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Project Name: Melrose Park TMAP  
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## **Subject: TMAP Executive Summary**

### **1. Background**

Jacobs Group (Australia) Pty Ltd has been engaged to prepare a Transport Management Accessibility Plan (TMAP) for the Melrose Park north and south precincts. This report addresses the traffic and transport implications of the proposed development of approximately 11,000 dwellings and has been tailored specifically to address stakeholder comments through the Project Coordination Group (PCG) made up by City of Parramatta (CoP), Department of Planning & Environment (DPE), Transport for NSW, Roads and Maritime (RMS), Parramatta Light Rail (PLR), mProjects, and City plan. The TMAP has recognised the transport planning initiatives described in the Greater Sydney Regional Plan and Future Transport Strategy 2056 developed by DPE and TfNSW respectively. The purpose of the TMAP is to provide a framework for the implementation of a range of measures designed to achieve a sustainable transport outcome for the Melrose Park structure plan.

The assessment process has included analysis focused around achieving the targets defined with the PCG of encouraging more people to use public transport (40%-50%) over the next 20 years. Initiatives to increase public transport use have guided the planning process for the Melrose Park structure plan and are fundamental to the development of the precinct.

### **2. Proposed Delivery Melrose Park Structure Plans**

The aspiration of the Melrose Park structure plans is to develop a smart precinct minimising natural resource, energy and transport demands. Transport demand and infrastructure requirements are to be minimised through an appropriate balance of business, housing and employment uses within the precinct and wider Greater Parramatta and Olympic Peninsula (GPOP) targeting of strategic mass transit, intermediate transit and local transit connections proposed through the core of the development.

The land use mix will support an appropriate balance of residential, social and business opportunities. This is to support Melrose Park's role as a self-sufficient smart precinct with high levels of connectivity to its regional and wider contexts. A multi-decade development framework has been proposed to enable development flexibility and to complement future transport initiatives planned within the study area. For the purposes of assessing the transport infrastructure and service requirements the following staging elements have been examined:

- 3,200 dwellings to be developed by 2024
  - Commercial 7,900 m<sup>2</sup> GFA
  - Retail 6,000 m<sup>2</sup> GFA
- 6,700 dwellings to developed by 2028
  - Commercial 13,500 m<sup>2</sup> GFA
  - Retail 10,200 m<sup>2</sup> GFA
- 11,000 dwellings full build-out by 2036
  - Commercial 19,400 m<sup>2</sup> GFA
  - Retail 15,600 m<sup>2</sup> GFA

The Melrose Park structure plans for the north and south precincts ensures that public transport and active transport will be fully integrated into the precinct.

### **3. Key Issues Examined**

The TMAP assessment has used a set of transport modelling tools (Public Transport Project Model and Aimsun Model) developed to assist decision making on key issues such as:

- The nature and scale of the development and the ability of the road and public transport network to accommodate forecast additional demands
- The cumulative impacts of future developments and forecast background growth in travel demand within the study area
- Changes in transport infrastructure and services that will satisfy the target objectives of increasing travel by alternative modes other than car
- The level of investment required in public transport initiatives to achieve the targets and visions of

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- The relationship between parking provision and the achievement of higher mode share to public transport, cycling and walking
- The overall staging and trigger points for proposed mitigation measures attributed to Melrose Park.

### **4. Key Findings**

The key findings of the investigations undertaken as part of TMAP are as follows:

- Based on the nominated service levels for the surrounding road network, the upgrade of Victoria Road intersections (Wharf Road and Kissing Point Road) will be required in order to efficiently service the Melrose Park precinct
- The road network analysis has identified that the remainder of the existing surrounding road network is able to cater for traffic generated by the proposed development, with no significant impacts when compared to a future 'do minimum' scenario
- Increased bus service frequencies on Victoria Road are required to support development and achieve mode share targets. Investigations have confirmed the required bus service levels are feasible

- A new bridge crossing (public and active transport only) across the Parramatta River linking Melrose Park to Wentworth Point is required by 2028 (approximately 6,700 dwellings) to enable connections between residential and employment areas to key public transport nodes including the planned Sydney Metro West station at Sydney Olympic Park.
- New bus services between Top Ryde and Concord Hospital via Melrose Park are proposed to operate via the new bridge
- Shuttle services between Melrose Park and Meadowbank station are proposed to operate prior to the implementation of the new bridge. Proposed operations can be implemented without significant works or impacts
- Ferry user patronage demand from Melrose Park is likely to be small. A new bridge across the Parramatta River will provide access to the newly upgraded Sydney Olympic Park and proposed new ferry wharf at Rhodes East
- As development progresses and activity increases, a light rail corridor is being proposed by TfNSW established through the core of the development. This would bring light rail services through the heart of Melrose Park with direct access to the proposed Sydney Metro West station at Olympic Park
- The introduction of PLR Stage 2 leads to a number of access implications along Boronia Street, Hope Street and Waratah Street which will need to be carefully managed
- The public transport network for Melrose Park has been planned to cater for the full development (11,000 dwellings) without the need for light rail but has been planned to accommodate light rail through the precinct
- The northern precinct structure plan maintains a corridor on Hope Street between Hughes Avenue and Waratah Street to enable the implementation of light rail. The southern precinct allows for light rail along Waratah Street.
- Key elements of Stage 1 - Prior to bridge (up to 6,700 dwellings):
  - Stage 1A, Stage 1B and Stage 1C Victoria Road upgrades
  - Enhanced Victoria Road bus services to serve both background growth and Melrose Park demand
  - Shuttle services to Meadowbank Station
  - Key elements of Stage 2 - After new bridge (more than 6,700 dwellings)
  - New high frequency services (bus or light rail) over the bridge
  - Continued enhancement of Victoria Road bus services

## 5. Conclusions

The key conclusions of the Melrose Park TMAP are:

- The scale of development envisaged for Melrose Park presents significant but manageable challenges for transport infrastructure and services for both the road and public transport network
- The additional traffic demands as a result of Melrose Park development on the surrounding local road network fall within acceptable capacity thresholds
- Sydney Metro West will deliver significant benefits for residents from Melrose Park with high-capacity and more frequent services between Parramatta CBD, Sydney Olympic Park and Sydney CBD

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- A new active and public transport bridge across Parramatta River will provide substantial connectivity improvements between Melrose Park, Rhodes and Sydney Olympic Park before light rail is implemented
- The increased frequency of the T1 Northern Line (to 8 services per hour) will provide capacity to support the development and will continue once Sydney Metro North West opens in 2019
- Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 would provide a direct link to the Parramatta CBD, and connect to Sydney CBD via the broader rail and metro networks
- The new bridge across Parramatta River will provide fast, direct, high frequency services linking Melrose Park to Rhodes Station and future metro station at Sydney Olympic Park. The full development (11,000 dwellings) can be supported by either bus or light rail services across the bridge.
- Substantial resources will need to be devoted to improving the public transport servicing and infrastructure in the study area, with significant support and funding contributions from the various agencies, proponents and authorities
- An integrated package of measures needs to be implemented as the development progresses, with the package containing a mix of policy, infrastructure and transport services measures
- The measures presented within the TMAP need to be integrated comprehensively and consistently over the life of the development if the mode split targets as outlined in the TMAP are to be achieved.
- The TMAP recommends a total off-street parking supply of 9,441. A total on-street parking supply of approximately 700 and 500 spaces is being proposed for the northern and southern precincts respectively. It is proposed to initially provide levels of parking in accordance with CoP DCP, and gradually decrease parking provision as the public transport initiatives are implemented.

Yours sincerely



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