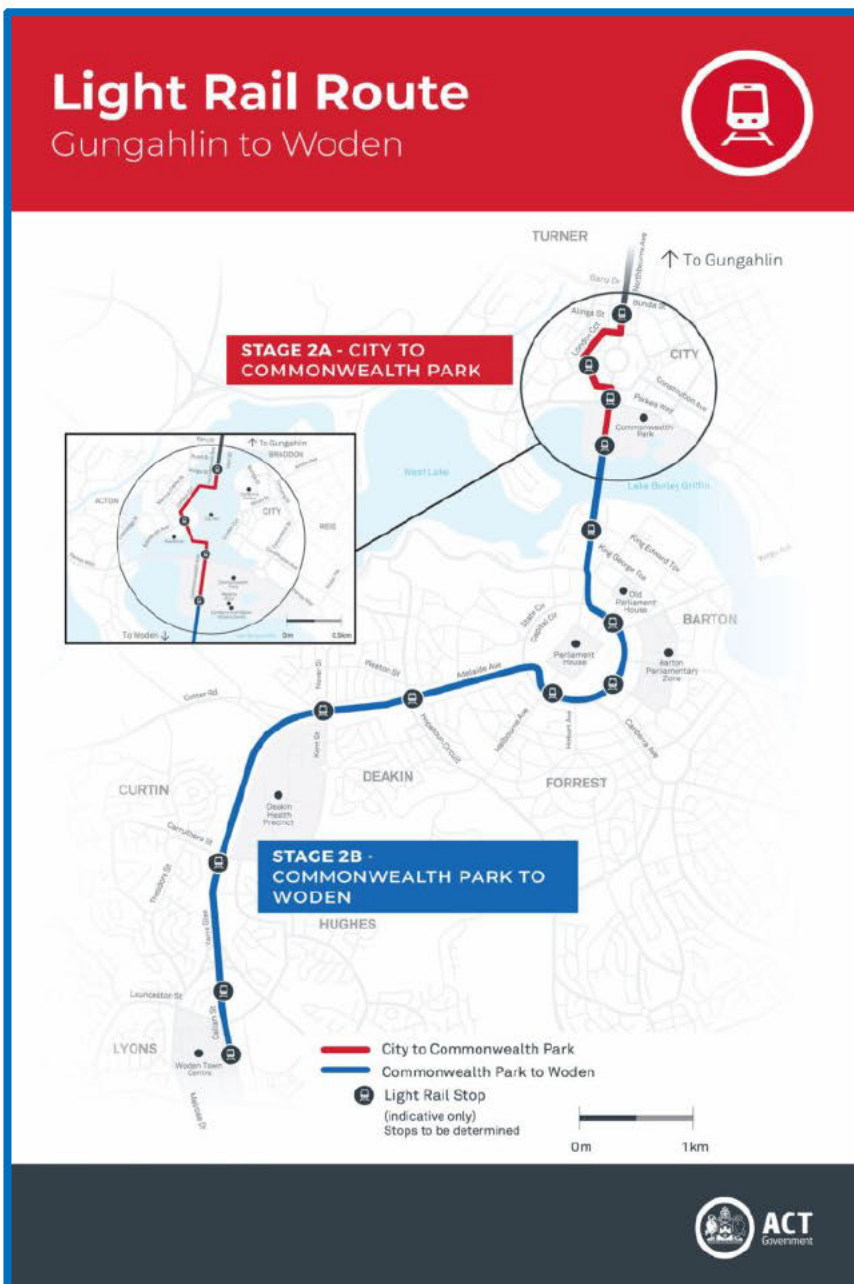


Figure 1: Base Case alignment