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Subject: Light Rail Proposal for Randwick City and City of Sydney

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Introduction

I have received a letter from the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Clover Moore MP, which expresses strong support for light rail extensions from the City of Sydney to Randwick City.

Issues

Randwick City Council has long recognised the need for rail public transport infrastructure to serve its residents and key employment, education and visitor destinations. Memoranda of Understanding have been agreed between Council and the University of NSW, Australian Turf Club, South East Sydney Local Health Network and Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust to progress the introduction of rail to Randwick City.

The major transport corridors and travel demands to Randwick City connect with the City of Sydney LGA, and link to important transport and employment hubs such as Central Station, Sydney CBD and Green Square. An agreement with the City of Sydney to jointly investigate our critical transport links and the opportunities for light rail will add to our existing initiatives, and provide a positive step towards an integrated sustainable transport network.

Financial Impact Statement

The Council has identified \$100,000 in the 2011-12 financial year for a pre-feasibility study into light rail to Randwick City. Should the recommendation be accepted, activities will be funded by this budget.

Conclusion

I recommend that Council endorse joint investigations with the City of Sydney into light rail. This will enhance existing agreements between Council, UNSW, Australian Turf Club, South East Sydney Local Health Network and the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust in support of rail transport to Randwick City, and provide a coordinated platform for light rail proposals to the State Government.

Recommendation

That Council endorse cooperation with the City of Sydney Council in joint investigations into light rail between Randwick City and the City of Sydney, and formalise this via a Memorandum of Understanding and advise the City of Sydney of Council's commitment to a \$100,000 pre-feasibility study into light rail to our LGA.

Attachment/s:

1. Letter from Clover Moore MP, Lord Mayor of Sydney

