
**MM31/14 WESTERN SYDNEY LIGHT RAIL PROJECT - The Mayor,
Councillor Roy Maggio****File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP14/1012**

Council has previously been notified of the proposed Western Sydney Light Rail Network Proposal, which is exploring options linking Parramatta to The Hills (Parramatta to Castle Hill and Parramatta to Carlingford) and Parramatta to Macquarie Park.

Recently the Premier of NSW, The Hon Mike Baird, confirmed that the State Government will be funding the feasibility study for this project.

Council has previously been updated on the development of this project and had requested that Council staff monitor the project's progress.

On Friday, 8 August 2014, the City of Ryde attended a meeting on the Western Sydney Light Rail Network Project at The Hills Civic Centre, with the respective Mayors and General Managers / CEO from Parramatta, The Hills and the City of Ryde Councils.

At this meeting it was advised that the State Government has allocated \$400 million to begin this project. \$10 million has also been allocated to undertake the feasibility study, which will assist the Councils and the State Government to determine the most viable routes for the network.

The meeting suggested that each of the three (3) councils endorse a Governance Framework consisting of a Steering Committee to comprise the 3 Mayors, supported by their respective General Manager / CEO.

In addition, a Working Party with a senior member from each Council will be established. It is recommended that City of Ryde endorse Mr Sam Cappelli (Manager, Environment, Health & Building) to be a member of the Working Party.

As Council is aware, it is critical for our City to continue to improve the transport facilities for the City of Ryde and its community. Critical issues such as reducing the congestion from our major roads and improvements to the environment generally must be addressed.

This project provides the potential to better connect our community to the current transport hubs, reduce congestion on our roads and make a positive contribution to our environment.

For the above reasons it is recommended that Council endorse its participation in this project with both Parramatta and The Hills Councils. The State Minister for Transport, The Hon Gladys Berejiklian and her staff will also be working closely with those

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involved in this project, especially during the feasibility study.

A copy of the draft Press Release following the meeting on Friday, 8 August 2014 (including comments from the City of Ryde Mayor, Roy Maggio) is ATTACHED together with a copy of the Agenda for the same meeting.

The meeting discussed a number of other options to be considered for this network, noting that at this stage, there is no preferred and final route.

From the City of Ryde's perspective, the option that was proposed for consideration was to utilise Victoria Road connecting Parramatta with Top Ryde then Lane Cove Road through to Macquarie University Station.

From a budget perspective, at this stage, apart from the commitment of time from Council's Mayor, Acting General Manager, Manager - Environment, Health & Building and other related staff, no direct costs will be incurred by Council. The only expenditure that may be incurred will be the cost of hosting the other Council's for meetings at the City of Ryde. This expenditure will be accommodated from the existing budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

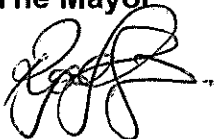
- (a) That Council note the update on the Western Sydney Light Rail Project.
- (b) That Council endorse the City of Ryde's involvement in the Western Sydney light Rail Project, including participation in both the Steering Committee and the Working Party as detailed in this Mayoral Minute.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Western Sydney Light Rail Project Meeting - Friday 8 August 2014 - Agenda and Draft Media Release

Report Prepared By:

Councillor Roy Maggio
The Mayor





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MAYORS' WESTERN SYDNEY LIGHT RAIL WORKSHOP

Meeting

Friday 8th August 2014

1pm – 3pm

The Hills Shire Council

3 Columbia Court, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153

Attendees

The Hills Shire Council

Clr Dr Michelle Byrne, Mayor

Mr Dave Walker, General Manager

Parramatta City Council

Clr John Chedid, Lord Mayor

Mr Greg Dyer, Chief Executive Officer

Sue Weatherley, Group Manager Outcomes and Development

Simon Ginn, Senior Project Officer Transport, Outcomes and Development

Professor Ed Blakely

Ryde City Council

Clr Roy Maggio, Mayor

Mr Roy Newsome, Acting General Manager

AGENDA

1. **Welcome** – Clr Dr Michelle Byrne, Mayor – The Hills Shire Council
 - Introductions
2. **Goal Setting** – Dr Roy Barton - Facilitator
3. **Preferred Key Outcomes for Light Rail** – Mayors and Lord Mayor
4. **Exemplar Projects Across the World** – Dr Roy Barton - Facilitator
5. **Scene Setting Presentation** – Simon Ginn, Senior Project Officer, Transport
 - Light Rail Overview – Parramatta City Council
 - Funding from NSW and Growth in Western Sydney – Parramatta City CouncilFacilitator leads discussion on
6. **What to achieve from Light Rail as We Go Forward** – Dr Roy Barton - Facilitator
 - Route Alignment and Station Locations
 - Land Acquisitions and Value Capture

- 7. Develop a Leadership Structure to Roll Out the LRT Process with NSW Government – Dr Roy Barton - Facilitator**
 - Structure of reporting framework
 - Membership of Mayors' Western Sydney Light Rail Committee
 - Interactions with NSW Government Policy, LRT Planning and Funding arms
 - Interactions with Committee for Sydney
- 8. Other Matters – Dr Roy Barton - Facilitator**
 - RailVolution Conference
 - Media
- 9. Agreed Actions Going Forward**
- 10. Date and Location of Next Meeting**

DRAFT JOINT MEDIA RELEASE FROM PARRAMATTA, THE HILLS AND RYDE COUNCILS – WESTEN SYDNEY LIGHT RAIL NETWORK

- **For joint discussion and approval by all three mayors and councils**
- **To be issued on joint letterhead**

The Mayors of Parramatta, The Hills and Ryde have commended the Baird Government for its commitment to the Western Sydney Light Rail Network, helping deliver modern 21st Century public transport for western Sydney residents and workers.

The three Mayors have also committed their councils to working constructively with each other to progress the project.

Parramatta Lord Mayor Cr John Chedid, The Hills Mayor Cr Michelle Byrne and Ryde Mayor Roy Maggio met on Friday 8 August to discuss ways of developing the project.

They are committed to getting the best outcomes for residents and workers of all three council areas and the entire western Sydney region.

The Mayors believe the councils need to work closely with each other and take a regional approach as planning progresses with the State Government, which has allocated \$400 million to begin the project.

The Government will also proceed with a \$10 million feasibility study to help determine the most viable routes for the network, which will link Parramatta to Macquarie Park and The Hills district.

The three councils are suggesting a governance framework to ensure proper input into the study. They plan to work with each other and the State Government on detailed technical and design planning.

The project will have enormous benefits for all three council areas.

- For Parramatta, it will run through Sydney's second biggest CBD, extend to Westmead where the southern hemisphere's biggest biomedical precinct is being developed, and reduce CBD traffic congestion by making it easier for residents and workers to leave their cars at home.

For review and input by The Hills and Ryde

- *For The Hills, it will service the region's fast-growing population and provide a vital connection to the new North West Rail Link, which is expected to be completed by*
- *For Ryde, it will link the booming Macquarie Park employment precinct with Parramatta and provide a viable public transport alternative to the shelved Epping to Parramatta heavy rail line.*

QUOTES FROM THREE MAYORS TO BE ADDED

Quote from the City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Roy Maggio

City of Ryde's Mayor, Clr Roy Maggio welcomed this collaborative initiative between the three Councils in investigating all options to connect our Local Government areas with the Western Sydney Light Rail Network.

"While this project is in its early stages, our Council has been closely monitoring its progress with interest and is keen to work in partnership with both Parramatta and The Hills Councils, in exploring all aspects of the project," Clr Maggio stated.

The Mayor recognises the importance of delivering better transport solutions for the City of Ryde, to overcome the current dependency on vehicles, improve connectivity for our communities and provide better outcomes for our environment.

This matter will be reported to Council at its meeting on Tuesday, 12 August 2014.