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Dear Councillors

I respectfully advise that the ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING will be held in Council Chambers, York Town Hall, York on Tuesday, 27 October 2026, commencing at 5:00pm.

MEETING LATE AGENDA ATTACHED

Alina Behan

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Date: 27 October 2026

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SY112-10/26 REQUEST FROM MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA D26#1039658 TO ASSESS THE SUITABILITY OF KNOTTS ROAD TO MODIFY THE RESTRICTED ACCESS VEHICLE NETWORK (RAV) RATING

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Previously before Council:	**Nil**
Disclosure of Interest:	**Nil**
Appendices:	**Nil**

NATURE OF COUNCIL'S ROLE IN THE MATTER

Legislative

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider the request by Main Roads WA (MRWA) for an assessment of Knotts Road to determine whether road owner support would be provided for the upgrade to the Tandem Drive Network 4, Concessional Mass Level 3 category.

BACKGROUND

CBH Group, through MRWA Heavy Vehicle Services department (HVS), reference number D26#1039658, are seeking to modify the access approval on Knotts Road, as per the below table:

Dimension Requirements					
Road No.	**Road Name**	**From Location (SLK)**	**To Location (SLK)**	**Current Network**	**Requested Network**
4330028	Knotts Rd	Avon Tce & Great Southern Hwy (0.000)	Site Entrance (0.385)	Tandem Drive Network 4	No change
Mass Requirements					
Road No.	**Road Name**	**From Location (SLK)**	**To Location (SLK)**	**Current Network**	**Requested Network**
4330028	Knotts Rd	Avon Tce & Great Southern Hwy (0.000)	Site Entrance (0.385)	Nil	Concessional Mass Level 3

The Shire notes that whilst the request indicates the SLK 0.000 is the intersection of Knotts Road and Avon Tce & Great Southern Highway, the intersection roads are also known as Knotts Road and Northam Cranbrook Road.

Under MRWA RAV networks conditions, there is a need to seek approval for requests for changes by users to travel on roads controlled by the Shire of York. The proposed route currently consists of a sealed pavement, with varying widths spanning an intersection with a pre-existing designated RAV 4 rating. HVS has requested that the Shire provide traffic volume data, any comments relating to

road condition, road user safety, suitability, planning conflicts, development issues and any other factors which may be impacted by increasing Knotts Road to the requested Concessional Mass Level 3 category and a definitive response as to whether they support the request from CBH Group.

COMMENTS AND DETAILS

The Shire's Operations team has assessed the request and notes that the RAV rating remains at 4. This means that the length of the heavy vehicles remains the same, and the request is seeking only to accommodate increased vehicle weight.

A visual inspection of Knotts road between 0.000 and 0.385 SLK notes the following:

- At 0.000 there is substantial pavement surface cracking and edge breaks, and profile depressions at the intersection including on both Knotts road and Northam Cranbrook Road around the pavement join line between the two roads. The visual cracking and profile changes suggest that the wearing course and base course require remedial and eventual renewal works. Edge breaks on the corner wings of the intersection suggest heavy vehicle runoff leading to premature failure of the pavement edges.



Figure 1: Surface cracking at the road join



Figure 2 Edge breaks along intersection wings



Figure 3 Pavement profile depression



Figure 4 Edge breaks around service pits and surface water

- At 0.385 there is similar intersection wear including evidence of extensive surface cracking, minor potholes and profile depressions. Existing remedial works can be seen with a large section of resurfaced pavement.



Figure 5 Extensive surfacing cracking and minor potholes



Figure 6 Remediated wearing course section

- Between the two intersections the road condition appears to be acceptable with only minor surface cracking and profile changes present.



Figure 7 Between intersections pavement condition appears suitable

The Shire notes that heavier vehicles traversing the route will further expedite the wearing course of pavement, particularly at intersections where turning movements and wheel scrubbing generate highly pressurised surface forces. There are challenges associated with predicting increased wear

and Officers cannot provide quantitative guidance around the rate of increased surface wear for this proposal.

The Shire notes that Knotts road is classified a Local Road and is the Shire's responsibility to manage. Due to resourcing and financial constraints, the Shire is currently unable to accommodate remedial or resurfacing works at either intersection without external support. Officers note the following opportunities when considering RAV proposal for Knotts Road:

- Northam Cranbrook road is a State level road managed by Main Roads WA. Given the current surface condition, it is possible the intersection will be resurfaced in a short to medium term period. When the resurfacing works occur the new pavement will need to be tied in neatly to pavement which is of good condition to ensure the new pavement is not subject to premature surface failures. The current pavement condition of Knotts Road from SLK 0.000 would not support this principle and therefore, a section of Knotts Road will be required to be surfaced during the Northam Cranbrook road works. It is therefore recommended that the Shire seek Main Roads support that when resurfacing Northam Cranbrook road, at least up to SLK 0.02 of Knotts Road is also resurfaced as part of the MRWA project.
- At SLK 0.385 there is extensive pavement damage as a direct result of the vehicle traffic from CBH heavy vehicles. It is therefore recommended that the Shire seek support from CBH for a financial contribution to further remedial works at this intersection.

There is also an existing condition to the RAV rating that states the following:

> "Operation is not permitted while the school bus is operating on the road. Operators must contact the relevant schools and obtain school bus timetables; or where direct contact can be made with the school bus driver, operation is permitted once the school bus driver confirms all school drop-offs/pick-ups have been completed on the road."

The RAV rating request does not seek to remove this condition and Officers recommend that this condition remains in place.

Based on the assessment of the RAV rating proposal by CBH Group, the Shire could only support the request to increase the RAV rating for Knotts road with the following conditions; that:

- MRWA support the Shire for future resurfacing works at SLK 0.000 to SLK 0.0050
- CBH Group support the Shire for future resurfacing works at SLK 0.370 to SLK 0.410
- The existing RAV operation condition around school bus operating hours be retained

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

Option 1: Council could choose to support the request for Knotts Road to be upgraded to the Tandem Drive Network 4, Concessional Mass Level 3 category, with the 3 listed conditions.

Option 2: Council could choose to not support the request for Knotts Road to be upgraded to the Tandem Drive Network 4, Concessional Mass Level 3 category.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

IMPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER

Consultative

Executive Leadership Team
Operations Team

Strategic

Council Plan 2025-2035

Pillar 5: Strong governance, responsive leadership

Community-informed, responsive leadership and strong governance.

Policy Related

Nil

Financial

Nil

Legal and Statutory

Local Government Act 1995
Road Traffic Act 1972
Road Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2012
Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Regulations 2002
Main Roads Act 1930

Risk Related

There is potential low reputational risk to Council should the request from MRWA not be responded to.

Workforce

The scope of this report is managed within current operational capacity.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority: No

RECOMMENDATION

That, with regard to the REQUEST FROM MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA D26#1039658 TO ASSESS THE SUITABILITY OF KNOTTS ROAD TO MODIFY THE RESTRICTED ACCESS VEHICLE NETWORK (RAV) RATING, Council:

1. **Support Knotts Road from Northam Cranbrook Road (SLK 0.000) to the CBH Site Entrance (SLK 0.385) being upgraded to the Tandem Drive Network 4, Concessional Mass Level 3 category.**
2. **Directs the Chief Executive Officer to advise Main Roads WA that the Shire's support of the RAV rating increase is conditional on**
   a. **Project support from Main Roads WA for Knotts Road resurfacing works between SLK 0.000 and SLK 0.050**
   b. **Project support from CBH Group for the Knotts Road resurfacing works between SLK 0.370 and SLK 0.410**
   c. **The existing operational condition around school bus operations remaining.**