

11.1 Notice of Motion - Bellevue and Midvale Road Network Impacts

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Disclosure of Any Interest	Nil
Attachments	1. Letter to Minister for Transport dated 24 December 2020

SUMMARY

Councillor John Daw has advised his intention to move the following notice of motion:

MOTION

“That Council:

- 1. Requests an urgent briefing from Main Roads WA on the traffic modelling for the region encompassing the areas bordering the Shire of Mundaring and the City of Swan to assess the impacts of planned road works on the Shire’s residents and businesses; and*
- 2. Requests the Minister for Transport prepare an Integrated Transport Plan that involves an overarching review of the whole area with input provided from all stakeholders including the Shire of Mundaring, City of Swan, City of Kalamunda, Bellevue Residents and Ratepayers Association, Main Roads WA, other relevant State Government authorities and local ratepayer and business groups.”*

Cr Daw has provided the following preamble relating to his notice of motion:

PREAMBLE (reason for the motion)

“Any changes to Robinson Rd Bellevue will have a significant impact on traffic movement for residents in the western part of the Shire.”

BACKGROUND

Following a meeting with representatives from the Bellevue Residents and Ratepayers Association and the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer in December 2020, a letter was sent to the Minister for Transport (refer **Attachment 1**). This letter advises the Shire of Mundaring’s concerns about local road impacts caused by the proposed Robinson Road closure to facilitate the Bellevue Railcar Manufacturing and Assembly Facility, and other state projects including the Midland train station relocation, Midland Freight line realignment and the proposed Bellevue rail station.

To address these concerns the Minister was requested to instigate an Integrated Transport Plan. Letters were also sent to City of Swan, City of Kalamunda, Matthew Hughes MLA and Michelle Roberts MLA requesting their support for an Integrated Transport Plan.

To date Minister Saffioti nor any State agency has responded to this letter, or these concerns.

STATUTORY / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Mundaring Strategic Community Plan 2020 - 2030

Priority 3 - Built environment

Objective 3.2 – Advocate for infrastructure improvements by others

Strategy 3.2.2 – Advocate for improvements to the State road network

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Risk: Reputation – By not continuing to advocate for appropriate holistic road networking planning by State agencies may result in community dissatisfaction with efforts to address potential traffic impacts on the Bellevue, Midvale and Helena Valley areas of the Shire.		
Likelihood	Consequence	Rating
Likely	Minor	Moderate
Action / Strategy		
Proactively advocate to Minister for Transport and Planning, local state politicians and state agencies as opportunities arise to advocate for appropriate holistic road network planning.		

EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Meeting with Bellevue Residents and Ratepayers Association has occurred to discuss the local road network concerns.

COMMENT

The locality is subject to multiple and in some cases overlapping State / Local Government transport initiatives (Figure 1).

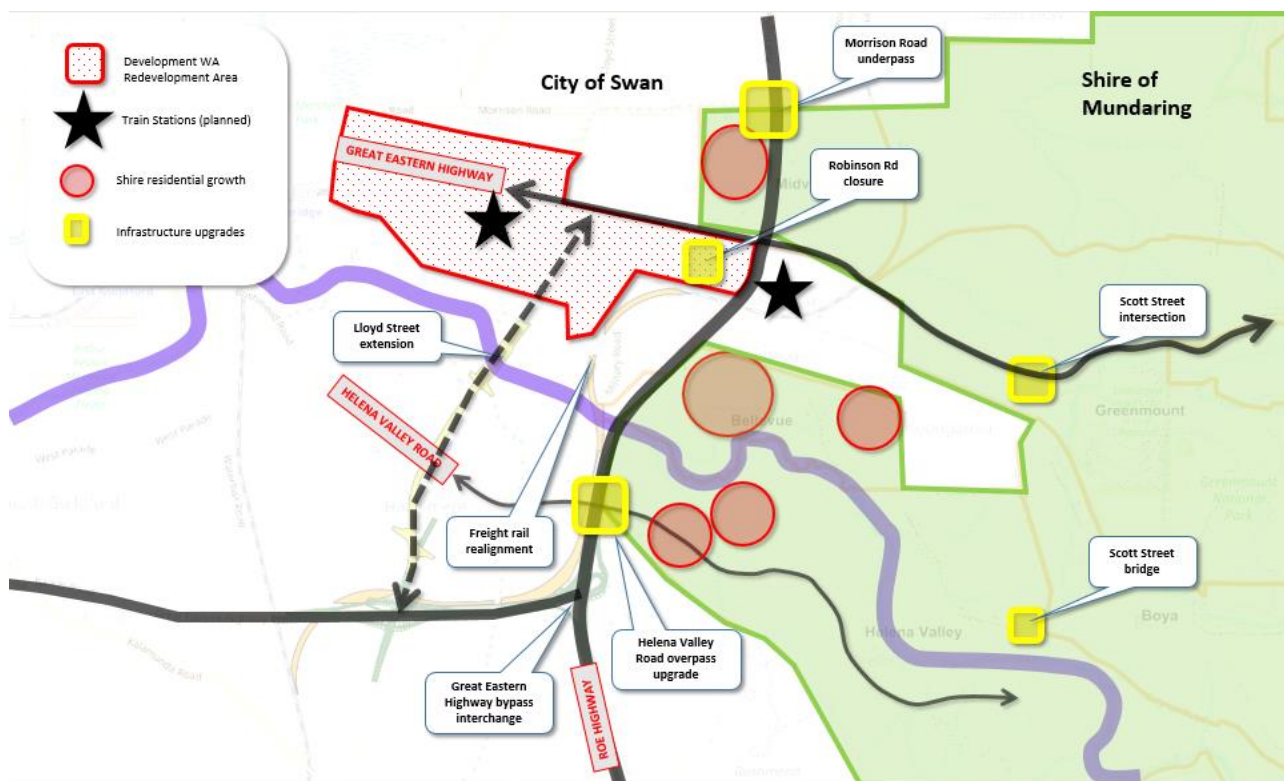


Figure 1.

An Integrated Transport Plan (ITP) if implemented would coordinate inter-agency investment.

In particular, an ITP would help collate all planned state and local transport investment in the locality into one cohesive publically available document (Metronet stations / parking, rail freight alignments/upgrades, bus services, road and intersection upgrades, local and district path networks).

Further, before revisiting the transport investment, there is a need to anticipate future land uses and residential infill across the different local government jurisdictions and State redevelopment areas in proximity to the new station/s. This approach will ensure transport investment appropriately integrates with the envisaged land use changes proposed and will help inform timing and responsibilities.

For the reasons above, the ITP is required to ensure collaboration across all relevant agencies.

It is also considered appropriate for Councillors to obtain an understanding of the network issues from MRWA road network planners and to continue to request the Minister for Transport and Planning to have an Integrated Transport Plan prepared.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

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The Hon Rita Saffioti BBus MLA
Minister for Transport; Planning
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Via email Minister.Saffioti@dpc.wa.gov.au

Dear Minister,

CLOSURE OF ROBINSON ROAD, BELLEVUE

The Shire is concerned with the adverse local road impacts expected from State projects/initiatives within the Midland and Bellevue areas and requests an Integrated Transport Plan be prepared for the locality.

One imminent proposal is the closure of Robinson Road, Bellevue to accommodate the Bellevue Railcar Manufacturing and Assembly Facility. Other future proposals include the relocation of the Midland train station, suggested Bellevue passenger rail station and Midland freight line realignment.

Despite the connection of Lloyd Street to the Great Eastern Highway Bypass and the Great Eastern Highway Bypass Interchanges Project, considerable congestion is expected to occur on Clayton Road, Bushmead Road and Military Road.

This area is severely restricted by a number of barriers including the freight and passenger rail, the Helena River and Roe Highway.

Over time, a number of these limited barrier road crossings are proposed to be closed and the remaining road links will suffer from severe congestion. This will impact, not only the residents of Shire of Mundaring, but also those in City of Kalamunda that wish to visit the strategic regional centre of Midland.

The closure of the Robinson Road rail crossing will limit access north/south between Clayton Road and Great Eastern Highway for the suburbs of Bellevue and Koongamia, to just the Lloyd Street underpass and Scott Street. The Scott Street intersection with Great Eastern Highway is already a known blackspot, regularly featuring in the top 10 worst intersections.

In addition, access to and from the businesses between Great Eastern Highway, Roe Highway, Elgee Road and Lloyd Street will be further inhibited, with access effectively limited to Great Eastern Highway. This section of Great Eastern Highway is also a recognised blackspot and proposals to upgrade to six lanes will only further reduce opportunities to access and egress this location.

Further detail on the difficulties caused by a closure of Robinson Road can be found in a detailed and thorough document prepared by the Bellevue Resident and Ratepayers Association (see **attached**). These issues have been raised with and acknowledged by fellow Minister and local member, Michelle Roberts.

As you can see, there are pressing traffic issues that will be exacerbated by State initiatives moving forward into the medium/long term.

To address these matters effectively, the Shire suggests an Integrated Transport Plan be prepared that involves an overarching review of the whole area and input provided from all stakeholders being relevant state government authorities (Planning, Transport, Metronet, MRWA), local governments (Swan, Mundaring, Kalamunda, EMRC) and local ratepayer and business groups.

Your urgent attention to this matter is requested so that opportunities are not lost in resolving all these traffic and transport issues.

Yours sincerely,



Cr John Daw
SHIRE PRESIDENT

Enclosure: BRRA Submission dated 12.12.20

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