

ITEM 22

NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR DORAHY - LIGHT RAIL NETWORK - 21ST CENTURY WOLLONGONG - CITY OF INNOVATION

Councillor Dorahy has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“I formally move that Wollongong City Council investigate the opportunity to install a Light Rail Network across the Wollongong LGA, bringing Wollongong’s public transport infrastructure into the 21st Century. I seek Councillor support for the following actions in this matter -

- 1 A Briefing be provided to Councillors by 27 July 2020 providing feedback and commentary on the Opportunity Cost versus the Opportunity Benefit to be determined through the following measures -
  - a Contact made with NSW Government Premier Berejiklian; Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Andrew Constance; Minister for Finance Dominic Perrottet; Local MP’s Gareth Ward, Ryan Park and Paul Scully to seek support and options to achieve funding for the project.
  - b Contact the following Federal Government Ministers to, at a minimum, seek a meeting/s to discuss the merits of Wollongong’s desire to build a Light Rail Network and to seek support for the critical funding for the project - Minister for Finance Mathias Cormann; Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Michael McCormack; Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government Dr John McVeigh; Minister for Cities, Urban Infrastructure and Population The Hon Alan Tudge MP; Minister for Regional Services, Decentralisation and Local Government & Assistant Minister for Trade and Investment Mark Coulton; Local Federal MP’s Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, Member for Cunningham Sharon Bird and Member for Whitlam Stephen Jones.
  - c Contact made with the Illawarra Business Chamber and Regional Development Australia (Illawarra) CEO’s regarding the utilisation of their strong lobbying channels and business connections to assist in achieving this capital project opportunity for Wollongong.
  - d Local, national and international business groups with expertise to deliver a plan for light rail infrastructure, be identified and contacted, to determine the potential costs of this project against WCC’s Draft design for corridors.
  - e Development of a scalable Draft Plan to achieve this opportunity outcome with potential corridor uptake, cost and timeline indications, with the initial section to include Crown Street from Marine Drive to the Hospital.
- 2 WCC Councillors put forward their support for the third largest City in NSW to be brought into the 21st Century with a view to application for and lobbying to receive funding from both State and Federal Governments to this potential project.
- 3 WCC, through the Lord Mayor, make an approach to WCC International contacts in Wollongong’s Sister Cities and connections in the North of England where experience and expertise could be gained to fast track the opportunity for a Light Rail Network in a wider scale through a potential Public Private Partnership option.
- 4 WCC undertake a Survey with the residents in Q1-20 for the concept of a Light Rail Network and where residents perceive the best corridors are suited for a Light Rail Network to operate.
- 5 WCC convene a small Committee of WCC executives, Councillors and two to four invited Local Businesspersons to plan and advance the opportunity. The committee to begin its role from late January 2020.

I therefore put it to Councillors to support this Motion that Council investigate and bring a Briefing Report to Councillors by 27 July 2020 regarding Scalable Opportunity to future proof the Wollongong transport needs in consideration of population growth and the option to install a Light Rail Network across the Wollongong LGA for the benefit of its residents and visitors.”