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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked By: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City Services

Reference: City Services

Hearing Date: 24/07/2024

In relation to: Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate and Phillip Business Community

QON lodgement Date: 26/07/2024

Answer Due date: 02/08/2024

Bitumen footpaths & gutters - the Phillip business community has reported bad service for many local streets, in particular:

- 1) Townshend St, Phillip - Over the past 6 years several Fix My Street requests have been submitted to fix the broken and unsafe paths on Townshend St (particularly at the Botany Street end) where it has become unsafe and loose in parts. When will this street be fixed?
- 2) Colbee Court, Phillip – Over the past 6 years several Fix My Street requests have been submitted to address broken, uneven/unsafe, bitumen footpaths and gutters in the street. When will this street be fixed?

Parking – a formal study:

- 3) Has a formal study been considered in the Phillip Business Precinct for parking (between Hindmarsh, Athlon & Melrose Drives) that takes into consideration the needs of parking for staff and customers to the precinct both service (as employees) and be serviced (as customers) and the potential for multi-storey paid parking arrangements?
- 4) What studies are currently being done into Parking across the ACT? And does the 2024-25 budget provide funding for any parking studies?

Minister Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- 1) Roads ACT regularly undertake inspections of Fix My Street footpath maintenance requests. From these inspections, work orders are raised to rectify footpath issues and are assigned a priority level. Priority levels are assigned based on a number of factors including the extent of damage, risk posed by the damage, location and other factors.

In June 2024, four work orders in and around Townshend Street and Colbee Court, totalling 66.8m² of damaged path were repaired. There are more work orders in and around these

areas (approximately 20). These will be attended to in line with their priority levels and other competing priorities.

- 2) As above.
- 3) A formal study was undertaken in 2017 that included extensive consultation with the Phillip Business community. The outcome of the consultation was that the majority of the businesses were only in support of some localised parking changes and were not in support of paid parking which would create a greater turnover of parking in the area.

Given the results of the 2017 parking study no further parking studies in the Phillip Business District are currently planned.

The Phillip Business District has several parking options, including public on-street parking and public and private off-street parking. The nearby Woden Town Centre offers a range of alternative parking options for long stays in the existing multi story and surface carparks. These carparks typically charge a daily or hourly fee. Alternatively, park and ride facilities across Canberra allow employees to park their vehicle and use public transport to reach the Phillip Business District. The potential for further multi storey parking in the Phillip Business District is not currently under consideration.

- 4) The ACT Government has a planned approach to parking, with developments required to provide adequate parking for their intended land use. This planned approach means that parking studies are typically only required on an ad hoc basis where specific parking problems are identified.

Roads ACT regularly undertakes small parking studies across the Territory, usually resulting in minor changes to on street parking restrictions These studies are funded via the recurrent Minor New Works budget.

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Signature: 

Date: 2/8/24

By the Minister for City Services, Tara Cheyne MLA