



Transport

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Attention: Andrew Smith, Andy Nixey

Dear Mr Woodland,

MAJOR PROJECT MP09_0191-34 VICTORIA ROAD (MARRICKVILLE METRO SHOPPING CENTRE) AND 13-55 EDINBURGH ROAD, MARRICKVILLE

I refer to your letter dated 16 February 2011 regarding the Marrickville Metro Shopping Centre redevelopment. Transport NSW (TNSW) appreciates the opportunity to provide input to this application.

TNSW has reviewed the *Preferred Project Report* (PPR) prepared by Urbis, the *Transport Aspects Report* prepared by Halcrow and *Access Report* prepared by Accessibility Solutions. TNSW notes the inclusion of five carshare spaces, preparation of a Green Travel Plan, the addition of bicycle parking & facilities for customers and staff at grade and improvements to bicycle and pedestrian routes in the revised Statement of Commitments.

TNSW requests that the following be addressed as part of the final Statement of Commitments or conditions of consent should the application be approved:

- TNSW is concerned the proposed traffic arrangement on Smidmore Road, including a pedestrian crossing between the two retail entrances and traffic calming measures, may result in delays for buses on Smidmore Road accessing the proposed new bus facility on Edinburgh Road. Further discussion with TNSW, State Transit Authority (STA) and the Roads & Traffic Authority (RTA) regarding this and other bus circulation issues is recommended prior to the Department of Planning's final consideration of this application. TNSW also requests that public domain improvements clearly delineate between the road and public footpath, creating greater awareness with customers and pedestrians to traffic conditions on Smidmore Road;
- In regards to the bus terminus on Edinburgh Road, TNSW requests that design features include adequate surveillance and lighting given the new location is at the back of the shopping complex and that the new terminus include a shopping trolley collection point. TNSW also requests consideration of a bus set down point on Murray Street near Smidmore Road;

- TNSW notes the proposed rate of parking, at 1628 car spaces, meets the RTA car parking rate for shopping centres. Given the Director General's Requirements request a minimalist approach to carparking provision, TNSW would support a further reduction in car parking rates which would also accord with State Plan targets aiming to reduce private vehicle use. Preparation of the Green Travel Plan and Travel Access Guide could aid in a further reduction of parking provision. Furthermore, TNSW requests mechanisms be adopted to help minimise the number of people driving to site and using the parking facilities all-day;
- TNSW notes improvements to pedestrian accessibility along Edinburgh Road east of Sydney Steel Road and Edgeware Road south east of Smidmore Road have not been addressed by the proponent. TNSW supports active pedestrian route improvements, as identified in the *Transport Aspects Report*, including a pedestrian refuge crossing at the intersection of Sydney Steel Road/Edinburgh Road and a pedestrian refuge across Edgeware Road near Smidmore Street leading to Sydenham Station and St Peters Station respectively; and
- Preparation of the construction traffic and parking management plan, as listed in the draft Statement of Commitments, should mitigate potential impacts to accessibility, amenity and safety of public transport use, walking and cycling during construction. Access arrangements for emergency vehicles and workers and an estimation of the number of truck movements expected during the construction phase should also be included.

TNSW notes that the STA will be consulted in regards to the bus terminus and bus parking. Given the proposed new circulation of buses to the Edinburgh Street terminus reverses bus movements, TNSW requests that consultation with STA ensures buses are able to adequately manoeuvre and negotiate turns and roundabouts along routes;

I trust that these comments are of assistance. The contact officer for this matter is Rowena Phua, who can be contacted on 8202 2286 or rowena.phua@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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