Meeting Notes
Friday 16 December 2016
Overview on the upgrading works involved for John Gorton Drive/William Hovel Drive in Molonglo 3.

Please find summary below from the John Gorton Drive 3A meeting held last Friday 16 December with members of the Infrastructure, Planning and Design team in Economic Development and several community groups. One item I would like to highlight is that the DA has now been publicly notified, please refer to link below.

General
- The new urban development area of Molonglo 3 is bounded by William Hovell Drive to the north, the Arboretum to the east, the Molonglo River to the south and Kama Nature Reserve to the West.
- Whitlam is the first stage of urban development and is located west of the current Coppins Crossing Road (which will become John Gorton Drive).
- LDA advises that the first stage of release for Whitlam will be in 2019/20.
- Transport, service and utility infrastructure is being delivered by the ACT Government, through Economic Development, as Capital Works projects.
- These projects will support the delivery of the new suburb of Whitlam in the short term, and all of Molonglo 3 in the medium to long term.
- The projects have been categorised into three components – transport, hydraulics and electrical.
- Construction funding for transport and hydraulic infrastructure was allocated in the 2016/17 Budget. Electrical will be a bid in the upcoming 2017/18 budget.

Transport works include:
- The upgrading of the first 900 metres of Coppins Crossing Road, south of William Hovell Drive, to a dual carriageway, arterial road standard.
- Construction of two signalised intersections – the first upgrading the existing intersection of William Hovell Drive and John Gorton Drive (currently Coppins Crossing Road) to include additional lanes and signals. The second intersection is off John Gorton Drive to provide access into the new suburb of Whitlam to the west, and to a future collector road to the east.
- The road project will also incorporate a 600mm diameter water main that will supply all Molonglo 3.
- The road will provide service trenches to house a gas main, electrical and telecommunication conduits.
- Value of the road and watermain infrastructure is $17.3million.
- The Development Application (DA) for this has been submitted and notified. The DA is available for viewing, and submissions, here http://www.planning.act.gov.au/development_applications/pubnote#M (under Molonglo Valley).
- Construction is expected to start in April 2017 and to be complete by December 2018.
Hydraulic works include:

- Provision of a 600mm water supply main from Weetangera Reservoirs to the northern boundary of the William Hovell Drive road reserve (where it will connect into the water main being delivered with the roadworks).
- An approximately 1.5km long trunk sewer along the eastern side of the Deep Creek Corridor, connecting to the existing Molonglo Valley Interceptor Sewer (MVIS) – this will be delivered by the LDA as part of estate works.
- Water quality control pond and measures along the Deep Creek Corridor to provide stormwater treatment, including bank stabilisation works and possibly a number of drop structures.
- The value of these projects is $10.1 million.
- The water supply main from Weetangera is subject to a Works Approval from the Commonwealth as it is Designated Land (ie. not Territory Land). Environmental studies are currently underway to support the Development Approval process.
- Construction is expected to start in mid-2017 and take 8 months to complete.

Electrical Relocation:

- Two 132kV power lines that currently cross the Molonglo 3 site require relocating.
- At this stage there is funding for the design of this relocation, though a preferred route option is still to be finalised.
- Once a preferred route is locked in, an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) will be compiled to support a DA.
- The works will also include a substation to service Molonglo 3. At this stage this will be located to the north of William Hovell Drive, adjacent to Coulter Drive.
- There is an option of undergrounding some of the 132kV power line for a more ascetically pleasing urban design result.
- Construction funding for the relocation / possible undergrounding will be requested in the 2017/18 budget and is expected to be $40 million. Construction delivery will be by ActewAGL and the powerline will become its asset.
- As part of this project, consideration is being given to having one of the powerline gantries as an ‘iconic tower’. If it goes ahead, this will be a functional gantry with an artistic aspect. This is still under consideration subject to a feasible proposal and will need ActewAGL agreement.

Future Works:

- Funding was agreed in 2015/16 for a procurement option and delivery method study for the remaining section of John Gorton Drive and a major bridge crossing over the Molonglo River.
- This major transport project will cost about $160 million, and the most appropriate delivery method needs to be determined to reduce the risk to Government and ensure best value for money.
- The tender for this study will go out shortly.
- A budget bid for a road feasibility study for the extension of Bindubi Street will be submitted in 2017/18.
• This will determine the most appropriate road alignment and preliminary costs while coordinating adjacent land-use planning.

• A budget bid for a road feasibility study to upgrade William Hovell Drive to dual carriageway standard between Drake-Brockman Drive and John Gorton Drive will be submitted in 2017/18.

• This will determine the most appropriate alignment and preliminary costs for an additional carriageway, hopefully within the existing road reserve.

• A budget bid for the design of a dual carriageway arterial road from John Gorton Drive to Tuggeranong Parkway, including a crossing over the Molonglo River, will be submitted in 2017/18.

• This will build on existing studies to determine the most appropriate alignment for a dual carriageway arterial road and bridge crossing of the Molonglo River. The project will include a cost estimate and design of a grade separated (fly-over) interchange with Tuggeranong Parkway.

• A budget bid for a transport and utility infrastructure feasibility study for future development areas west of John Gorton Drive will be submitted in 2017/18.

• This project will investigate the extension of Holborow Avenue and the service and utility infrastructure required for future development areas of Molonglo West, Central Molonglo, Stromlo and Bulga Creek.

Note that the four budget bids for 2017/18 are subject to Treasury approval. Funding of these projects will be considered in conjunction with all Government projects and priorities.