

AGENDA ITEM NO.: Late Item – 22.1

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SUBJECT: AdeLINK Project

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Premier Jay Weatherill has announced commitment of \$4 million for the development of a business case to establish an integrated light rail network in Adelaide, proposed in the Integrated Transport and Land Use Plan and known as AdeLINK.

The business case will include planning, design, identifying the precise tram routes and stops, as well as environmental and land value benefits, and the final project costs.

The State Government considers expanding the light rail (tram) network has the potential to attract investment, boost economic growth and encourage urban renewal and jobs, and bring residents and visitors to the city centre and beyond.

A Light Rail Summit hosted by the Lord Mayor Martin Haese held on Thursday 21 April 2016 provided an opportunity for the Minister for Transport Stephen Mullighan, Mayors and CEOs of councils within the project, state government representatives and interstate presenters to commence exploring the opportunities of light rail.

The Lord Mayor and Mayors of the councils subsequently held a focus meeting to further the discussion and determined to endorse a collaborative approach to the investigations and project.

2. RECOMMENDATION

(1) That the City of Prospect supports the State Government’s investigations and agrees to participate and collaborate in the proposed study of light rail (AdeLINK) and its integration into the public transport network of Adelaide.

3. RELEVANCE TO CORE STRATEGIES / POLICY

3.1 Core Strategy 1 – Our Community.

1.1 Create an active, healthy, connected and safe community.

1.1.1 Encourage and support community leadership and participation.

1.5 Respond to the changing needs of our community.

- 1.5.4 Lobby for improved access to government services including childcare, high schools, public transport and national broadband services.

Core Strategy 2 – Our Economy.

2.1 Target and encourage appropriate and diverse commercial investment.

- 2.1.2 Identify and promote development on strategic sites within our City.

2.6 Seek to improve the communication links between government and business.

- 2.6.1 Develop strong professional relationships with key Federal and State Government stakeholders.

4.2 Encourage development on arterial roads to improve housing options and to complement the character, heritage and amenity of our City.

- 4.2.1 Support quality medium to higher density, mixed-use development on main arterial road corridors to achieve the desired character for each area.
- 4.2.2 Support the development of diverse housing options including quality medium and higher density housing on our arterial road corridors.

Core Strategy 5 – Your Council.

5.1 Best practice asset management planning for the upkeep and renewal of existing assets.

- 5.1.6 Improve public transport by partnering with the State Government and neighbouring councils.
- 5.1.9 Promote transport choice and “Travel Smart” initiatives to our community.

4. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 4.1 Future community consultation and engagement will be a critical element to the development of a business case.

5. DISCUSSION

- 5.1 The Lord Mayor’s Light Rail Summit provided an opportunity for Mayors, CEO’s and professionals to come together to discuss the opportunities for an integrated light rail network integrated within the public transport network of Adelaide.
- 5.2 The Summit outlined the principles of light rail, and how it provides a sound basis for place making, shaping communities and generating opportunities for further economic development.
- 5.3 Much of the discussion focussed on the opportunities an integrated public transport system with a light rail network as part of it would support and contribute to the growing market demand for residential development in the CBD, inner and middle metropolitan Adelaide.

- 5.4 Expanding the light rail network has the potential to attract investment, boost economic growth and encourage urban renewal and jobs, and bring residents and visitors to the city centre and the Council areas. It was agreed that a light rail network is more than a public transport network. It has the capacity to shape communities, influence economic development, and support environmental sustainability leading to carbon neutrality.
- 5.5 The intention of the study is to examine the benefits light rail can bring to an integrated package of public transport.
- 5.6 Subsequent to the concept design and community consultation the City of Prospect will be in a position to then form a view on ProspectLINK.
- 5.7 The State Government's Integrated Transport and Land Use Plan outlines:
- EastLINK – extending east through Kent Town to The Parade
 - WestLINK – following Henley Beach Road to Henley Square, with a branch line to Adelaide Airport. The existing tram line to Glenelg also forms part of WestLINK
 - ProspectLINK – following O'Connell Street to Prospect Road
 - UnleyLINK – following Unley Road and Belair Road to Mitcham
 - CityLINK – following a continuous loop around the city with transfers at other tram lines and the Adelaide Railway Station
 - PortLINK – using the existing Outer Harbor line with additional services to Port Adelaide, West Lakes and Semaphore
- 5.8 The Lord Mayor and Council Mayors agreed to work collaboratively on the project, to position it for future funding opportunities and to ensure an engaged community across the project region.
- 5.9 As part of committing to work collaboratively it was determined that each Council should undertake to endorse the approach as the initial step in participating in the business case project.
- 5.10 It was agreed that any establishment of a light rail network across Adelaide will need to be based on a comprehensive community engagement strategy, route assessment, and financial modelling.
- 5.11 Initial community feedback in Prospect has indicated that concept design work must be advanced in order for a community consultation process to commence. Supporting the study will achieve this important first step.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments 1. Press Release

Thursday, 21 April 2016

LIGHT RAIL SUMMIT OUTCOMES

The Lord Mayor's Light Rail Summit has been a great success, with mayors agreeing on positive ways forward on light rail plans.

Representatives from Councils within the AdeLINK network agreed to:

- Make light rail a key priority
- Provide in principle support for AdeLINK and to take this back to respective Councils for endorsement
- Participate in the development of the State Government's business case for AdeLINK
- Consider all funding options (but are not in favour of new taxes on the community)
- Reconvene within 2-4 weeks to further discuss outcomes

Mayors and CEOs of inner-metropolitan Councils had a productive session with the Minister after the Summit on the role local government could have in the funding, design and delivery of light rail in Adelaide.

Lord Mayor Martin Haese said it was pleasing for Councils to come together for the very first time to identify their role in light rail delivery.

"I've previously said that it's important for local government to explore opportunities for light rail expansion together, and we did that today in a constructive session," said Martin.

"We all agreed that there's a strong link between transport outcomes and economic development."

Councils in attendance at the mayors' session were City of Adelaide, City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters, City of Unley, City of Mitcham, City of Prospect, City of Port Adelaide Enfield, City of Charles Sturt, City of Marion and City of West Torrens.



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