

Mundijong Freight Rail Realignment Planning Study

Sincere apologies, this newsletter is being re-issued with a revised map, shown overleaf. The previously distributed map showed an *incorrect alignment* for Option 0 (brown colour), which was eliminated because of social factors such as land and property impacts.

The proposed realignment of the freight rail line through Mundijong and Mardella is a long-term strategic transport project, which will offer improved community safety and amenity. A planning study to identify a preferred rail corridor is currently underway.

Outcomes of community feedback

An initial community information session was held in December 2019 and a letter was sent to property owners in March 2020 to introduce the planning study.

Two community information sessions were held in November and December 2021, and an online survey was run to get feedback on four possible corridor options (see map overleaf). Written submissions were also invited. The online survey results showed:

- A strong preference for Option 0.
- Suggestions for a variation to Option 0, with the rail alignment moved north to occupy the current Tonkin Highway road reserve.
- The survey outcomes report can be viewed at <https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/mfrr>

The four corridor options, and one alternative to Option 0 referred to as Option 4, were then included in a Multi-Criteria Analysis (MCA) which assessed each option against social, engineering, environmental and value for money criteria.

A workshop was held in February 2022 with internal and external stakeholders to work through the evaluation undertaken.

Option 3 was the best scoring corridor, followed by Option 0.

Two short-listed corridor options

Based on the MCA assessment and community feedback, the short-listed corridor options have been determined as Option 3 and Option 0.

Further thoughts from community and stakeholders are now being sought on these options through:

- An Online Community Information Session on **27 April 2022 from 6pm to 8pm**. The registration and webinar link are available under "What's happening" on the project website.
- An online survey
- Written submissions to Miranda Nikolich at enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au
- Stakeholder briefings with the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale, the local Member of Parliament, Arc Infrastructure and Public Transport Authority.

Providing certainty for landowners

It is expected a preferred corridor will be presented for Ministerial endorsement in May 2022. This will allow a Planning Control Area (PCA) to be established to protect the land for the railway and highway reservations and will inform the future inclusion of the railway and highway reservations into the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS).

Further project development and costing will then be undertaken to support the MRS amendment process, including initiation of a Rail Enabling Act to enable construction in the future. Funding is allocated to the current planning work to enable the land for the future rail to be reserved within the MRS. There is currently no construction funding.

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