The ACT Government’s plans for a state-of-the-art Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) campus to be built alongside a new passenger-friendly bus interchange in Woden are progressing.

Feasibility studies, early-concept design development and consultation are currently underway to inform the project’s business case, with project approval to be sought later this year.

This significant investment in Woden’s renewal will support job creation, both during construction and once the facility is operational, as well as aid long-term economic growth in the area.

It is anticipated that 6,500 students will use the new campus each year, benefiting from a contemporary educational environment, course offerings suited to jobs of the future, and enhanced connections with local industry.

The proposed bus interchange will integrate with a future light rail terminus, encouraging active travel in the area and underpinning Woden’s ongoing development as a business, transport and education centre. The project is part of the ACT Government’s $14 billion Infrastructure Plan ensuring Canberra remains one of the world’s most liveable cities as its population grows.

Construction for the project is due to begin in early 2022, with the new facilities anticipated to be operational from 2024.

SUPPORTING WODEN’S RENEWAL

The new CIT Campus - Woden and public transport interchange will be built on the site of the existing Woden Bus Station. This central location was chosen for its convenient linkages to the Woden Town Centre.

Woden is entering a period of growth and renewal, with many private and government developments planned or underway.

The region already provides convenient access to Canberra Hospital and medical services, major retail and employment, schools and educational institutions as well as serving as a major southern interchange for commuters.

Through its renewal, Woden will become a modern urban environment where people live, work, study and move with ease.

EARLY INVESTIGATION WORKS

You may have noticed geotechnical works for the CIT Campus - Woden project occurring in the area.

In late February, Major Projects Canberra and its contractor undertook surveying work around the Woden Bus Station and Callam Street. A non-invasive ground penetrating radar was used to image below the ground to confirm utility locations and assess ground conditions. This information will feed into project planning and design for the new campus and bus interchange.
INVESTING IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

CIT has an impressive 90-year history providing technical and further education in the ACT and surrounding area. The Woden campus will enhance Canberra’s vocational education and training network, with the contemporary and dynamic new facility complementing existing CIT campuses in Fyshwick, Bruce, Gungahlin, Tuggeranong and a continued presence in the city. With a focus on cyber, technology, creative industries, hospitality and tourism, the new campus reflects the ACT Government’s commitment to supporting all students in Canberra to reach their full potential.

It will also open up a range of new collaboration opportunities for CIT students, with local businesses, industry and the broader community.

GET INVOLVED

Join the conversation about CIT Campus - Woden. Subscribe to project updates via the website to get the latest information and to find out how you can get involved.

yoursay.act.gov.au/CIT-Campus-Woden @ majorprojects.canberra@act.gov.au

HAVE YOUR SAY - CAMPUS DESIGN AND VALUES

As part of the CIT Campus - Woden project development, we would like to hear your thoughts on what attributes go into the design of a great campus, building and space.

We are at an early stage of the precinct design process and your feedback will assist our project team, including our planners, architects and engineers, to prioritise what is important to community members, local business, future users of the site (such as bus drivers, VET trainers and assessors, and CIT students) and other key stakeholders.

Community input is currently being sought on aspects of the project’s design elements, such as building height and layout, green space ratios, connectivity to local facilities, public transport integration and sustainability features. We are also keen to understand what you as members of the community foresee as the key benefits and opportunities that will arise out of this project, plus things to consider for the future.

Have your say by visiting yoursay.act.gov.au/CIT-Campus-Woden and completing the ‘Design & Values’ survey which will run from Wednesday 20 May to Wednesday 17 June 2020.

INDICATIVE PROJECT TIMELINE AND ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

| Project business case finalised | Community feedback provides input to the early design development of the campus, building and spaces |
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| Early works planning approvals and environmental assessment | Community feedback on the construction program, new bus interchange design and project planning |
| Delivery partner selected and contract signed | Ongoing consultation as campus design is refined |
| New bus interchange expected to be completed early 2022 | Safety campaigns and operational information disseminated |
| Construction commences on the new CIT facility | Ongoing community consultation and programs of support |

Business case approved | Comments sought on the Estate Development Plan |

Construction commences on the new bus interchange followed by demolition of the existing facility | Programs to assist the community in getting construction ready |

Main works planning approvals and environmental assessment | Engagement activities to seek input into final detailed designs, construction methodology and project planning |

New CIT facility opens | Programs to assist the community in getting operationally ready |

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