

27 July 2018

Ms Naomi Moss
Department of Planning & Environment
South West Metro Assessment
320 Pitt Street,
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Ms Moss

Re: Preferred Infrastructure Report for the Sydenham to Bankstown metro upgrade

I write to provide Council's feedback on the Preferred Infrastructure Report for the Sydenham to Bankstown metro upgrade project.

The project is outside the Liverpool Local Government Area. The project will have impacts on Liverpool residents who are currently using the T3 Bankstown line, particularly during construction and provide opportunity for South West metro to be extended to Liverpool.

Council raises no objection to the project, but would like the Department of Planning & Environment and Sydney Metro to consider the following comments in the further assessment of the project:

Impacts of the project during construction

Council notes that during construction, there will be disruptions to the current train services on the T3 line. The T3 Bankstown line is the one of the two lines between Liverpool and the Sydney CBD. The possession of the line, during construction, will have significant impacts on Liverpool residents who travel to Inner West area and the Sydney CBD.

As such, Council requests that additional train services including express train services to be provided on the T2 to mitigate impacts during the possession periods.

In this regard, Council recommends that commuters including Liverpool residents, are to be informed before possession of the T3 Bankstown line, with advice about Temporary Transport Management Plan which includes (but not being limited to):

- Details of alternative transport arrangements (i.e. additional train services on the T2 Inner West & Leppington Line and bus replacement arrangements);
- Timetables of temporary train and bus services; and
- Temporary bus stops;

Provision of additional express train services on T2 line Inner West & Leppington Line

It is noted that the proposed upgrade will convert the existing railway line between Sydenham and Bankstown to a Metro line, this implies trains passengers from west through Bankstown will have to change trains at Bankstown Station.

This will cause inconvenience and increase travel time for passengers who are currently using the T3 line from Liverpool to inner west area, the Sydney CBD and beyond. The current travelling time of 54 minutes from Liverpool to Sydney CBD via direct train services along the T3 Bankstown Line, may increase.

Council would request TfNSW (and Sydney Trains) to provide additional express train services on the T2 line to mitigate impacts of the proposed Sydney Southwest Metro upgrade.

Early planning and delivery of extension of Southwest Metro Line from Bankstown to Liverpool and beyond

Liverpool via Bankstown to Sydney CBD, along the T3 line, is one of the two lines that provide train services from between Liverpool and the Sydney CBD. Fast and efficient services will therefore benefit residents of Canterbury-Bankstown, parts of Inner West and Western Sydney, including Liverpool residents.

Council has made representations to the Premier and Transport Minister, as well as in submissions on the environmental assessment of the South West Metro to Bankstown, TfNSW Future Transport Strategy 2056, and the Western Sydney Rail Needs Study, for an extension of South-West Metro from Bankstown to Liverpool.

The representations highlighted that without an efficient train service to attract people to live and work in the Liverpool City Centre and LGA, the ability of Liverpool to make a strong contribution to Sydney's future development will be constrained.

Liverpool City Council is one of the fastest growing local government areas. The LGA contains the Western Sydney Airport (WSA) and much of the anticipated Aerotropolis, the newly released Austral and the North and East Leppington precincts in the South-West Growth Centre, Moorebank Intermodal Terminals, and is the subject of the Liverpool Collaboration Area.

Within this context, a transport system that will facilitate existing and future developments in the Liverpool LGA is vital. Sydney Metro extension to Liverpool (and beyond) is a once in a generation opportunity for strategic investment in transport that will shape the development in south west Sydney.

Council welcomes continued involvement in the Sydenham to Bankstown metro upgrade project, and looks forward to working with Transport for NSW to help deliver improved public transport service across south western Sydney.

Should you require any further information on this matter, please my office on 8711 7497.

Yours sincerely



Tim Moore

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