

June 2012

Busselton Outer Bypass Planning Study

Results of Community Consultation Program (September to October 2011)

This newsletter provides the Busselton and surrounding communities with the outcomes of the community consultation program conducted to gain feedback on options for the future Busselton Outer Bypass (BOB) between September and October 2011. This was part of the planning study by Main Roads to define the general corridor alignment for the future BOB.

A brochure entitled Project Overview: Busselton Outer Bypass Planning Study August 2011 was distributed throughout Busselton and surrounding areas to gain community, business and road user feedback on two alignment options - the Blue Option and the Yellow Option. Meetings were held with landowners on request.

Consultation Results

A total of 65 responses were received from landowners, the community and businesses, and of these, 21 were from directly affected landowners, with the preferences split three ways - eight disagreeing with the Yellow Option, six disagreeing with the Blue Option and seven disagreeing with both options. The issues raised by landowners included: loss of property value and compensation; property severance; impact on property access and operations; impact on amenity; and heritage and environmental impacts.

The remaining responses from community members and the Busselton and Districts Residents' Association indicated that 78 per cent preferred the Blue Option.

The comparative assessment of the two options showed a clear preference for the Blue Option, as reported in the August 2011 Project Overview (available at www.mainroads.wa.gov.au - select Projects, and then Planning Projects).

What has happened since consultation?

In December 2011, the Shire of Busselton endorsed the Blue Option as the preferred general corridor alignment. In March 2012, the Western Australian Planning Commission's South West Region Planning Committee met and resolved to approve the adoption of the Blue Option to guide future planning of the BOB.

Therefore, the Yellow Option will not be considered any further.

What are the next steps in this planning study process?

Main Roads will now undertake an Alignment Definition study on the Blue Option to define the road reservation requirements for the future BOB. Further community and stakeholder consultation will be undertaken, particularly with directly affected landowners. The outcome of this work will be a final road reservation. At this stage, there is no Federal or State Government commitment or funding to construct the proposed BOB.

Further information

Main Roads thanks you for your patience and interest in this process. If you have any further queries, please contact Community Relations Consultant Carolyn Walker on phone: 9450 1445 or email: icwalker@vianet.net.au.







Government of Western Australia Department of Planning

