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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES
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Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA: To ask the Minister for City Services

Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate, 2018–19 Annual Report, output class 2.1 Roads and Infrastructure.

In relation to the Molonglo River bridge crossing (John Gorton Drive)

1. Early design work for this bridge is underway, with \$1.25 million having been provided for planning and early design in the 2018–19 budget. How much funding was allocated towards this project in the 2019–20 budget?
2. What is expected total cost of constructing this bridge?
3. What is the expected timeline for the construction of this bridge?
4. Who has been contracted to complete the planning and early design?
5. This bridge will support significant land releases in Molonglo, including the full development of Denman Prospect, Whitlam and the Molonglo Commercial Centre. What is the proposed timeline for each of these land releases?
6. Current artist impressions do not include light rail, but the bridge is expected to carry this capacity. How and where will this structure accommodate a future light rail line?
7. How will residents be able to access Coppins Crossing once this bridge is complete?
8. When will construction on John Gorton Drive Duplication (3B) commence and conclude?

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. Nil.
2. The final cost estimate being delivered as part of the early design is still being confirmed.
3. As per the Infrastructure Plan, design and construction is expected to commence in 2020-21 and be completed in 2024.
4. Jacobs Group (Australia) Pty Ltd.
5. Denman Prospect is a staged delivery with the Indicative Land Release Program showing the following releases:
 - 300 high density residential blocks in 2021-22; and
 - 200 high density residential blocks in 2022-23.

Whitlam is a staged delivery with the Indicative Land Release Program showing the following releases:

- 600 residential blocks in 2019-20;
 - 600 residential blocks in 2020-21;
 - 500 residential blocks in 2021-22;
 - 50,000m2 community (government school) in 2021-22; and
 - 10,000m2 local centre (Molonglo Town Centre (previously known as Molonglo Commercial Centre)) in 2021-22.
6. The photomontages released do show light rail. The bridge is being designed to accommodate light rail and associated infrastructure. The light rail will be in the bridge median, between the road carriageways.
 7. The existing Coppins Crossing will remain in place and be used for active travel and equestrian river access and crossing. The final arrangement and incorporation of the crossing will be part of the Molonglo River Reserve.
 8. Construction of John Gorton Drive 3B is underway and due for completion in mid-2020.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services

Signature:



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By the Minister for Roads and Active Travel, Mr Chris Steel MLA