

### **Belconnen Transitway Motion (amended)**

That this Assembly:

(1) notes that:

- (a) a petition calling for improved bus priority measures between Belconnen and Canberra City was tabled in the Assembly last sitting week and all three parties voiced their support for such improvements;
- (b) the population in the Belconnen Town Centre has doubled in the last 10 years with more major residential developments being planned or commencing construction;
- (c) there are significant patronage attractors on the corridor including Australian National University, CSIRO, Northside Hospital Precinct, Belconnen Community Centre, CIT Bruce, Radford College and University of Canberra that would benefit from faster and more frequent bus services;
- (d) Canberra Stadium game day matches, and extensive shuttle buses will benefit from bus priority and faster travel times to town centres using a busway;
- (e) there are opportunities to encourage interchanging between local and rapid routes to provide connections to the City and Belconnen directly by providing interchange style facilities at the Australian National University, Northside Hospital, and the University of Canberra, inclusive of end of trip facilities and potential park and ride opportunities;
- (f) Transport Canberra bus routes to and from Belconnen are among the busiest in the city and are getting busier;
- (g) congestion at key intersections along the route is increasingly problematic and causing delays to buses;
- (h) the bus corridor dog leg along College Street and Haydon Drive is currently not the most direct option and adds travel time to journeys from through routed buses in the outer suburbs operating to the City and further south;
- (i) national agencies identified the Belconnen to Civic busway as an infrastructure priority in 2016;
- (j) a future proof solution is required to speed up journeys and make bus travel a more attractive option to commuting to the City by private car; and

(2) calls on the ACT Government to:

- (a) deliver an updated feasibility study which investigates upgrades to the Belconnen Bus Transitway, to inform the delivery of bus priority between Belconnen and Civic in the next term of Government;
- (b) consider other modes of transport during investigations, including future planning for light rail and active travel connections; and
- (c) report back to the Assembly on the progress of these matters by the last sitting day of the 10th Assembly in 2024.
- (d) commit to the delivery of bus priority between Belconnen and Civic before the election of 2028.

Original question, as amended, resolved in the affirmative.