

17 September 2019

Notice of Motion, Cr Rohan Leppert: Capital City Trail lighting

Motion

That the Future Melbourne Committee:

1. Notes:
 - 1.1. That Moreland City Council has committed to the installation of lighting along the extent of the Upfield Bike Path;
 - 1.2. Requests from constituents for the further lighting of the main bicycle route from the municipal boundary to the CBD.
2. Requests that management:
 - 2.1. Collect past safety audits of all sections of the Capital City Trail between La Trobe Street and Bowen Crescent, and the Upfield Bike Path within the City of Melbourne, and form a view on the extent of lighting that should be installed to aid the safety of users of the route after dark;
 - 2.2. Report the outcomes of the above to councillors by briefing paper and also discuss the outcomes with the Friends of Royal Park, by February 2020;
 - 2.3. Refer any capital works projects for new lighting to the capital works panel for consideration in advance of the 2020-2021 budget process;
 - 2.4. Ensure that any cost estimates for new lighting inside Royal Park be attained on the basis that any (preferably solar) lights must be as low impact on the park outside the bike path proper as possible, consistent with the Royal Park Masterplan.

Background

Improved lighting at sports facilities is currently being installed or audited for future works as part of Council's Public Lighting Strategy and lighting upgrades funding with the State Government. This includes sports grounds but does not include cycleways.

Councillors have been approached by users of the Capital City Trail – particularly the Upfield path – seeking safety upgrades in the form of low-impact lighting along the route, particularly between Manningham Street and Poplar Road.

Such lighting would contradict the Royal Park Masterplan, but it may be appropriate at this time to allow safety considerations to outweigh others, while ensuring that any new lighting would be as low impact outside the bike path proper as possible.

Moved: Cr Leppert

Seconded: Cr Frances Gilley