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Councillor Jenny Hill  
Mayor  
Townsville City Council  
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*Dear Jenny*

I refer to our recent discussions about the Townsville Central Business District bus interchange.

Following these discussions about the proposed conditions, please confirm your agreement to the revised main conditions, as specified in the enclosed attachment 1. This relates to Townsville City Council's proposal to locate a new bus interchange on the site between Ogden and Hanran Streets as indicated in the enclosed attachment 2. Your confirmation would be appreciated as soon as possible.

Upon your agreement of these conditions, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will prepare a draft deed. Once agreed and executed, the deed will allow for the first tranche of funding to be released and the project to move into the design and delivery phases.

If you require further information, please contact Mr Vincent Doran, Acting Executive Director (Service Planning), TransLink Division, TMR, by telephone on 3338 4258 or email at [vincent.doran@translink.com.au](mailto:vincent.doran@translink.com.au).

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

**STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP**  
Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games

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## Attachment 1

The following conditions have been developed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR), TransLink Division. They are the basic requirements which Townsville City Council (TCC / Council) must agree to.

If agreed to, these draft conditions would then be developed further into a legal Deed of Agreement between the State and Council. Therefore, they should be considered as basic minimums, which will inform the development of the Legal Deed.

The following are, but not limited to, TMR's draft funding conditions:

1. Council must purchase the block of land between Ogden and Hanran Streets (Lot 25/T118221) where an existing hardware business is located. Council must demolish the existing building and formally declare the land as road reserve for the new bus interchange. This aligns with previous commitments from Council, and the latest high level concept proposal which Council have provided TMR (Attachment 2). This condition is essential to enable acceptable network operations for an Ogden Street option.
2. TCC to actively pursue the removal of a building between Flinders Street and Ogden Street, which would be in alignment with the new bus interchange to provide a safer pedestrian access route to an Ogden Street facility from Flinders Street. This would have to be legally declared as a public right of way, to ensure it is not redeveloped for commercial purposes. In the event that the removal of the building is not possible, TCC are to ensure there is a safe, accessible, suitable and fit for purpose direct pedestrian connection between Flinders Street and their proposed bus facility on Ogden Street which would be designed and delivered by Council. TCC are to commission an independent Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) audit of the proposed pedestrian connection(s) as outlined in condition 3 of this document.
3. Council must commission an independent CPTED audit and an independent Road Safety Audit for their Ogden Street option. All recommendations and risks must be accepted by Council and where necessary addressed by Council. Council are to provide TMR with proposals which ensures that appropriate levels of customer and public safety can be achieved through the proposed design solution. It is expected that this will include as a minimum:
  - a. Council to provide CCTV cameras at the new station, Ogden Street and pedestrian connection to Flinders Street. These new cameras shall be connected to Council existing CCTV which Council shall actively monitor 24 hours per day
  - b. Council to provide additional street lighting in the station area to meet relevant Australian Standards and improve personal safety as a part of the project
  - c. Upgrades to provide a safe attractive and accessible (to DDA accessibility standards) linkage through the two inner-building arcades connecting Flinders Street to Ogden Street
  - d. Any other reasonable recommendations from the audits which are in the interests of public and road safety.
4. Council must undertake all design and construction activities with TMR providing input to design and construction approvals. The design is to meet TMR's standards for accessibility, roads design, public transport infrastructure design, safety, security, network legibility and most likely include the TransLink branding.
5. The design must allow for a bus driver facility in the vicinity of the bus interchange to assist minimising operational costs.
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7. Council are responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the bus facility and street scaping and all associated facilities including lighting and CCTV.

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This clause will be reviewed in three years' time, which, pending the successful integration of the bus station into the Townsville bus network, the intention will be for council to withdraw their annualised operational funding as the bus interchange matures.

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## Project Funding

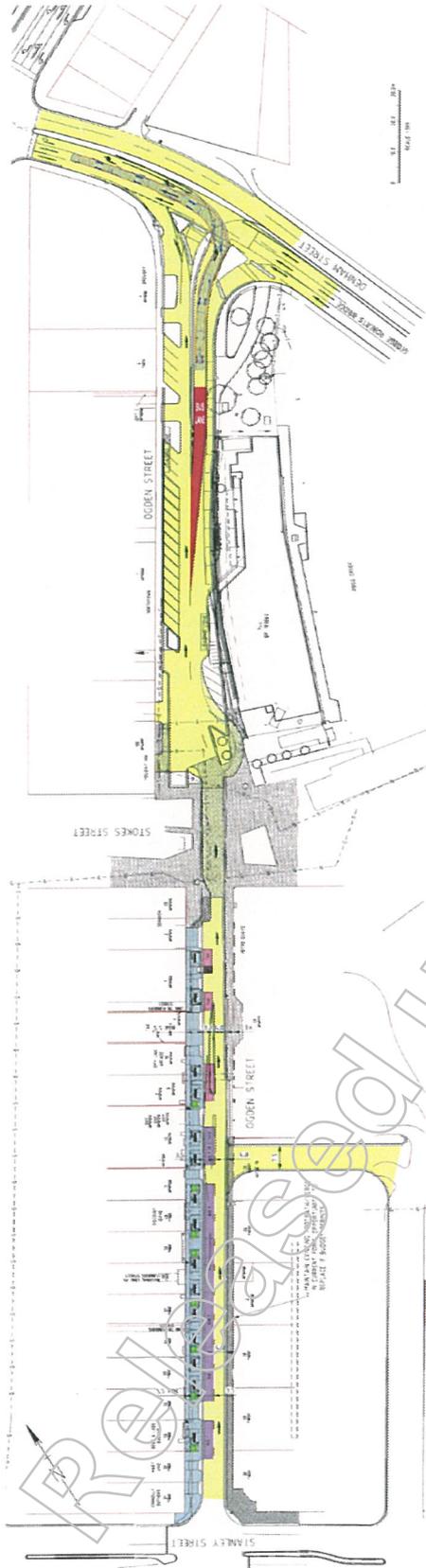
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TMR funding will be limited to the bus interchange works and Council are expected to fund any public realm works. All additional costs required to deliver the project to a standard which meets Queensland Government's standards will be borne by Council.

If any of the conditions are not agreed to or completed by Council, TMR would seek reimbursement for any funds provided through the deed. TMR would then seek to proceed with the Flinders Street option.

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Attachment 2



## Ben J Blythe

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**From:** Benjamin R James  
**Sent:** Monday, 1 August 2016 11:17 AM  
**To:** Vincent P Doran; Thomas S Zeilmeier; Ben J Blythe  
**Cc:** Grant Jalland; Sophie McGuirk  
**Subject:** Outcomes from Townsville meeting

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Morning all,

I bring news (and urgent actions, of course) about the Townsville bus interchange.

As you're aware, the Minister met with Jenny Hill on the weekend about the interchange.

I'm informed that the meeting was positive and Jenny Hill was understanding that further details need to be agreed to for the bus interchange to become a reality on Ogden street. Both parties are desperate however to get an outcome ASAP (Ogden Street I'm informed is now a foregone conclusion, it's more a question of how it's delivered).

As such, Jenny Hill recommended that a letter is sent from Hinchliffe to herself which sets out all of the conditions which we need TCC to agree to if they want Ogden St as its location. The letter should also give Council 30 days to agree to the conditions, to ensure a timely resolution. By the sounds of it Jenny Hill will be able to get Council to agree to most conditions.

I'm told that some written instructions from the Minister paraphrasing the above will come back through to us in the system in the next day or so (takes time for it to filter down), however Mins office want to send the letter on Wednesday, therefore the letter needs to be written ASAP. It can effectively be a copy and paste of the conditions we set out in the brief, should you be comfortable with that.

Vincent, to ensure all conditions are properly articulated I'll leave the enviable task of pulling together a letter for your team to compile. Please touch base with Grant if you need help with templates, general structure and so on. Would be good to have the letter ED approved by midday tomorrow, if possible.

Any questions, shoot me a call.

Thanks,  
Ben

Regards

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