



## TRANSPORT POSITION STATEMENT

### GARDEN STREET

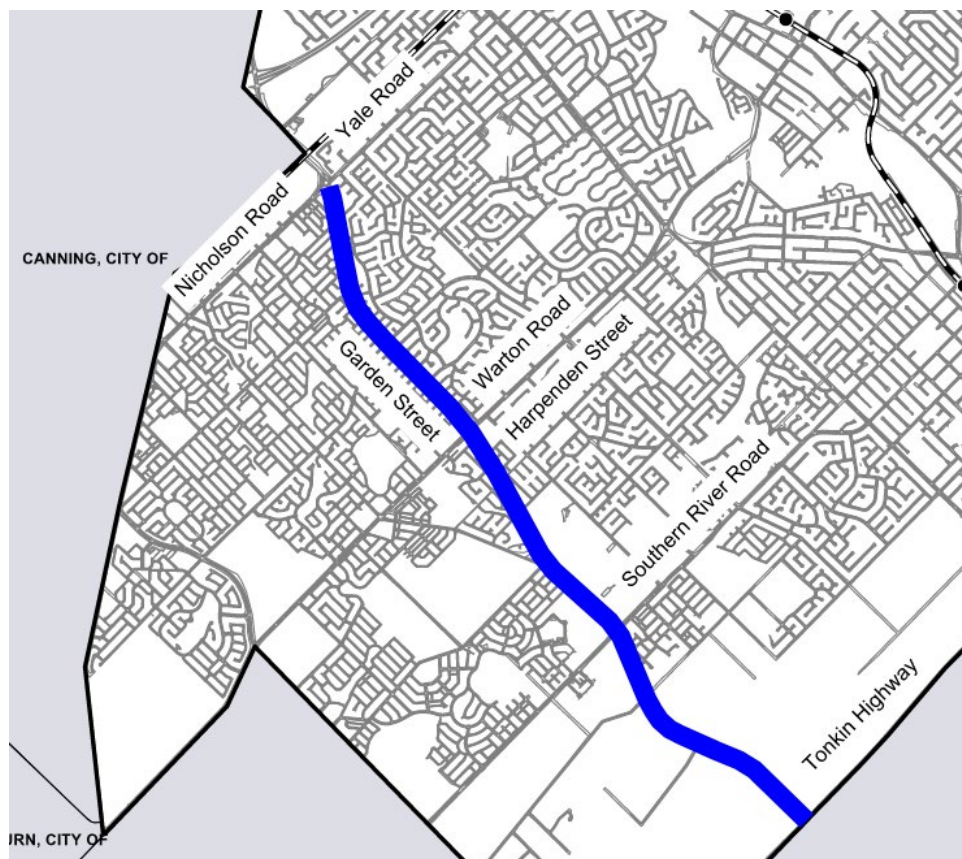
#### COUNCIL'S POSITION

The Garden Street road reservation between Nicholson Road and Tonkin Highway is a Primary Regional Road (Blue Road) as highlighted on the map below. This reservation was adopted in 1980 to ensure that the road network could provide for the transport needs within this area. To date, Garden Street has only been constructed as a Blue Road between Nicholson Road and Harpenden Street.

Council supports the progressive construction of Garden Street to the south east of Harpenden Street, in accordance with the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) reservation, to cater for a growing population and increased demand. Indeed, in the years between the 1991 and the 2021 Census, the population of the City of Gosnells has increased by 79% (almost 55,000 additional people), with much of this growth in the area surrounding Garden Street. Consequently, significant traffic congestion is expected to occur within the surrounding road network and road safety will be compromised if Garden Street is not extended to the south east.

If the extension of Garden Street is prevented, the nearby regional distributor roads of Ranford Road, Nicholson Road and Corfield Street, as well as the local distributor roads of Gay Street, Amherst Road, Barrett Street and Furley Road, will exceed current vehicle capacity by 2036 and require significant capacity upgrades.

In light of the above, Council supports the extension of Garden Street, ultimately to Tonkin Highway, along the alignment established in the MRS.





**RELATION TO STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2018-2028**

***Strategic Priority 4: Economy – Businesses are supported and the economy is growing***

*Goal 4.3 Accelerate the pace of infrastructure improvements including road, rail, public transport, utilities and digital connectivity*