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SECTION 2 - Mayoral Minutes

MM - Proposed Location for the Replacement of the Windsor Bridge - (79353, 107)

REPORT:

Councillors may be aware of an article on the front page of the Hawkesbury Gazette on Wednesday, 22 April 2009 alluding to possible heritage impacts from the RTA's proposed location for the replacement of the Windsor Bridge.

On 17 June 2008 the State Government announced that \$25 million would be spent on replacing the Windsor Bridge. Following this announcement, representatives of the RTA, in a presentation to Council, outlined the proposals that were being considered as part of the project. The proposals included locations along with the benefits and concerns associated with those locations. Councillors may remember that there were two options proposed for the site downstream of the existing bridge, a higher level option which would allow trucks and buses access to the wharf, under the new structure, and having a reduced grade on the approach to George Street, and a lower level option which would not allow access beneath the new bridge and would also have a steeper grade on the approach to George Street.

Other options included access basically following the current alignment through the cutting within Thompsons Square, with the new bridge located just upstream of the existing bridge, access via Baker Street, access via Kable Street, access off McGraths Hill flats, east of South Creek and following Palmer Street, and a link from Punt Road at Pitt Town to King Road at Wilberforce.

The higher level option on the eastern side of Thompsons Square which was generally supported at the briefing includes the filling of the current cutting and reinstatement of the Square to its more original form. It also gave the added advantage of the deck level being around two metres higher than the existing bridge level. To put this into perspective, during the last 100 years, the existing bridge was covered by floodwater 59 times whereas the new deck level would have been inundated 28 times.

The purpose of this Mayoral minute is to confirm Councils strong support of the location of the proposed new bridge on the eastern side of Thompsons Square (extension of Bridge Street), at the higher level and advise the RTA of Councils support.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Councils strong support of the location of the proposed new bridge over the Hawkesbury River at Windsor on the eastern side of Thompsons Square (extension of Bridge Street), at the higher level be confirmed and the RTA be advised accordingly.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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