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TRIM: B15/204

Date 23 September 2015

To Minister for Roads and Parking

- Director-General *30/9/15*
- Director-General's Executive Officer *25/9/15*
- Director, Finance *23/9/15*

From Paul Peters, Executive Director Infrastructure, Roads and Public Transport

Subject Roads Coordination Update

Recommendation

That you note:

- the information in this brief for possible use as talking points on roads coordination.

Mick Gentleman *14/10/15*

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Key points

- Minister for Roads is provided with a bi monthly report on Roads coordination issues by the Coordinator General Roads
- This report is in addition to the normal weekly briefing of the Minister by TAMS (including Roads ACT) on progress with road improvement projects and any particular road operational issues that might arise during the week.
- As an example, the July report identified that Roads ACT has been working with Access Canberra on a backlog of approximately 190 parking sign repairs that arose during 2014 and is now putting in place a more effective process to ensure that the backlog is kept under control.

- The report also identifies the extent of pot hole repairs that are made on the network and notes the strategy put in place by government around directing the additional roads to recovery funding made available by the Australian Government towards additional road maintenance to improve performance outcomes.

Section 35

Future roads planning

Aikman Drive

The duplication of Aikman Drive from Ginninderra Drive to Emu Bank associated with development of the University of Canberra private hospital.

Gundaroo Drive

The duplication of Gundaroo Drive between the Barton Highway and Gungahlin Drive to cater for future growth in Gungahlin.

Horse Park Drive

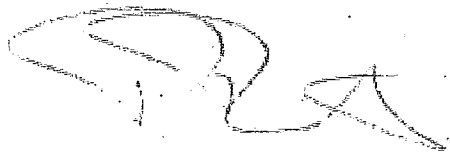
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Cotter Road stage 2

The duplication of Cotter Road between McCulloch Street and the Tuggeranong Parkway to cope with the predicted increase of traffic from the developments in Molonglo Valley.

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The duplication of William Slim Drive from the Barton Highway to Ginninderra Drive to cater for growth in Gungahlin.



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Date 1 October 2015

To Chief Minister
Minister for Roads and Parking

- Head of Service and Director-General, Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
- Director-General, Territory and Municipal Services Directorate *AD 14/10/15*
- Director-General's Executive Officer *AD 14/10/15*

From Paul Peters, Coordinator-General - Roads

Subject Progress update on roads coordination

Recommendation

That you:

- note the information contained in this brief;

Andrew Barr
Andrew Barr MLA..... *7/11/2015*
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Mick Gentleman
Mick Gentleman MLA..... *3/12/15*
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Purpose

To provide you with an update on current roads issues within the ACT following the establishment of the Coordinator-General, Roads role.

Background

The purpose of the Coordinator-General Roads role is to coordinate and help manage the risks associated with the development, management and operation of the road network within the ACT.

The attached brief summarises the status of current issues.



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Paul Peters

Coordinator-General – Roads

Phone: *70738



To:	Chief Minister Minister for Roads and Parking Director-General, Territory and Municipal Services
From:	Coordinator-General, Roads
Date:	1 October 2015
Subject:	Progress update on roads coordination

Cc: Kathy Leigh, Director-General, Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
David Dawes, Director-General, Economic Development Directorate
Emma Thomas, Director-General, Capital Metro Agency
Natalie Howson, Director-General, Community Services Directorate
Diane Joseph, Director-General, Education and Training Directorate
Dorte Ekelund, Director-General, Environment and Planning Directorate
Nicole Feely, Director-General, Health Directorate
Alison Playford, Director-General, Justice and Community Safety Directorate
David Nicol, Under Treasurer, Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

Purpose

This report updates you on progress with road coordination across government.

Capital works

Major road projects

Majura Parkway

The project is scheduled to be completed ahead of June 2016. The issue with the Molonglo River bridge has been addressed. The project contract is being tightly managed with GSO assistance and a separate briefing will be arranged for you on the strategy for finalisation.

Constitution Avenue

Work on the southern carriageway will be completed later this year and traffic will be swapped to this to allow the northern carriageway to be built. An announcement has now been made to extend the link through to Vernon Circle with a set of traffic lights. The project is expected to be complete mid next year.

Northbourne Avenue verge and active travel improvements

A demonstration project to improve lighting and footpaths on the Northbourne Avenue verges between Haig Park and Barry Drive/Cooyong Street is expected to commence in late 2015.

These works have been coordinated with the works being undertaken by EDD to improve Haig Park.

The plan for the cycleways on Northbourne Avenue is to leave them on the road in the interim noting that a one metre minimum distance for passing cyclists will come into effect on 1 November 2015.



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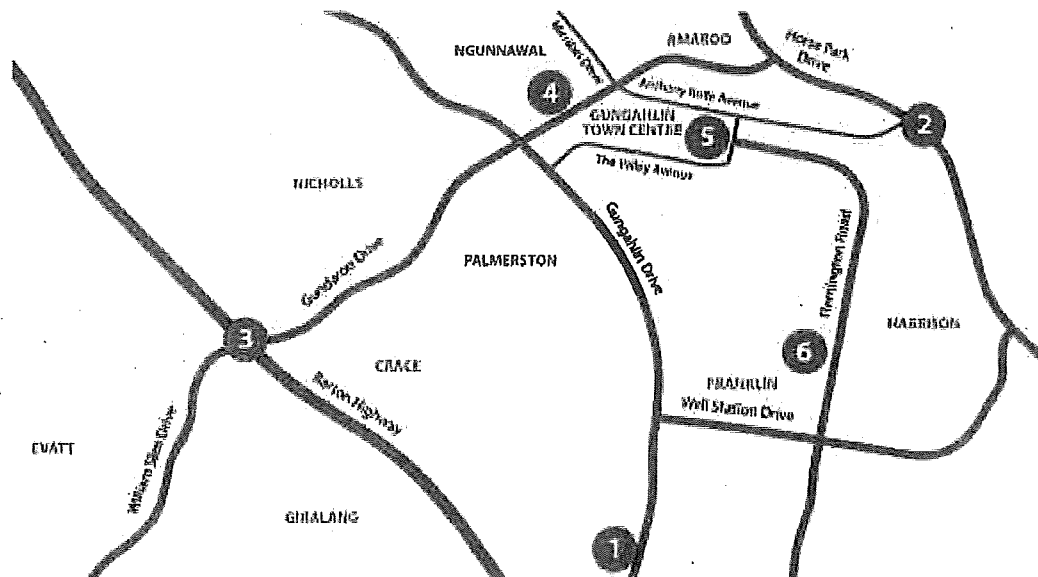
Gungahlin works

Figure 1 shows the projects scheduled for Gungahlin in 2015-16. An integrated approach to communicate the status of these works is being used. This will now be integrated with the new whole of government approach of community centre specific newsletters.

Temporary VMS will be used to provide advice to road network users of the road network conditions during construction to minimise network disruption.



Figure 1



- 1. Gungahlin Drive upgrade – Well Station Drive to Barton Highway**
A 1.6 kilometre section of Gungahlin Drive from just south of Wells Station Drive to the Barton Highway will be widened to three lanes in the southbound direction. Work has started on site and is expected to be complete in mid-2016.
- 2. Horse Park Drive with Anthony Rolfe Avenue**
This intersection will be upgraded with traffic signals to improve safety and traffic flow and provide better access to nearby suburbs. Construction is expected to start in October 2015 and be complete in April 2016. The section of Horse Park Drive between Anthony Rolfe Avenue and Well Station Drive is also being duplicated to support Throsby.
- 3. Barton Highway/Gundaroo Drive/William Slim Drive intersection upgrade**
Traffic signals will be introduced at this location to control the traffic. An additional lane will be added to all four approaches to the roundabout to better manage traffic. Construction is expected to commence in November 2015 and be complete in November 2016.
- 4. Gundaroo Drive duplication**
The section between Gungahlin Drive and Mirrabai Drive/Anthony Rolfe Avenue will be duplicated. Preliminary works will commence late in 2015 and the project will be completed in early 2017.
- 5. Hibberson Street temporary closure**
Hibberson Street, from Gozzard Street to Gungahlin Place West, will be temporarily closed for the construction of a two level underground car park for eight weeks from mid-October 2015.
- 6. Capital Metro**
Bids being assessed.



Development coordination

University of Canberra Public Hospital

TAMS is progressing design of the Aikman Drive duplication in collaboration with ACT Health. The duplication is required to support the University of Canberra Public Hospital.

Yarralumla Brickworks

Implications on the road network from a scenario with significantly reduced development are much less and a new interchange is not proposed.

City to the Lake

Major road network changes to Parkes Way are being investigated by EDD.

Road maintenance

The resealing program for 2015/16 has commenced. Additional Roads to Recovery funds will assist TAMS to meet 2016-17 maintenance targets. A separate briefing will be arranged for the transport subcommittee on longer term road maintenance strategies.

Policy

TAMS has finished updating road design standards and specifications. Discussions with MBA are progressing with a view to trialling on upcoming projects.

Industry has raised some concerns over the increased emphasis in the documents re: quality of construction, however this expected to be able to be worked through.

The one metre cycle passing rule for 60kph roads is to commence on 1 November 2015.

Future roads planning

A five year plan is being prepared for your consideration in December 2015. It will include projects such as:

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William Slim Drive

The duplication of William Slim Drive from the Barton Highway to Ginninderra Drive will help to cater for growth in Gungahlin.

Communication and Social Media

The roads section of the TAMS website is being upgraded to make it more user-friendly. Internal operational procedures are also being adjusted to allow more current information about road projects and operations to be provided via social media. The NSW Cross Border Commissioner has also been engaged to see if the current impasse with the ACT live traffic feed, for use in the NSW live traffic website, can be addressed.