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Mr Andrew Barr MLA

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ACT Legislative Assembly

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CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Treasurer

Andrew

I am seeking your agreement to the reallocation of \$1.111m of capital works appropriation within the existing Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) capital works program.

The Kent Street – Novar Street Intersection Upgrades capital works project is experiencing a cost pressure due to the project now requiring the off-ramp from Adelaide Avenue to be two lanes wide. This is to enable movement and provide safe systems at the intersection with Kent Street for the high volumes of vehicles exiting Adelaide Avenue to access the Yarralumla and Deakin residential areas along with the Deakin health services hub.

Increasing capacity at this intersection will result in reduced emissions due to idling vehicles stopped on the off-ramp and will also improve safety as the traffic queue will not extend to, or impede, Adelaide Avenue. As a result of these design requirements, a major Telstra pit and other services previously not impacted by the proposed works will need to be relocated. Additional pavement and associated works will also need to be constructed, with additional temporary traffic management now being required to manage traffic on Adelaide off-ramp during these construction works.

TCCS has reviewed their Infrastructure Delivery Program and identified savings on the projects listed below to offset the above cost pressures:

- Lake Tuggeranong Water Quality Improvement Stage 2 has **\$141k available**; and
- Improving our Suburbs – New Molonglo Valley infrastructure has **\$970k available**.

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The total available funds are **\$1.111m**. These savings have been achieved through unused contingencies.

Thank you for considering the proposed reallocation of funds to complete this important strategic transport project.

Should you require any additional information on these projects, please contact Bruce Fitzgerald, Executive Group Manager, Infrastructure Delivery and Waste, on 6205 8294.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C Steel', is positioned above the printed name.

Chris Steel MLA
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