# 11 ELECTED MEMBERS' MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

# 11.1 COUNCILLOR MOTION

The following motion has been proposed by Cr Rodda:

That Council, recognising the community concern with pedestrian crossing of Curtin Avenue, as evidenced by letters, emails, and personal petitions to Councillors and following public presence at Council and Committee meetings, petition the Minister for Transport and the local member of Parliament, to develop and fund pedestrian crossing solutions for the crossing of Curtin Avenue at the Forrest Street and Salvado Street intersections.

#### STAFF COMMENT

Councillors are aware of the community concerns regarding the Forrest Street and Savaldo Street crossings of Curtin Avenue. Aside from direct approaches to Councillors, a number of emails have been sent directly to staff regarding this concern. In addition, a community member highlighted concern at the November Works and Corporate Committee meeting and another community member noted concern at the November Community Crime and Safety Committee.

In response to an initial concern raised by a Cottesloe resident with the local member of Parliament's office, officer's drafted a letter to Main Roads, dated 27 March 2015, insisting that responsibility be accepted for the issues created by using Curtin Avenue as a major distributor and a heavy haulage route. This letter noted that the intersection of Forrest Street and Curtin Avenue already has a two meter wide median, and for a local road carrying local traffic, this should be adequate. This letter noted that the need to do more is created by Curtin Avenue being used as a major distributor road and a heavy haulage route. A copy of this letter was sent to the office of the Minister for Transport and the Premier. A copy of this letter is attached (Letter 1).

In response to the Town's letter, the Minister for Transport's office provided a response on 13 May 2015. In the response a commitment was made to have Main Roads investigate how they can assist with the issue. At the completion of this investigation, the letter from the Minister for Transport's office committed to provide details to the Town. To date, no further correspondence has been received. A copy of this letter is included in the attachments (Letter 2).

In addition to the letter from the Minister for Transport's office, the Town received a response from the Managing Director of Main Roads. The Main Roads' letter, dated 17 November 2015, is in response to the Town's original letter of 27 March 2015, although acknowledges that both the Member for Cottesloe (in his capacity as the Premier) and the Minister for Transport, had also subsequently written to Main Roads on the same matter. The letter from Main Roads, while purporting to acknowledge the concerns raised by the Town, makes no commitment to fund infrastructure upgrades or accept responsibility for the road. Also not mentioned in this letter is any effort to investigate the matter, with responsibility appearing to be shirked by requiring the Town to initiate and lead the process. Considering no officer at Main

Roads has been nominated as having responsibility for bringing the Forrest Street crossing to resolution, the effect of the letter is that the Town will need to develop a solution, at its cost, and submit a plan for approval, in accordance with normal Main Roads' processes. Essentially, after a protracted delay, there has been no progression on responsibility for Curtin Avenue and it appears that the State is expecting that the Town of Cottesloe will continue to meet the costs created by the inappropriate use of a local road. A copy of the Main Roads' letter is included as an attachment (Letter 3).

To seek to progress this matter further, officers have written to the Minister for Transport's office to express disappointment in the lack of action on this matter and to again request the State accept responsibility for the road. A copy of this letter is included in the attachments (Letter 4).

It is the case that Curtin Avenue is under the management of the Town, which passes responsibility for the problems to the Town. Ordinarily this should oblige the Town to determine and fund solutions to any issue on the road. However, in the case of Curtin Avenue, the road is a pseudo State road. Curtin Avenue connects to West Coast Highway to the north, which is a State managed road. South of the Town of Mosman Park boundary with the City of Fremantle (600m south of the Town of Cottesloe Boundary), Curtin Avenue is a State managed road. Curtin Avenue is designated a heavy haulage route, being on the Network 2, 3 and 4 Restricted Access Routes. Total traffic volumes on Curtin Avenue are as high as 25,000 vehicle per day, with up to 1,500 heavy vehicles per day. Curtin Avenue is also fed by Stirling Highway.

The use of a local road by the State as a major transport link is inappropriate. The State is expecting the ratepayers of Cottesloe to subside the State transport network. Existing on Curtin Avenue is Council funded infrastructure that far exceeds that required to service a population the size of Cottesloe. It is also notable that the major volume of pedestrians are visitors to Cottesloe beach. As an example of the scale of pedestrians crossing Curtin Avenue, generally heading to the beach, staff undertook a count during early October at the Forrest Street crossing (i.e. before the busy beach season). For the middle part of the day (11am to 3:30pm), pedestrian numbers ranged between 400 to over 600 per hour. In view of the non-local traffic volumes, and the heavy haulage vehicles and pedestrian volumes, the Forrest Street crossing, which is complicated by the adjacent intersection, should be upgraded, and the cost should be met by the State.

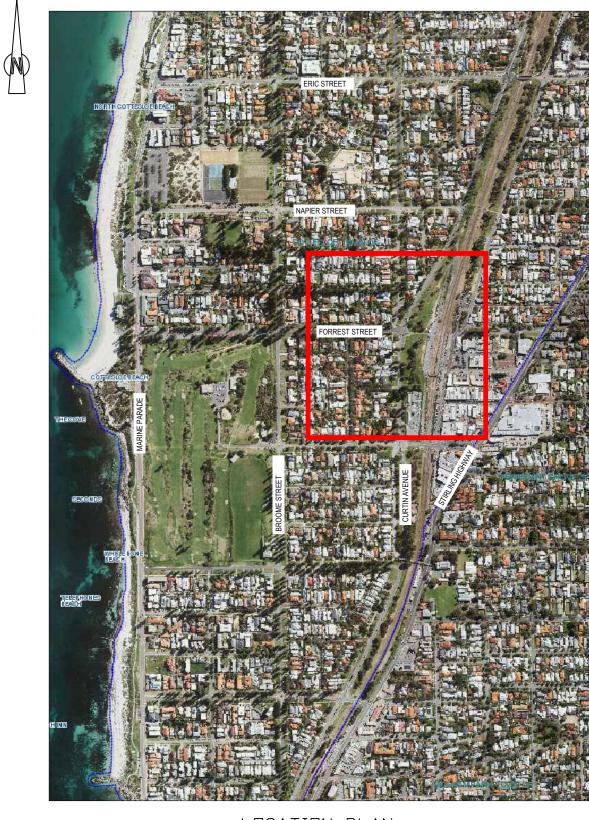
The proposed motion of Cr Rodda is considered appropriate. It is considered reasonable that the State accept responsibility for Curtin Avenue, and the cost to address the deficiencies of the road created by the inappropriate use of the road. Further, as the cost to implement greater solutions to the pedestrian crossing issues, is a substantial impost on the Town, it is unlikely that the Town will have the capacity to pay, and any solution greater than that currently in place (e.g. traffic signals, bridges or underpasses) will require external consultancies which, based on the Main Roads' letter, will be a direct cost to Council. In view of the lack of action by the State, the inappropriate use of Curtin Avenue by the State, the high cost of developing and implementing solutions, it is recommended that Council support Cr Rodda's motion.

### COUNCILLOR MOTION

#### Moved Cr Rodda, seconded Cr Birnbrauer

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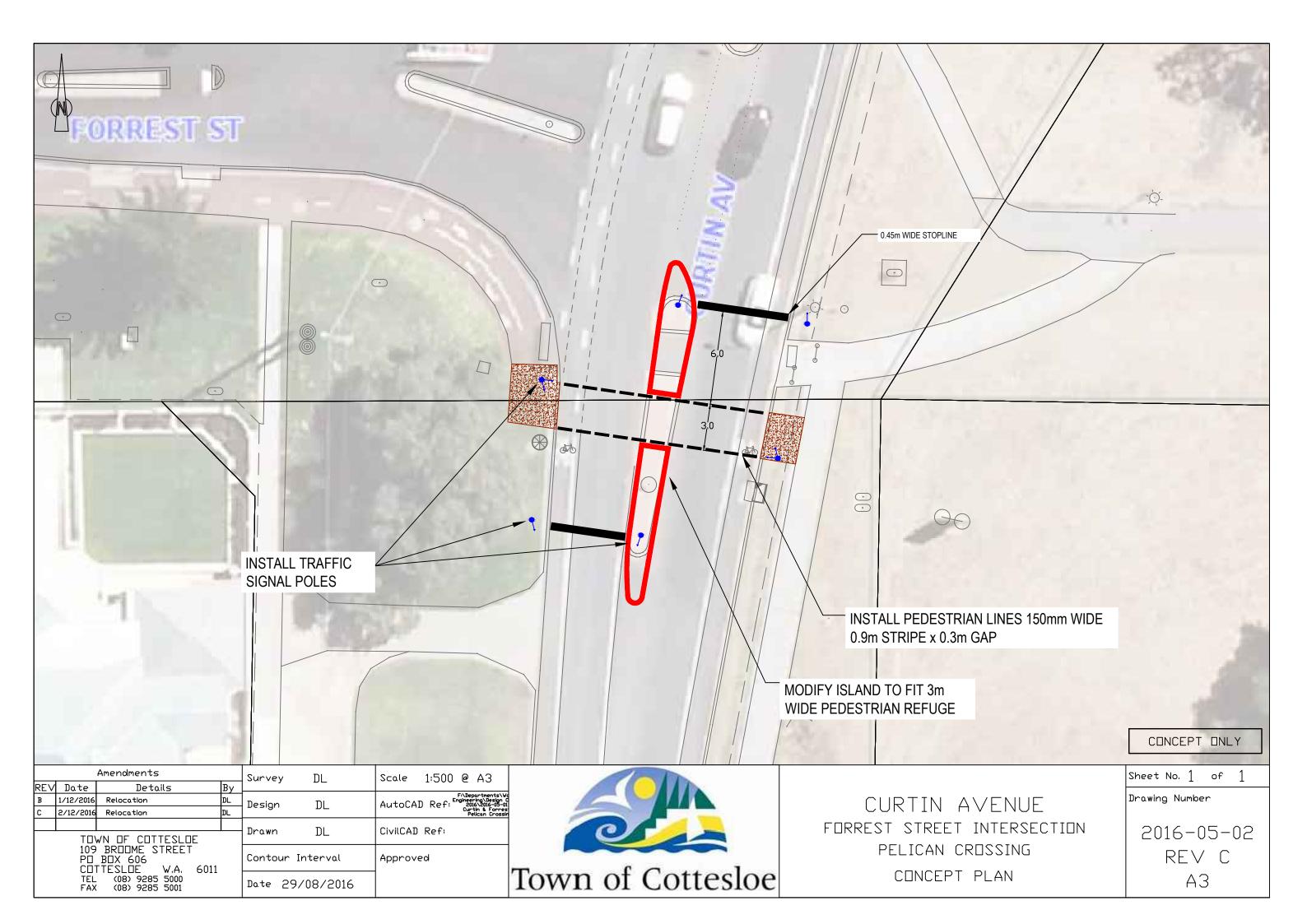
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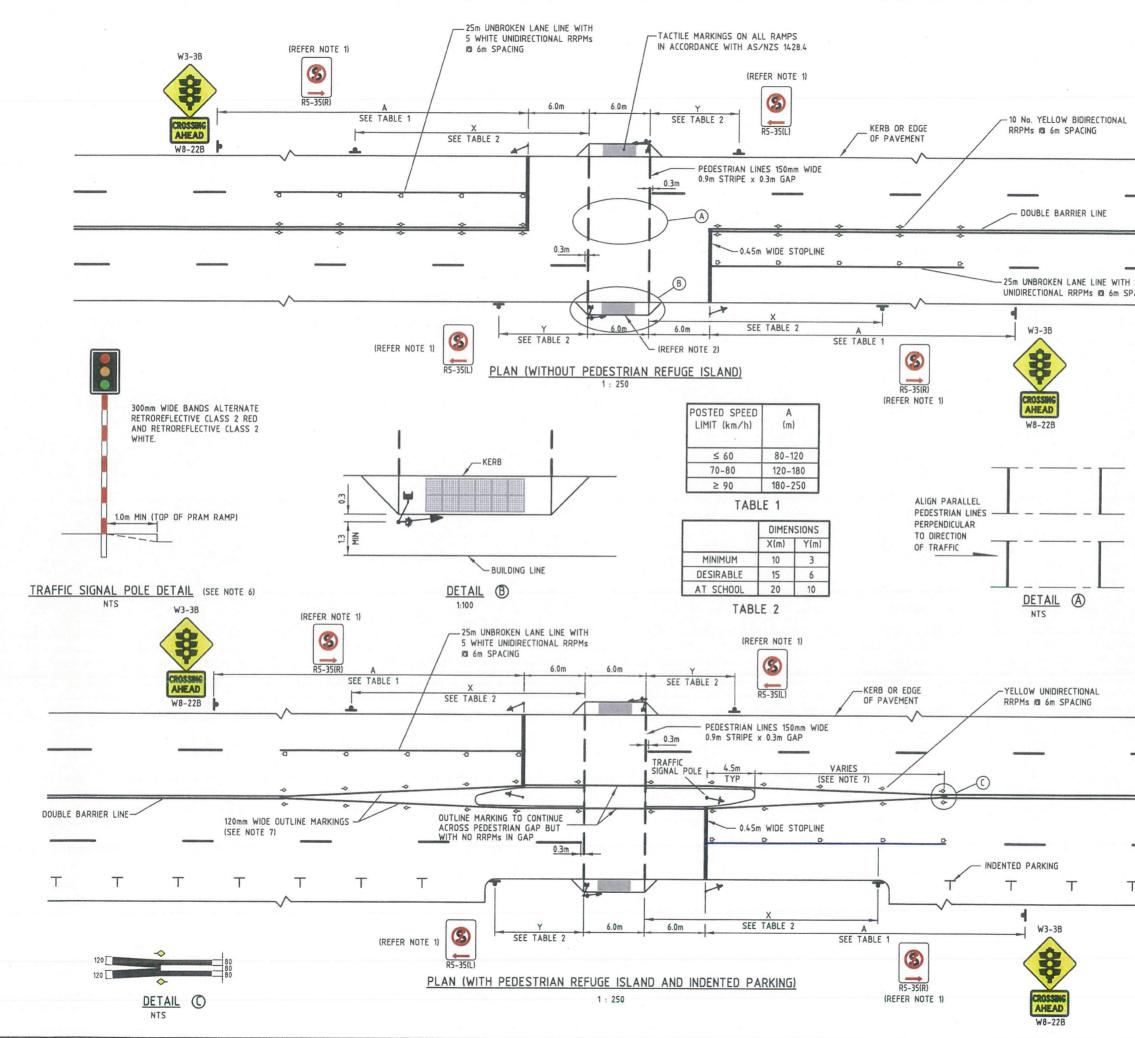
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