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Attention: Andrew Beattie

Dear Mr Woodland,

Major Project MP 09_0191 - 34 Victoria Road (Marrickville Metro Shopping Centre), 13-55 Edinburgh Road & part of Smidmore Street, Marrickville

I refer to your letter dated 26 July 2010 regarding the major project application for an extension to the existing Marrickville Metro Shopping Centre. Transport NSW appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on this application.

Transport NSW has reviewed the Environmental Assessment report and appended Transport Management and Accessibility Plan (TMAP) and notes a strong commitment to increasing use of public and active transport. This includes provision of new bus stop facilities, bike parking & amenities, pedestrian network improvements, the inclusion of a Green Travel Plan and allocation of car share spaces.

Transport NSW particularly supports the draft Statement of Commitments to implement *all* of the recommendations and measures detailed in the TMAP.

Nonetheless, Transport NSW requests that the following matters be resolved to further support the objectives, targets and initiatives of the *NSW State Plan 2010*, the *Metropolitan Transport Plan: Connecting the City of Cities*, *Integrating Land Use and Transport* policy package, *Planning Guidelines for Walking and Cycling* and the *Healthy Urban Development Checklist*:

1. Provision of up to five car share spaces within the centre car parks with monitoring and further expansion subject to demonstrated demand.
2. Bicycle parking should be well signed and provided in weather protected locations, close to retail entrances and subject to passive surveillance.

3. Information and signage about cycleways and bike facilities available at the Metro Centre and within the locality should be provided as per Item 10.5 - Pedestrian Way Finding Signage contained in the TMAP.


4. Transport NSW requests the Green Travel Plan and Travel Access Guide be prepared with reference to the Premier's Council for Active Living - Workplace Travel Plan Resource, <http://www.pcal.nsw.gov.au/>, and the Road & Transport Authorities – Travel Access Guide guidelines, <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au> .

5. Roundabouts are difficult for pedestrians and cyclists to negotiate where their safety is at risk from unpredictable traffic, as indicated in the NSW Government Planning Guidelines for Walking & Cycling (2004). Given the proposal aims to enhance pedestrian access to the site yet, includes several roundabouts along main pedestrian routes that link to bus and rail networks - Transport NSW requests further consideration of the following improvements to pedestrian accessibility to enhance the connectivity of surrounding streets to public transport networks and increase customer safety, as detailed in the TMAP:

- A new pedestrian crossing in Edinburgh Road east of Sydney Steel Road; and
- A new pedestrian refuge across Edgeware Road south east of Smidmore Road.

I trust that these comments are of assistance. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Rowena Phua on 9268 2268 or via rowena.phua@transport.nsw.gov.au .

Yours sincerely

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