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19-038

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Freedom of Information requests

Transport Canberra and City Services
GPO Box 158
Canberra City, ACT 2601
Good morning,

I write to request under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act) documents generated or received by the ACT Government in relation to the assessment conducted of pedestrian crossing needs by officers from TCCS on Burkitt St, Page in 2018 (please refer to paragraph 3 of petition No 10-18, as attached).

I make this request pursuant to section 30 of the FOI Act.

As a member of the ACT Legislative Assembly, I note that any fees and charges associated with this request will be waived pursuant to section 107 (2)(e) of the Act.

Should you require any further information or clarification about my request, please contact my office on

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Member for Yerrabi

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Mr Tom Duncan
Clerk
ACT Legislative Assembly
London Circuit
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mr Duncan *Tom*

Thank you for your letter of 10 April 2018 regarding petition No 10-18, lodged by Ms Elizabeth Kikkert MLA on behalf of Page residents regarding the need to increase active living options for senior citizens in Page, specifically considering the following:

- a pedestrian crossing on Burkitt Street Page;
- a footpath from Burkitt street along Birrell Street to the Birrell Street playground; and
- benches and fitness equipment at the Birrell Street playground.

Pedestrian crossing

An assessment of the pedestrian crossing needs on Burkitt Street has been undertaken recently and officers from Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) have visited the site and undertaken traffic and pedestrian counts. The results of the assessment suggest that very few pedestrians cross Burkitt Street and that a zebra crossing would not be appropriate at this location.

TCCS are aware that older pedestrians do need assistance to cross and they are investigating other options to assist pedestrians to cross, such as road narrowing, traffic calming or a pedestrian refuge island.

In addition, the existing warning signs, which are of an older style, will be replaced with a higher standard sign that is more visible.

Footpaths

I am pleased to advise the following footpath improvements in Page will be implemented by the end of July 2018 weather permitting:

- a new path along Birrell Street between Burkitt Street and Knaggs Crescent;
- a new path along Knaggs Crescent between Burkitt Street and Dalachy Street; and
- a new path connecting Thozet Place and Bynoe Place through the open space.

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The ACT Government recognises the importance of improving community paths and cycling facilities to provide safe and attractive routes and is working hard to improve the existing path networks and create additional new path connections.

Playground upgrade

I am advised that the playground at Birrell Street which previously consisted of only a swing set, was upgraded in May 2017. The playground now includes a children's slide, swing set, steering wheel, abacus panel, fire pole, ramp climber, monkey bars, balance beam, pommel walk, chin up bar, chain balance walk and a net climber.

The closest fitness station is located at Beaurepaire Crescent Neighbourhood Park in Holt. It consists of a chin up bar, a push up bar and parallel bars. In general, fitness equipment is located in higher use parks where it will benefit the maximum number of users. A larger community fitness station site is located at John Knight Memorial Park which consists of a large range of equipment including a vault, shoulder press, aerobic walker and many more activities.

In addition, a developer undertaking work in West Belconnen advises that fitness equipment will be installed at the Strathnairn Community Recreation Irrigated Park that will be built within the next year.

Currently, there are 21 Canberra suburbs which have fitness equipment such as sit up benches, chin-up bars and balance beams available at a local park or open space. A list of these suburbs and the fitness equipment available is at www.act.gov.au/outdoorfitness.

The ACT Government is aware of a growing community demand for more relevant and appropriate playground facilities and exercise equipment in established suburbs. The current approach to the provision and management of established playgrounds is being reviewed by TCCS in light of this community demand and other factors such as changing demographics.

In addition, a community engagement process underway through the 'Better Suburbs' initiative will be used to inform future policy approaches and decision-making about how best to meet community needs in a sustainable way. You can access more information about this initiative including opportunities to have your say at www.yoursay.act.gov.au/BetterSuburbs.

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust the information provided is of assistance.

Yours sincerely




Meegan Fitzharris MLA
Minister for Transport and City Services



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Dear Ms Kikkert

Freedom of information request: Reference – 19-038

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), received by Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate (TCCS) on 26 April 2019, in which you sought access to:

- documents generated or received by the ACT Government in relation to the assessment conducted of pedestrian crossing needs by officers from TCCS on Burkitt Street, Page in 2018.

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

TCCS was required to provide a decision on your access application on 24 May 2019. You have agreed to extension of 6 June 2019.

Decision on access

Searches were completed for relevant documents and 1 document (2 pages) was identified that fall within the scope of your request.

I have provided you with full access to the document at [Attachment A](#).

In reaching my decision I have taken the following into account:

- the FOI Act in particular Schedule 2; and
- the content of the documents that fall within the scope your request.

As an Information Officer, I am required to decide where, on balance, public interest lies. As part of this process I must consider factors favouring disclosure and non-disclosure.

Factors favouring disclosure (Schedule 2)

- Section 2.1 (a)(iii) – inform the community of the government’s operations, including the policies, guidelines and codes of conduct followed by the government in its dealings with members of the community; and
- Section 2.1 (a)(viii) – reveal the reason for a government decision and any background or contextual information that informed the decision.

Factors favouring non-disclosure (Schedule 2)

- Section 2.2 (a)(ii) – prejudice the protection of an individual’s right to privacy or any other right under the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

Release of the information is in the public interest as it informs the community of the government’s operations which can affect members of the community and the process followed by government in relation to such matters. It also improves the Directorate’s accountability for decisions it makes by being transparent in releasing the information.

In my consideration of protecting an individual’s right to privacy, I note that the document includes no names or photographs of pedestrians or residents and I therefore have no concern with full disclosure of the document.

Charges

No fee is payable as the number of pages being released is within the fee-free threshold.

Online publishing – disclosure log

Under section 28 of the Act, TCCS maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application, my decision and documents released to you will not be published as it is not in the public interest to publish online documents comprising a release sought in response to a personal matter.

Ombudsman review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in TCCS’ disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Via email: ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision.

Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
Level 4, 1 Moore Street
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
www.acat.act.gov.au

If you have any queries concerning the directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact the directorate's FOI Coordinator on 6205 5408 or email tccs.foi@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Hughes', written in a cursive style.

Cherie Hughes
Information Officer

6 June 2019

Burkitt Street & Birrell Street, PAGE

Request for Pedestrian Crossing

25/05/2018

Friday



Time	Burkitt Street		Birrell Street	TOTAL	Pedestrians
	eastbound	westbound	northbound		
8:30-8:45am	6	9	2	17	2 east-west along Burkitt
8:45-9:00am	12	9	0	21	1 elderly crossing Burkitt + 1 east-west along Burkitt
9:00-9:15am	9	6	0	15	2 east-west along Burkitt
9:15-9:30am	16	7	1	24	1 adult & 1 child crossing Burkitt + 2 east-west along Burkitt
Total	43	31	3	77	3

Assessment against Pedestrian Crossing Warrants:

	Peds/hr	Veh/hr
Warrant	>60	>600
Hurtle Avenue	3	77
	X	X



Observations:

Morning count

- there is currently "Aged" Pedestrian Warning signs in along Burkitt Street (not fluro).
- there is a footpath in good condition along the northern side of Burkitt Street, there is no footpaths on the southern side. There is a pram ramp on the west side of the retirement village driveway which aligns with an old pram ramp on the southern side. There is a an old pram ramp on the southwest corner of Birell Street that does not link to any other facility.
- There is a curve on Burkitt Street, west of the intersection, however sight distance appears to be adequate.
- All the pedestrians observed were elderly except for a adult with a young child.