



21 May 2018

Enquiries: Mick McCarthy – 9364 0605

Our Reference: 4682486

Your Reference: Petition No 52 (A686397)

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chair Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Legislative Council Committee Office
Parliament House
4 Harvest Terrace
WEST PERTH WA 6005



Dear Matthew

Petition No 52 – Murdoch Drive Connection Project

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the above and the City is pleased to provide a response.

The City of Melville supported the construction of the Roe Highway Extension (Roe 8) and was subsequently involved in discussions with the Metropolitan Road Improvement Alliance (MRIA) on the Murdoch Drive Connection, following a decision by the current government not to progress Roe 8.

The City wrote to the Minister for Transport, Hon Rita Saffioti, highlighting a number of concerns regarding the approved design of the Murdoch Drive Connection, (see attached) and an updated plan showing the key deficiencies prepared by the City.

The City supports a review of the Minister's approved design to address the issues raised by the City, and for the design to be amended to reflect the Main Roads preferred design.

The City is aware of the access issues raised by Murdoch Chase residents and supports further community consultation aimed at resolving the deficiencies of the approved design for the Murdoch Drive Connection.

If you require any further information or clarification regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the City's Director Technical Services, Mick McCarthy, on 9364 0605.

Yours sincerely

Dr Shayne Silcox
Chief Executive Officer

Attachment Correspondence to the Minister for Transport dated 12 March 2018
Updated Plan showing deficiencies in approved Murdoch Drive Connection design



12 March 2018

Enquiries: Mick McCarthy – 9364 0605
Our Reference: 4529969

Honourable Rita Saffioti MLA
Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands
9th Floor, Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Minister

Murdoch Drive Connection

Please be advised that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20 February 2018, the following resolution was passed:

That the Council:

1. *Reiterates its in-principle support for the construction of the Murdoch Drive Connection to Roe Highway, to alleviate congestion in the area and improve access to the Murdoch Health and Knowledge Precinct;*
2. *Acknowledges the work carried out by officers of the City in analysing the proposed design and its implications for the City;*
3. *Expresses serious concern with the final concept design announced by the State and Federal Governments, which differs significantly from the original design proposed by Main Roads;*
4. *Calls upon the WA Minister for Transport to reconsider the State Government's decision and undertake traffic microsimulation investigations and further public consultation;*
5. *Requests the Chief Executive Officer to:*
 - a. *Advise the State and Federal Ministers for Transport and all local State and Federal Parliamentarians of the City of Melville's concerns with the proposed design, and the City's preferred design;*
 - b. *Advise City of Melville residents of Leeming within 1 kilometre of Farrington Road of the proposed design and its likely impact on traffic volumes, and the City's preferred design.*

As per our previous letter dated 5 February 2018, the City is concerned with the proposed design for the following reasons:

- The in excess of four fold increase in traffic volumes on Murdoch Drive from the current 11,600 vehicles per day (vpd) to 47,000 vpd by 2021 which will have a devastating impact on the Murdoch Activity Centre.
- According to traffic modelling for 2021 the approved design shows a far greater volume of traffic on City of Melville roads when compared to the Main Roads WA and City of Melville preferred option.

- a. Karel Avenue (Leeming): +2,500 vpd
 - b. Farrington Road (Leeming): +4,000 vpd
 - c. Farrington Road (Murdoch): +5,900 vpd
 - d. Murdoch Drive (Murdoch): +3,400 vpd
 - e. South Street (Murdoch): +1,600 vpd
 - f. South Street (Kardinya): +4,100 vpd
- No direct access to/from Farrington Road from Roe Highway or to Murdoch Drive from Farrington Road.
 - Restricted access to Bramanti Road and the City of Melville's Operations Centre.

Therefore the City of Melville requests that:

- Main Roads WA undertake micro-simulation modelling for the section of Murdoch Drive between, and including, Bramanti Road and South Street.
- Further public consultation be undertaken.
- The City's recommended concept plan for the Murdoch Drive Connection (attached) be adopted.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with the Minister to discuss the matter further.

If you require any further information or clarification regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9364 0610.

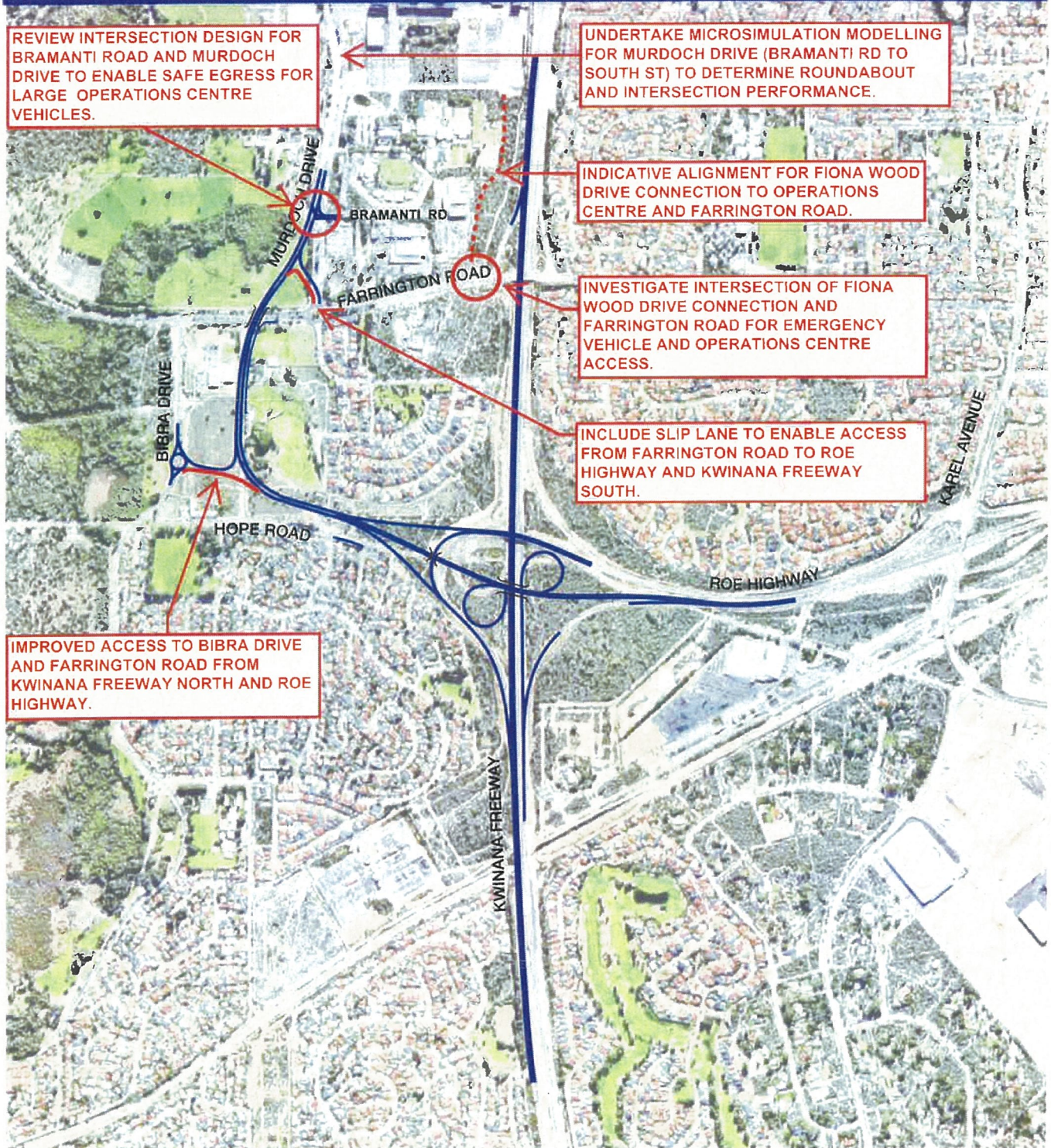
Yours sincerely



Dr Shayne Silcox
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure: Concept Plan with Recommended Amendments

MURDOCH DRIVE CONNECTION CONCEPT PLAN (January 2018)



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