

**ITEM OP2. SLIP LANE AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROBERTS ROAD
AND NORFOLK ROAD, GREENACRE - PROPOSED
DEDICATION AS A PUBLIC ROAD VESTED IN COUNCIL**

Report by Ken Kanagarajan, Traffic Engineer.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council endorse the dedication of the southbound slip lane at the intersection of Roberts Road and Norfolk Road, Greenacre, as a public road vested in Council, subject to appropriate remedial measures as detailed in this report being implemented by Sydney Ports and the slip lane being constructed to Council's satisfaction.***
- 2. That Council officers enter into discussions with Sydney Ports over the future use of the remainder of their site at this location.***

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise Council of the construction of a slip lane by Sydney Ports at the intersection of Roberts Road and Norfolk Road, Greenacre, and seek Council's endorsement for the dedication of the slip lane as a public road vested in Council.

REPORT

The Intermodal Logistics Centre (ILC) at Enfield was approved by the Minister for Planning on 5 September 2007. A condition of approval of the ILC was that prior to the commencement of operation of the project, Sydney Ports shall upgrade the intersection of Roberts Road and Norfolk Road, Greenacre, in accordance with the relevant Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) standards. The upgrade works comprise, inter alia, provision of a southbound slip lane into Norfolk Road to accommodate 19 metre long semi-trailer and 25 metre long B-double turning swept paths from Roberts Road into Norfolk Road.

The Minister's approval also included a condition requiring Sydney Ports to establish and maintain for the life of the project, a Road Transport Coordination Group to oversee and coordinate the management of traffic and road issues associated with and affected by the project. The Group comprises of representatives of Sydney Ports, the Department of Planning, RMS, Strathfield Council and Bankstown City Council.

The slip lane, which has been designed by the RMS as part of the Roberts Road and Norfolk Road intersection upgrade, in accordance with relevant RMS guidelines and AUSTRROADS standards, has been formally endorsed by the Road Transport Coordination Group for the purpose of facilitating 'regional transport management' of roads associated with the ILC.

A schematic layout of the slip lane is shown on Attachment - 1.

The vacant block of land at the north-eastern corner of Norfolk Road and Roberts Road is currently owned by Sydney Ports. This land is to be subdivided for the purpose of road widening of the intersection of Norfolk Road and Roberts Road and construction of the slip lane. Sydney Ports proposes that this sub divided land (the slip lane) be handed over to Strathfield Council and

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dedicated as public road. The future use of the remaining portion of the land owned by Sydney Ports is unknown at this stage.

It is therefore considered that Council officers should enter into discussions with Sydney Ports over the future use of the remainder of their site and possible hand over of the site to Council's ownership.

The construction of the slip lane is expected to be completed by August 2013. Prior to the commencement of construction works, Sydney Ports has carried out public notification in local newspapers and notifications to local residents advising of the partial road closures, night works and likely delays to normal traffic during construction.

The issues associated with the construction and dedication of the slip lane as a public road vested in Council are:

Traffic and Access Issues:

As stated earlier in the report, the slip lane is required to facilitate the turning movements of large semi-trailers and B-doubles from Roberts Road into Norfolk Road.

The slip lane should be a public road to enable Council and the RMS to perform their functions under the Roads Act 1993.

The slip lane is required to ensure that the public have rights to use the land for its intended purpose and that the land is not used for some other purpose in the future.

It should be dedicated as a public road vested in Council to ensure that the adjoining property has frontage to a public road for access (pedestrian) and Building Code of Australia (BCA) purposes (openings on the boundary).

Removal of trees:

The proposed formation of the slip lane requires the removal of seven trees (Brush Box) located in the existing nature strip under the provisions of Council's Tree Preservation Order.

Sydney Ports have advised that all options in regard to the construction of the slip lane have been explored and that the work cannot be undertaken without the removal of these trees.

It is therefore considered that Sydney Ports should be responsible to plant replacement trees in the form of semi advanced specimens (minimum 100 litre size), supplemented by properly constructed tree pits.

Drainage issues:

The construction of the proposed slip lane will require blocking of a Council's drainage pit on the northern side of Norfolk Road, east of Roberts Road.

Sydney Ports should therefore liaise with Council's Drainage Engineer and implement appropriate measures to ensure that Council's requirements are fully complied with.

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Remediation works to remove contaminated materials

Sydney Ports has been advised to prepare (through a suitably qualified consultant) a contamination report and certification to Council's satisfaction, to confirm that all of the subject land to be dedicated to Council and the adjoining site are not contaminated.

Construction

The slip lane should be constructed to Council's satisfaction prior to dedication. Council's officers will make progress inspections during construction.

Summary

- The slip lane is required to facilitate the turning movements of large semi-trailers and B-doubles from Roberts Road into Norfolk Road.
- It should be a public road to enable Council and the RMS to perform their functions under the Roads Act 1993.
- The slip lane is required to ensure that the public have rights to use the land for its intended purpose and that the land is not used for some other purpose in the future.
- The land should be remediated to be free of any contamination and the slip lane constructed to Council's satisfaction prior to dedication.
- It is considered that Council officers should enter into discussions with Sydney Ports over the future use of the remainder of their site at this location, and investigate possible public uses of the site.

REFERRAL FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Council's Technical Services Department and Community Lands and Services were consulted in the preparation of the report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications to Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1. A schematic layout of the slip lane.

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