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Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 18 September 2012**CITY OF DARWIN****ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE****TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2012**

MEMBERS: Member R I Elix (Chairman); The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor, Ms K M Fong Lim; Member S J Niblock; Member K J Worden; Member G Lambrinidis.

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Committee's Responsibilities

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| * Car Parking | * Public Facilities |
| * Council Buildings | * Roads |
| * Drainage | * Street Lighting |
| * Environmental Management | * Traffic Management |
| * Parks and Reserves | * Urban Enhancement |
| * Plant Management | * Waste Management |

THAT effective as of 16 April 2012 Council pursuant to Section 32 (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 2008 hereby delegates to the Environment & Infrastructure Committee the power to make recommendations to Council and decisions relating to Environment & Infrastructure matters within the approved budget.

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2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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2.2 Leave of Absence Granted

Nil

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Nil

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COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that all Information Items and Officers Reports to the Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 18 September, 2012, be received and all recommendations contained therein be adopted by general consent with the exception of Item Number

DECISION NO.21\() (18/09/12)

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES PERTAINING TO THE PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve that the minutes of the previous Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 21 August 2012 tabled by the Chairman, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

DECISION NO.21\() (18/09/12)

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES PERTAINING TO THE PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING**7.1 Business Arising**

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8 INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil

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AGENDA ITEM: 9.1

**CAVENAGH STREET UPGRADE SEARCY STREET TO DALY STREET PROJECT -
SEPTEMBER 2012 PROGRESS REPORT**

REPORT No.: 12TS0152 DC:LM COMMON No.: 223527

DATE: 18/09/2012

Presenter: Acting Manager Design, Planning & Projects, Dave Cash

Approved: General Manager Infrastructure, Luccio Cercarelli

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on progress for the Cavenagh Street upgrade Searcy Street to Daly Street project for the month of September 2012.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

Goal

3 Assist Individuals and the Community Stay Connected with the Darwin Region

Outcome

3.2 Enhance transport systems

Key Strategies

3.2.2 Continue to manage and maintain the municipal road network and infrastructure to a standard that meets the needs of the community

KEY ISSUES

- Works commenced on the 16 August 2012 and are expected to be completed in December 2012;
- Works have been awarded to East Arm Civil Pty Ltd at a cost of \$3,019,787. (including GST);
- The Cavenagh Street reconstruction works will be funded by the Federal Government's Roads To Recovery Program and the landscaping works will be funded through the City of Darwin's Capital Works program;
- An extensive community engagement plan has been implemented for the project;
- Measures are being put in place to provide alternative property access where possible, for affected businesses/occupants and temporary re-routing of public buses and taxi parking along Smith Street has been implemented;
- Works are currently progressing on the inbound lanes of Cavenagh Street.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT Report Number 12TS0152 DC:LM entitled Cavenagh Street Upgrade Searcy Street To Daly Street Project - September 2012 Progress Report, be received and noted.

BACKGROUND

The City of Darwin was successful in securing Australian Government funding under the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Roads to *Recovery Program – 2009 – 2014, (R2R)*.

The Cavenagh Street upgrade project was approved by Council as the key project for this expenditure.

Under the Australian Government funding agreement this project is to be completed by the 31 December 2012.

At Council's 2nd Ordinary Meeting on 31 May 2011 the following was resolved:

Cavenagh Street Renewal Project

Report No. 11TS0081LC:KB (24/05/11) Common No. 223527

C. THAT Council reconstruct and resurface Cavenagh Street from Daly Street to Searcy Street and that this be submitted as its replacement project for Roads to Recovery funding;

DECISION NO.20\4016 (31/05/11)

Carried

This report provides an update on progress for the Cavenagh Street upgrade project for the month of September 2012.

DISCUSSION

Cavenagh Street is a major CBD road that is over 50 years old. It is approaching the end of its effective useful life and is due for reconstruction.

Based on sound asset management principles and road condition data Cavenagh Street was identified as a high priority for upgrade. The Australian Government Roads to Recovery funding assistance has provided Council with the opportunity to deal with this matter in a timely and effective manner.

The scope of work includes the following:

- Pavement refurbishment/reconstruction including re-design of the existing road surface for improved drainage;

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- Landscaping of Cavenagh Street median at the Daly Street;
- Widening of the Cavenagh Street median island from Daly Street to Searcy Street by 200 mm to provide increased space for landscaping;
- Replacement of 2 median islands along Gardens Road with new landscaping; and
- Replacement of a damaged section of stormwater drain along Cavenagh Street.

There will be no loss of on-street car parking bays along Cavenagh Street after project completion.

Construction works commenced on the 16 August 2012 and will be completed in December 2012.

The works have been staged in order to minimise impact at any one time and to allow for the management of traffic.

All necessary detours and traffic management measures will be in place to facilitate the works in a safe and efficient manner.

Reasonable efforts will be made to minimise disruption and inconvenience. However, given the scale and nature of this project, there will be some level of disruption and inconvenience to the public.

Council staff continue to work with businesses and property owners within the works zone to minimise disruption, providing access and ensure they are fully informed.

Temporary arrangements have been put in place to transfer bus routes from Cavenagh Street to Smith Street. The temporary bus-stops and bus route along Smith Street is now operating and these arrangements will remain in place for the duration of the construction works along Cavenagh Street. Additional cleaning effort has been instigated to accommodate the expected increased in litter at the bus stops.

A temporary School Crossing has been installed on Smith Street near Briggs Street to facilitate children crossing from St Mary's school in the afternoons. This crossing is being supervised by traffic personnel during these peak times. The crossing will be removed on completion of the project.

Stage 1 of 7 is due to be completed shortly with the establishment of Stage 2 occurring from 15 September. Stage 2 of the works has been amended to include the area from Coleman's Printing to the Mirambeena Travelodge. This represents a combination of two stages (previously Stages 2 and 3) and was undertaken in consultation with stakeholders in order to achieve construction time efficiencies.

Following site inspections, the area of new landscaping along the Cavenagh Street, median was increased to include the removal and replacement of four (4) additional

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trees as these were assessed as being in a poor condition and likely to be adversely impacted on by the construction.

Unforeseen works on an upgrade of a water main were undertaken by Power Water Corporation whilst the road pavement was excavated this resulted in a minor project delay.

Project Schedule

Under the Australian Government Funding Agreement the works are to be completed by 31 December 2012.

Action	Duration
Water main works	Additional 4 days
Additional subgrade works	Additional 2 days
New landscaping	Additional 3 days
Combining stages 2 and 3	Gain 5 days
Affect on Schedule	Additional 4 days
Expected completion date	20 December 2012.

The project is still on track and opportunities to recover delays are being sought continuously.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

A consultation plan was developed and is being implemented.

The project stakeholders have been identified and face to face discussions have and continue to occur with key stakeholders-including the business owners/occupants along both sides of the affected section of Cavenagh Street, the Taxi Council and Public Transport section of the Northern Territory Government.

Council staff have found that stakeholders along the Searcy to Daly Street section (work zone) at Cavenagh Street are understanding of the need to reconstruct Cavenagh Street, and acknowledge they will be disrupted to various degrees. Council staff will continue to work with stakeholders throughout this process to minimise disruption.

A media release announcing the commencement of the works was issued on the 15 August 2012.

Updated media releases including information about the combination of Stages 2 and 3 have been issued.

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Council's website is updated on a regular basis to provide up to date information.

Community consultation will continue through to the completion of the project.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This project is an essential asset-renewal project and will extend the life of Cavenagh Street in line with Council's asset management strategies.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Australian Government funding from the Roads To Recovery Program – 2009-2014 for the delivery of this road reconstruction is \$2,862,000 (excluding GST).

Funding to the value of \$400,000 was allocated in the 2011/12 Capital Works Budget for delivery of the landscaping components of this project. It has been requested that this funding be carried forward into 2012/2013 for its intended purpose.

The tender was awarded to East Arm Civil Pty Ltd for the \$3,019,787 (including GST).

Based on the available Australian Government funding and the identified 2011/2012 capital works carry forward there is sufficient funding within the 2012/2013 budget to undertake the works.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Risk mitigation, traffic management and legislative requirements will be managed throughout the project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Enhancement of existing median island landscaping will provide improved environmental benefit.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

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AGENDA ITEM: 9.2
CASUARINA SQUARE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL–STORMWATER
REPORT No.: 12TS0129JW:TP
COMMON No.: 2260069
DATE: 18/09/2102

Presenter: Team Leader Co-ordinator Development & Waste Management, Joy Welshman

Approved: General Manager Infrastructure, Luccio Cercarelli

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to recommend a course of action for the management of stormwater drainage resulting from the proposed expansion of the Casuarina Square Shopping Complex (Lot 9576 Trower Road, Casuarina).

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

Goal

1 Achieve Effective Partnerships and Engage in Collaborative Relationships

Outcome

1.2 Effectively engage with community

Key Strategies

1.2.1 Increase involvement of the Business Community for developing solutions to local issues

KEY ISSUES

- In 1985 Council allowed the closure of Linton Street and the inclusion of its stormwater infrastructure into Lot9576 to facilitate an expansion of the Complex.
- The GPT Group has recently announced a further expansion of the complex to include a new department store.
- Council's stormwater infrastructure will be affected by the construction of a new department store at Casuarina Square Shopping Complex.
- Council staff have been working with GPT's consultants to identify a viable stormwater management solution that would be acceptable to Council.
- The stormwater management proposal is similar "in principle" to that approved in 1985.
- Council's stormwater infrastructure will be located within a private allotment and in some instances below buildings and car parks.

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- Approval of the proposed stormwater management and design is required in order for the development to proceed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 12TS0129JW:TP entitled Casuarina Square Development Proposal – Stormwater, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the City of Darwin pursuant to Section 3(2) of the Local Government Act 2008 hereby delegate to the Chief Executive Officer, the power to finalise stormwater management design, construction and all other associated issues in accordance with Report Number 12TS0129JW:TP relating to the Casuarina Square Shopping Complex Development, Lot 9576 Trower Road, Casuarina.

BACKGROUND

In 1985 the Casuarina Square Shopping Complex expanded its department store to include the Woolworths complex and an undercover car park. At that time Linton Street was closed as a through road to facilitate the development. Linton Street was a Council owned road and contained stormwater infrastructure consisting of two 1800mm concrete pipes.

In addition the road was a flow path for the Q100 stormwater events.

At that time it was mutually agreed between Council and the developer that the stormwater management would continue through the site, namely along the extinguished Linton Street road reserve.

Infrastructure was put into place to facilitate the operation and future maintenance of Council's stormwater infrastructure within the allotment.

It is noted that some of the existing stormwater infrastructure is located beneath the buildings on site, namely within the undercover car park.

DISCUSSION

The GPT Group are the current owners of the Complex and have recently announced a re-development to include a new department store, specialty stores, car parking and associated other facilities.

GPT's consultants have been working with Council staff on measures to address stormwater management as a result of the proposed development. The developers are seeking to resolve these issues in principle prior to lodging a formal development application with the Northern Territory Government.

The current development proposal results in the closure of the Linton Street entrance and access road. This is owned by the GPT Group.

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The location of the new buildings, car parking and closure of Linton Street requires an assessment of Council's stormwater infrastructure and needs within the site. This will also include consideration of the management of stormwater from the new development.

The following is a summary of various scenarios considered and includes some of the discussions and related issues:

Proposal	Discussion
Redirect the existing pipe infrastructure to south of the Major Store	Dismissed due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – depth of service vehicle entry tunnel impacting upon pipe network – Inability of the service vehicle entry tunnel to adequately control the major storm event surface flows
Redirect the existing pipe infrastructure to immediately north of the Major Store	Dismissed due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Inability of the proposed diversion to operate hydraulically – such a major diversion would require additional pits that would require the incorporation of high pit loss coefficients.
Redirect the existing pipe infrastructure to the northern boundary (adjacent to the Casuarina Club). This option assumes the new entry / exit and retail buildings would be relocated to the northern boundary.	Dismissed due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Inability of the proposed diversion to operate hydraulically – such a major diversion would require additional pits that would require the incorporation of high pit loss coefficients. – Existing southern drainage pipe invert

Given the various external and internal constraints affecting stormwater management in and around this site it was determined that the construction of a new tunnel system combined with existing stormwater infrastructure thorough the site was the most feasible. **Attachment A** is a concept plan of the proposed stormwater infrastructure within the site and Trower Road.

In order to facilitate the proposed development of Lot 9576, it is recommended that the proposal for construction over Council stormwater infrastructure by the GPT Group at Casuarina Square Shopping Complex, as presented in **Attachment A** be accepted "in principle" subject to but not limited to, the following:

- A full stormwater analysis being presented and to the satisfaction of the General Manager – Infrastructure;
- Final design drawings being submitted and approved by the General Manager – Infrastructure;
- Easements created over all Council stormwater infrastructure and Q100 flow paths within Lot 9576;

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- That a condition assessment of existing Council stormwater infrastructure, which will remain, be undertaken to the requirements of the General Manager – Infrastructure;
- That any works, identified by Council, required on the existing infrastructure to ensure the life and operation of the assets are at an acceptable level will be undertaken by the developer at no cost to Council;
- That an agreement between Council and the GPT Group relating to each parties responsibilities and obligations on the ongoing management of the stormwater infrastructure is established. This will include consideration of issues such as but not limited to:
 - access to the site;
 - who has responsibility relating to any closure of trading relating to stormwater maintenance and replacement;
 - responsibility and obligations relating to damage to either parties infrastructure from the other contributions.
- All costs are to be met by the developer;
- All works are to be undertaken to the satisfaction of the General Manager – Infrastructure.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

In preparing this Report the following parties were consulted:

Manager Planning, Design and Projects
 Manager Assets
 Manager Infrastructure Maintenance
 Northrop consulting Engineers

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

All works will be undertaken in accordance with Council Policies.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council will require that all works and associated issues, i.e. easement creation, be at the developers cost.

This is a unique existing situation and it is noted future asset replacement costs would be higher than normal in this case. The design will take into consideration methodologies to minimise costs to Council relating to maintenance and replacement.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The design has been assessed in relation to future risk to Council with the infrastructure failing and potential cost implications. The risk is minimised through new construction, type of construction and expected lifespan of the facility in relation to the infrastructure. Council requirement to manage stormwater has been met.

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The existing 1985 agreement with Burns Philip Trustee Company Limited (BPT) will be updated and incorporated into any new agreement.

Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer will be sought to progress and finalise this matter.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Stormwater management will be undertaken in accordance with Council's requirements.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

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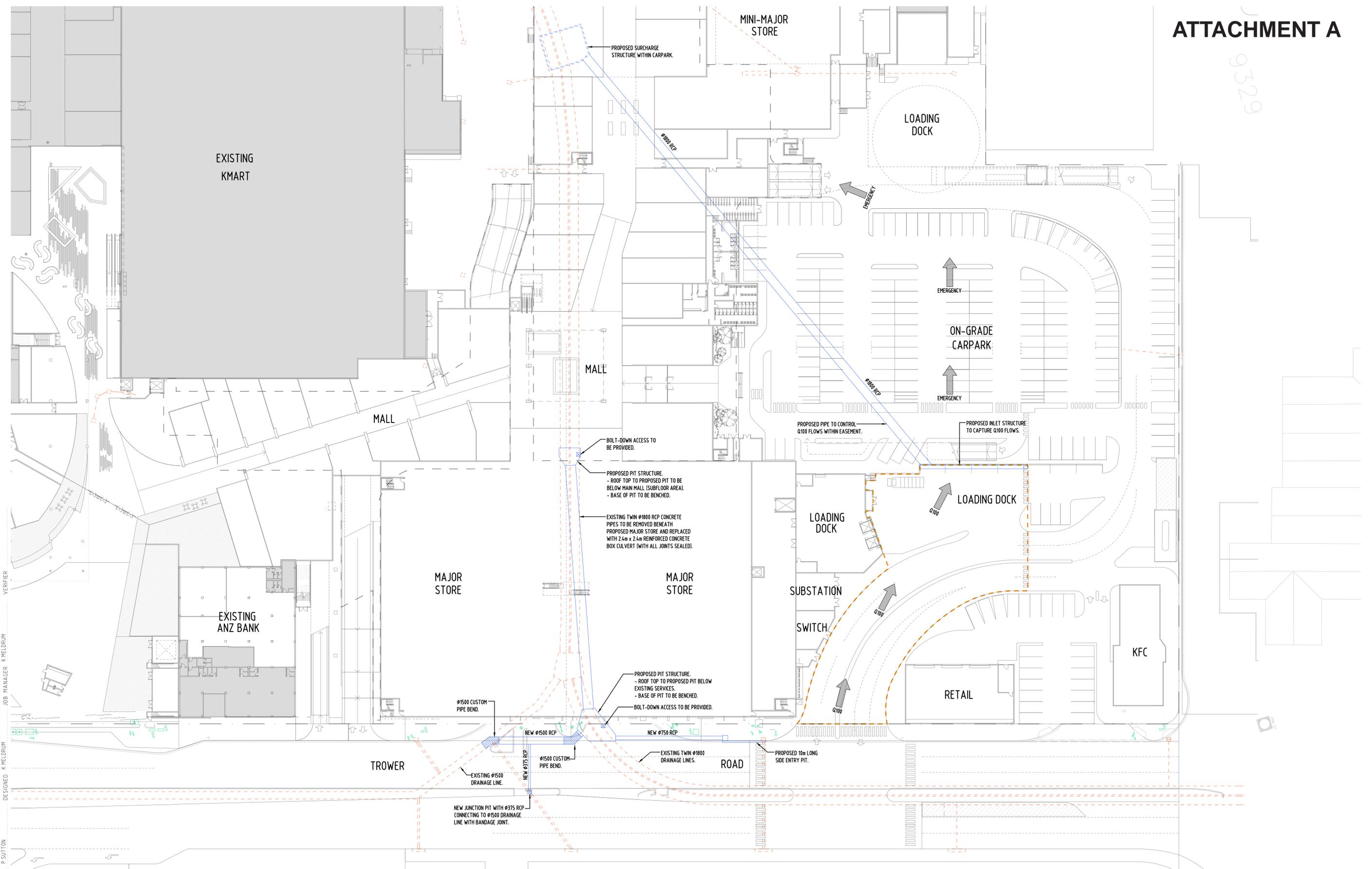
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Attachments:

Attachment A: Plan of proposed stormwater connection.

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ISSUE	AMENDMENT	DRAWN	VER/D	APP'D	DATE
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PROJECT
CASUARINA SQAURE EXPANSION

DRAWING TITLE
**CONCEPT STORMWATER
 DRAINAGE BELOW MAJOR STORE**

JOB NUMBER	11000
DRAWING NUMBER	SK01
REVISION	2
DRAWING SHEET SIZE	A1

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**NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT–NIGHTCLIFF PROJECTS–SEPTEMBER
UPDATE**

REPORT No.: 12TS0153 DC:LM

COMMON No.: 2179914

DATE: 18/09/2012

Presenter: Acting Manager Design Planning & Projects, Dave Cash

Approved: General Manager Infrastructure, Luccio Cercarelli

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the progress of the Northern Territory Government's funded projects along the Nightcliff Foreshore, as of September 2012.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the "Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond":-

Goal

1 Achieve Effective Partnerships and Engage in Collaborative Relationships

Outcome

1.1 Improve relations with all levels of Government

Key Strategies

1.1.3 Develop partnerships and joint projects with other levels of government

KEY ISSUES

- The Northern Territory Government has identified six (6) projects along the Nightcliff Foreshore within land managed by the City of Darwin and committed to providing funds (totalling one million dollars) for the delivery of these projects – to be undertaken by the City of Darwin.
- The six (6) projects identified by Government and endorsed by Council are:
 - Dog parking stations; (Completed)
 - Additional play equipment, fencing and shade equipment in Sunset Park; (In Progress)
 - Five (5) seats along the foreshore area of Progress Drive adjacent to the shared pathway; (In Progress)
 - Upgrade and shading of play equipment opposite the Beachfront Hotel; (In Progress)

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- Multi-use platform formerly dance floor; (on hold pending outcome from consultation)
- Refurbishment of Tennis Courts within Bill Bell Park on the corner of Aralia and Jacaranda Streets; (In Progress)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

THAT Report Number 12TS0153 DC:LM entitled Northern Territory Government – Nightcliff Projects – September Update , be received and noted.

BACKGROUND

In the second half of 2011 Council was advised by the Member for Nightcliff, the Honourable Jane Aagaard, that the Northern Territory Government election commitment for a stinger net for Nightcliff was not proceeding and that the Member had sought ideas from the community of how to utilise the money along the Nightcliff foreshore. The commitment was for \$1 million in expenditure.

The projects identified by the Member for Nightcliff, following their consultation, are detailed as follows:

- Sunset Park, Nightcliff
 Extra playground equipment; fencing of the playground; seating x 3; shade structure (UVA); trees to shade in the future.
- Beachfront Playground, Rapid Creek
 Fencing of playground; seating x 3; shade structure (UVA)
- Progress Drive Seating and Shelter
 Seating x 3 along Progress Drive, Nightcliff, including shade structures if trees not available.
- Outdoor Dance Floor, Rapid Creek
 Weather proof dance floor, including permanent power source, lighting and seating in the Seabreeze Festival area at Rapid Creek. It should be noted that during the course of this project this element has been re-termed “multi-use Platform”.
- Tennis Courts, Aralia Street, Nightcliff
 Upgrade the two tennis courts on Aralia Street.

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- **Exercise Stations – Dog Hooks**

Providing dog hooks for each exercise station so that dogs can be tied up while owners use the equipment.

In October 2011, Council resolved to accept the completed works as future Council assets and to provide project management services as its contribution to the project. The installation of a “dance floor”, upgrade of play equipment opposite the Beachfront, Sunset Park upgrade and the tennis courts upgrade were subject to community consultation.

A Project Control Group consisting of Northern Territory Government and City of Darwin Officers, has been established to manage the funding, however the projects are being delivered and managed by City of Darwin.

DISCUSSION

Dog Parking Stations

This consists of dog parking facilities located adjacent to exercise stations along the foreshore.

Signage was designed, manufactured and installed with parking hooks at each of the exercise stations along the Nightcliff foreshore.

This element has been completed.

Play Equipment for Sunset Park

This consists of additional play facilities, seating and shade. City of Darwin Officers have scoped and identified additional play facilities to accommodate a range of age groups from 3-12 years of age. Concepts of the equipment have been previously provided to Council. Rubberised softfall will be installed and expanded to the existing equipment (currently sand) as part of these works.

Sections of the new climbing apparatus and existing equipment will be shaded by a shade structure and additional seating and associated other minor infrastructure provided.

Consultation letters to residents explaining the upgrade proposals and seeking feedback were sent out in May 2012. Several responses have been received. Subsequent site discussions were held with some residents and the design explained. Strong feedback was received regarding some elements of the project, including a small shade structure proposed for the exercise equipment and proposed fencing around the play equipment.

In addition comments were received requesting that the climbing combination ropes be green and not red as per the image to retain resident amenity. This request can

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and will be accommodated as the equipment can be provided with green ropes at no additional charge.

After considering the remaining feedback and after discussions with the Northern Territory Government, the fence and small shade structure over the exercise equipment have been removed from the project.

The equipment was ordered in July and has a minimum 12 week manufacture time. Installation of the equipment is expected to commence in the second half of September, subject to delivery.

Seating along the foreshore area of Progress Drive

Five (5) bench seating units have been installed along the shared path between Sunset Park and the commencement of the path along Progress Drive. The purpose of the additional seating is to provide rest stops along this section of path and locations are within the shade of existing trees.

Due to some concerns raised about the rake angle of the seats, modifications have been developed amend the angle. Modifications, in the first instance, will occur to one of the benches. Once this has occurred it will be reviewed prior to any modifications to the remaining seats.

These minor adjustments will occur by the end of October 2012. The seats currently conform to design requirements and the modifications proposed are to enhance the seats.

Upgrade of play equipment opposite the Beachfront Hotel

This consists of the painting and servicing of existing equipment at the site and the installation of a new shade structure and bench seating. This element is completed.

Rubberised softfall is proposed to be installed as a replacement for the existing sand fall area around the play equipment. This has been ordered and is expected to be completed within 8 weeks.

Multi-use platform

Originally referred to as the “Outdoor Dance Floor”, this project was proposed to include a weather proof dance floor, with seating, lighting and permanent power.

The concept and proposed location in parkland at the northern end of Aralia Street was sent to identified stakeholders including dance groups, Ausdance and the Seabreeze Festival.

A significant number of responses were received and represented varying and diverse views and desires on the design elements and location.

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Following consultation with the Northern Territory Government it was decided to engage the consultants Michels Warren Munday, community engagement specialists, to undertake a detailed consultation and engagement process of all likely stakeholder to progress the project. A plan has been developed and it will be funded via the grant.

It is hoped that a scope and location for this project can be determined from this consultation to allow broader community consultation and the progression of the project. At present the project is on hold awaiting direction from the Government.

Furthermore, the terminology describing the project has been amended by the Northern Territory Government from “dance floor” to “multi-use platform”.

Upgrade of Tennis Courts in Bill Bell Park on the corner of Aralia and Jacaranda Streets

This consists of refurbishment works for two courts to include:

- demolition of existing surfaces and fencing;
- reinstatement of playing surface, rebound wall, line marking and root barrier;
- reinstatement of fencing;
- provision of additional stadium seating unit;
- replacement of two umpire chairs;
- installation of one (1) disable parking space and access to courts; and
- improved access paths and other associated infrastructure.

Letters have been sent to residents advising of the proposed works and some feedback was been received, which was considered and accommodated within the current project. This includes but is not limited to a higher rebound wall of a smooth consistent surface, new compliant nets, repositioning of stadium seats for increased shading and the inclusion of umpire seats to accommodate more than one person, similar to existing chairs.

Comments were also received from Tennis NT requesting the courts be built to comply with competition standards. This is beyond the original scope of replacing “like for like”. Furthermore, without relocation of the courts and loss of significant trees there is insufficient room to accommodate this request.

The intent of these courts is to provide for social and community casual use not a competition standard facility.

The project is therefore proceeding within the original scope of refurbishment and replacement.

The rebound surface will be green for the court area and red/maroon for the fun-off areas.

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The rebound wall has been removed and reinstated with increased dimensions to be approximately one metre higher and a total of two metres wider than previous.

Previous dimensions: 2.3 metres high by 3.5 metres wide.

New dimensions: 3.4 metres high by 5.5 metres wide.

Works have commenced and are approximately 70% completed.

Establishment of disabled parking, seating and fencing is yet to occur. The playing surface requires 28 days to cure prior to painting and line marking and it is anticipated that the project will be completed by the end of October 2012.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Community consultation is being undertaken, as described within the body of the report.

In preparing this report the following parties were consulted:

Team Leader Capital Works
Capital Works Coordinator & Supervisor (Civil)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

These projects have been previously approved by Council.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Northern Territory Government are providing funds of up to \$1 million for these works. The City of Darwin is providing in-kind resources in the form of staff time to deliver the projects.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The upgrade and refurbishment works of aging assets will likely reduce Council's risks.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The locations of seating along the foreshore were selected to utilise shade from existing trees and therefore material shade.

The tennis court upgrades have been designed to minimise impact on the park and existing landscaping.

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COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

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