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ITEM NUMBER	11.1
SUBJECT	Epping Town Centre Traffic Study exhibition
REFERENCE	F2017/00210 - D06413142
REPORT OF	Snr Project Officer

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That** Council note the submissions and other feedback received during the public exhibition of the Epping Town Centre Traffic Study, as summarised in this report and attachments.
- (b) **That** Council note that the Traffic Study is underpinned by a Traffic Model that was prepared in consultation with NSW Roads and Maritime Services, is a 'live' document, and will be continually refined over time.
- (c) **That** Council note that the Traffic Model will be used by Council staff in assessing development applications and planning proposals, received within the town centre.
- (d) **That** Council note the Traffic Study assessed the traffic benefits of various potential local and State road improvement works, but as a traffic assessment it did not consider the works' costs or Council's capacity to fund them.
- (e) **That** Council endorse the preparation of a draft Epping Town Centre Transport Delivery Plan identifying:
 - i. Local works – that Council will deliver, including how much they will cost, how they will be funded, and when they will be delivered; and
 - ii. State works – for use by Council as a vehicle to advocate for the State Government to deliver.
- (f) **Further, that** Council note that the draft Transport Delivery Plan will:
 - i. be based on works recommended for further investigation in this report that takes into account the Epping Town Centre Traffic Study's findings and feedback received during its exhibition; and
 - ii. be reported back to Council for endorsement, alongside a new harmonised City of Parramatta development contributions framework, anticipated by the end of 2019.

SUMMARY

1. This report informs Council of the outcomes of the recent public exhibition of the Epping Town Centre Traffic Study (the Traffic Study) and provides recommendations on responding to the Traffic Study's findings and feedback received during its exhibition. Refer to **Attachment 1**.
2. The town centre has experienced unprecedented development since the State Government changed the town centre's planning controls in 2014. Development has occurred substantially faster than the Government forecast and Council has requested various actions to assist with addressing community concerns arising from this development.
3. Key actions requested by Council are the preparation and public exhibition of the Traffic Study. The Traffic Study assessed the likely traffic benefits to be provided by potential local and State road improvement works. It did this for two

growth scenarios: a 2026 growth scenario based on 5,000 new dwellings compared to a 2017 base year, and a 2036 growth scenario based on 10,000 new dwellings. A total of 13 works were modelled comprising three local works and 10 State works.

4. The Traffic Study's key finding is that the modelled Council and State road improvement works will provide some benefit by slowing the rate at which traffic worsens, however, traffic will still worsen over time even if all the modelled works are implemented.
5. The Traffic Study was exhibited between 25 July and 11 September 2018. A total of 14 submissions were received from local residents and community groups. Feedback was also received at a community information session and drop-in session.
6. Most submissions suggested additional works not included in the Traffic Study, to assist with addressing traffic in the town centre. Submissions that commented on modelled works expressed mixed views about particular works. Submissions also provided comments on other matters not related to physical road works, such as changing planning controls to limit development or change parking rates.
7. In response to the Traffic Study's findings and feedback received during the exhibition, it is proposed to prepare a draft Epping Town Centre Transport Delivery Plan (Transport Delivery Plan). The Transport Delivery Plan will identify works Council will deliver and works Council will advocate for the State Government to deliver, beyond those works already committed to by Council and the State Government.
8. It is expected that many of the Council works items will be partly or fully funded by development contributions, and the Transport Delivery Plan will be reported to Council alongside a new harmonised City of Parramatta development contributions framework, anticipated by the end of 2019.
9. Overall, the proposed works items will assist with cumulatively addressing traffic issues in Epping town centre. They will provide increased capacity and supply, and will be supported by some recommended demand-management measures, such as changes to onsite parking controls, which are the subject of a separate concurrent report to Council.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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