

Report to the Future Melbourne Committee**Agenda item 6.5****Greenline Project Update - Master Plan Consultation****4 April 2023****Presenter:** Roger Teale, General Manager Property, Infrastructure and Design**Purpose and background**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Greenline Project and to outline the stakeholder and community engagement approach for development of the Greenline Project Master Plan.
2. The Greenline Project is Council Plan Major Initiative 12. Future Melbourne Committee endorsed the Greenline Implementation Plan on 7 December 2021, the Greenline Business Case Summary on 6 September 2022, and the Concept Design for the Birrarung Marr Precinct Site One Project (Site 1 Project) and Community Engagement Findings on 6 December 2022.
3. Council's Budget 2022-23 for the current financial year includes \$20 million, with an additional \$20 million of grant funding from the Australian government (included in the federal budget, pending a funding agreement under active consideration). Over the four year Budget 2022-26, Council has included \$140 million for Greenline (including \$70 million committed funding from Council), subject to further grant funding to reach the \$300 million estimated total project value.
4. Council at its meeting of 29 November 2022 resolved to award Contract 8740A Greenline Professional Design Consultancy Services (Master Framework Agreement) to the consortium led by Aspect x TCL.
5. A Request for Tender for the Site 1 Project will issue following the completion of the Expression of Interest phase. Early works are targeted for late 2023 pursuant to a Construction Management Plan to be finalised with the successful contractor to mitigate impacts on nearby users, activities and major events.

Key issues

6. The Aspect x TCL led consortium commenced work on the Greenline Project Master Plan in collaboration with Council officers and key stakeholders in December 2022 via an early works agreement. This includes preparation of an Engagement Plan led by consortium engagement specialists Capire.
7. The engagement approach will seek stakeholder and community input on experiences illustrated in key locations (Attachment 2). This input will be used to further develop ideas and build a shared vision with stakeholders and partners. Development of a shared vision is important given the technical complexity of the Greenline Project, community expectations, involvement of multiple stakeholders (property owners, managers and approval agencies) and the ongoing need to secure additional funding contributions.
8. The stakeholder and community engagement process is scheduled to run for six weeks from 5 April 2023 and will utilise Participate Melbourne in addition to facilitated workshops, meetings and pop-ups. This process builds on successful consultation in August-September 2022 for the Site 1 Project and Precinct Plans, and the Greenline Implementation Plan undertaken between August and October 2021.
9. The Aspect x TCL led team is collaborating with Council's in-house subject-matter experts, key stakeholders, and approval agencies to resolve a range of technical considerations for inclusion in the Greenline Project Master Plan scheduled for presentation to a future Council meeting in 2023.
10. The Greenline Project Master Plan will play a key role setting out project parameters for development of Precinct Plans and the Partnership and Funding Plan. Feasibility studies are being investigated with project partners for improved connections along the north bank and the inclusion of the Banana Alley Vaults and the west side of the Sandridge Bridge in the Greenline Project.

Recommendation from management

11. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 11.1. notes the update on the Greenline Project; and
 - 11.2. endorses the Stakeholder and Community engagement approach (Attachment 2 of the report from management) for development of the Greenline Project Master Plan.

Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachment (Page 3 of 16)
2. Greenline Project Update - Master Plan Consultation (Page 5 of 16)

Supporting Attachment

Legal

1. Legal advice has and will continue to be provided on all aspects of the Greenline project.

Finance

2. Council's funding commitment for the Greenline project contained in the Budget 2022-23.

Conflict of interest

3. No member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising on or preparing this report has declared a material or general conflict of interest in relation to the matter of the report.

Health and Safety

4. In developing this proposal, no Occupational Health and Safety issues or opportunities have been identified.

Stakeholder consultation

5. Engagement with authorities and agencies has commenced and will be ongoing throughout the development of the Greenline Project Master Plan. To date, engagement has commenced with multiple stakeholders including, the Department of Transport and Planning, Parks Victoria, MAP Co, Melbourne Water, VicTrack, and the YRBA.
6. Consultation with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation is ongoing.
7. The Greenline Project Master Plan will build on extensive consultation undertaken on a number of strategies and projects, including the Greenline Implementation Plan, the Yarra River Birrarung Strategy, Birrarung Marr Precinct Site 1 Project, and Precinct Plans which sought input from the community, stakeholders, and authorities.

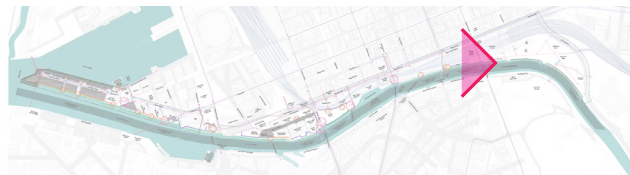
Relation to Council policy

8. The following Council plans and policies are relevant
 - 8.1. Council Plan 2021-25
 - 8.1.1. Greenline is included in the Council Plan 2021-25 as a Strategic Objective to contribute to 'Melbourne's unique identity and place' it is Major Initiative 12. 'Partner with the Victorian Government and other stakeholders to deliver specific components of Greenline along the north bank of the Yarra River (including the implementation of the Yarra River-Birrarung Strategy).'
 - 8.2. Yarra River Birrarung Strategy
 - 8.3. Open Space Strategy
 - 8.4. Urban Forest Strategy
 - 8.5. Transport Strategy 2030
 - 8.6. Creative Strategy 2018-28
 - 8.7. Economic Development Strategy 2031
 - 8.8. Draft Inclusive Melbourne Strategy

Environmental sustainability

9. Environmental sustainability issues and opportunities have been considered. These include positive environmental effects by promoting the inclusion of additional landscape along the riverfront, improving water quality and improving the ecological function of the river. These outcomes align with Council's existing strategies including Nature in the City, Open Space, and Total Watermark and also Council's commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Birrarung Marr Precinct Federation Wharf



At Federation Wharf, on the doorstep of the city, the amount of usable riverfront public space will be increased providing for a range of new experiences. This creates opportunities for cultural events and performance, as well as outdoor dining with a new spacious promenade and terraced seating.

This responds to what we've heard about providing space for events for community and visitors, and enabling interaction directly with the water.

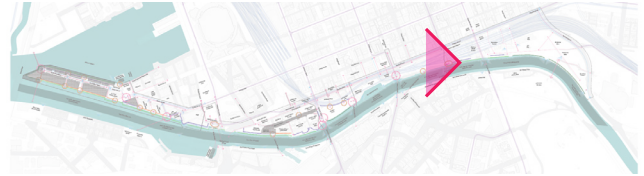
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS PLACE

- A generous promenade
- Terraced steps for casual use, large events, gatherings, and water edge activity
- Enhanced riverside hospitality, and food and beverage experiences



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Birrarung Marr Precinct Flinders Walk



Flinders Walk is re-imagined to create more space for people and nature. A new elevated walkway will improve safety, accessibility and provide additional space for plantings. The area will also continue to be a place for socialising and gatherings – whether at destinations or along the walkway looking out across the river.

We've heard that increased pedestrian amenity and access are important in this area.

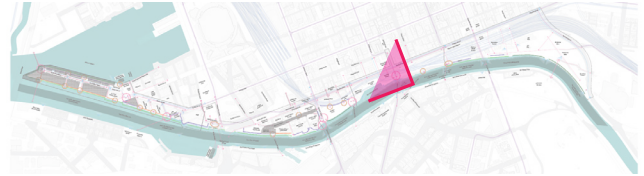
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS PLACE

- A legible and safe walkway along Flinders Walk
- Uninterrupted views of the river and Southbank
- Re-frame riverside hospitality and activation in the context of ecological improvements



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The Falls Precinct Sandridge Bridge



Currently only one side of the Sandridge Bridge is publicly accessible. There is an opportunity to create new public realm with improved connections to Flinders Street, Southbank and the Greenline Project.

Revitalising the underutilised bridge area for accessible public realm can create a unique new linear open space destination complementing other central city public spaces and respecting Wurrundjeri culture, local history and nature.

WE'VE HEARD THE COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDERS WANT TO SEE

- Ecological interventions with a focus on indigenous plantings
- A celebration of Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung culture
- Spaces that facilitate passive recreation and rest
- Recognition of the north bank's heritage assets

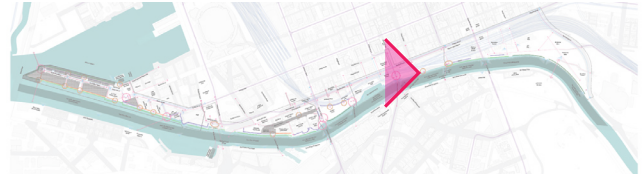
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS PLACE

- A new linear open space
- Places for sitting and informal gatherings and activation
- A series of biodiverse, indigenous gardens
- Artistic interpretation and celebration of Wurundjeri history and culture
- Respect existing public art and the history and heritage of the bridge



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The Falls Precinct Banana Alley Vaults



This location adjacent to the former Falls is a significant cultural site for the Wurundjeri Woiwurrung and the greater Kulin Nation.

A generous tree lined walkway and plaza can support cultural activities and public art, while a revitalised water's edge of floating wetlands and pontoons will provide watercraft access. The Banana Alley Vaults has the opportunity to act as both a destination and conduit to the city – complimented by fresh new commercial and retail opportunities.

WE'VE HEARD THE FOLLOWING ARE IMPORTANT

- Ecology including flood management
- Space for cultural activities
- Provision of shade and shelter
- Recognition of the north bank's heritage assets

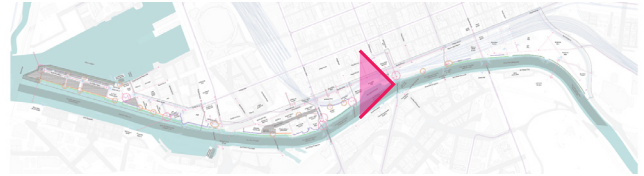
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS PLACE

- A generous tree lined walkway and place to connect with the river
- New ecological river edge and pontoons
- Potential ground floor artistic and cultural institutions to Banana Alley Vaults
- Explore rooftop hospitality to Banana Alley Vaults
- Enhanced connection to Flinders Street



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The Falls Precinct Customs Square and Enterprise Park



The Yarra River – Birrarung has been associated with journeys and gathering for the Traditional Owners for thousands of generations, and more recently immigrants and visitors to the city. This provides an opportunity to recognise the cultural and heritage significance of the area.

This location offers an opportunity along the Greenline Project to create new additional open space and improve pedestrian connectivity and safety by removing the existing S-bend road. This will allow new space for cultural gatherings, celebration, and historical interpretation.

WE'VE HEARD THE COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDERS WANT TO SEE

- Artistic interpretation and celebration of Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung history and culture
- Spaces that facilitate a wide range of community-led and grassroots activities
- Spaces for passive recreation and informal gathering
- Opportunities to connect visually and physically to the river

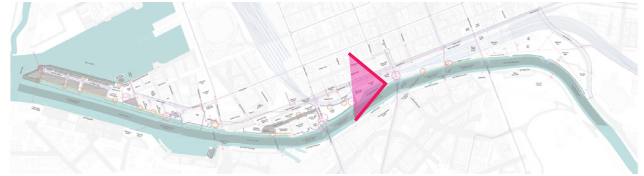
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS PLACE

- A gathering and meeting place for the people of Melbourne
- Recognition and celebration of Wurundjeri history and culture and artistic interpretation
- New activities under the viaduct
- Removal of S-Bend to create a significant area of public open space and reconnect the city with the river
- A new green connection to the river



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The Falls Precinct The Turning Basin and Enterprize Park



Enterprize Park adjoins the Turning Basin at a wide section of the Yarra River - Birrarung. There is an opportunity in this place to increase biodiversity and create a more natural river's edge.

The introduction of wetland habitat to the Turning Basin with native Australian planting, boardwalks and waterfront steps can provide a location which supports education and teaching. The adjoining Enterprize Park can be upgraded to support enhanced park uses and activities as part of increased open space connected to Customs Square.

WHAT WE'VE HEARD

- Ecological and nature-based learning
- A respect for the original ecological and environmental wetlands of the area
- Spaces that facilitate a wide range of community-led and grassroots activities

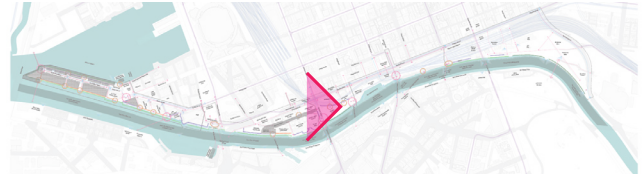
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS PLACE

- Naturalised river edge and wetland habitat
- Over water promenade journey
- Signage and interpretation supporting an outdoor learning landscape
- Artistic interpretation and celebration of Wurundjeri history and culture
- New activities under the viaduct



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River Park Precinct Batman Park



Batman Park sits at the western end of the Hoddle Grid, and will be enhanced as an important destination for the local community and visitors, full of play, parkland, gardens, wetlands, and biodiversity.

WE'VE HEARD THE FOLLOWING ARE IMPORTANT FOR BATMAN PARK

- Spaces for families and play, distinct from the ArtPlay site
- Opportunities for connection and interaction with the water
- Indigenous plantings and flora

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS PLACE

- A new ecological wetland experience
- A new neighbourhood nature play destination
- Artistic interpretation and celebration of Wurundjeri history and culture
- Indigenous gardens
- New activities under the viaduct
- Large open lawns



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Maritime Precinct World Trade Centre Crowne Plaza



The space along the river at World Trade Centre (WTC) Crowne Plaza is currently under-utilised. There is opportunity to reconfigure the space to become more easily accessible for people and watercraft while activating the ground floor with new restaurants and cafes.

WE'VE HEARD THE FOLLOWING ARE IMPORTANT

- Increased pedestrian amenity and access
- Places where the community can interact directly with water
- Spaces that respond boldly to the urban qualities of adjoining areas

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS PLACE

- A consistent generous promenade
- Boating access and amenities
- Improved activation of the ground floor of WTC
- New ecological edge



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Maritime Precinct Seafarers River Frontage



The area fronting onto the future Seafarers Residence is an opportunity to compliment the maritime and industrial history of the area while stitching together the future precinct with the Greenline Project.

The area will support an active frontage to Shed 5 while improving biodiversity through a new ecological river's edge.

WE'VE HEARD THE FOLLOWING ARE IMPORTANT

- Opportunities for connection and interaction with the water
- Indigenous plantings and flora
- A consistent identity with responsiveness to each individual place

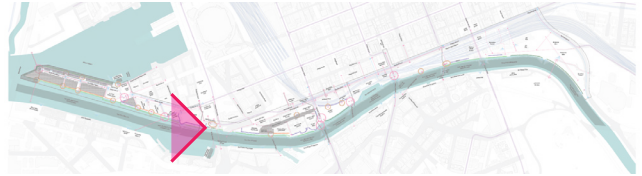
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS PLACE

- New ecological edge
- A new active frontage to the Seafarers Shed
- Artistic interpretations of the site's maritime history
- Signage and interpretation of the river ecology



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Saltwater Wharf Precinct Collins Street River Frontage



The river frontage along the Collins Street length of Docklands has a variety of existing residential and commercial frontages. The existing promenade presents an opportunity for additional planting and new and enhanced public realm to improve the experience and connect this space with the rest of the 4km north bank journey.

WE'VE HEARD THE FOLLOWING ARE IMPORTANT

- Spaces that encourage passive recreation
- Interventions that address pedestrian safety and amenity
- Increased shade and shelter

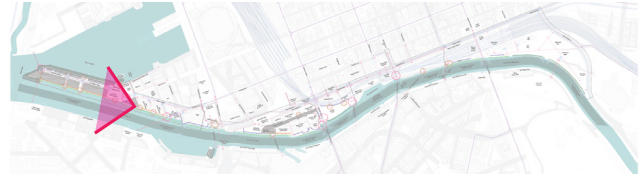
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS PLACE

- A consistent generous promenade is enhanced with public amenity
- Boating access and amenities
- New planting, seating and shade



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Saltwater Wharf Precinct North Wharf Road River Frontage



This is an area for existing and future residential development. This area can provide a consistent public promenade and over water experience to tie together the variety of new buildings and public spaces and provide a unique experience along the north bank.

WE'VE HEARD THE FOLLOWING ARE IMPORTANT

- Spaces that encourage passive recreation
- Places that prioritise safety and inclusion
- Interventions that encourage pedestrian safety and amenity

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS PLACE

- A consistent generous promenade
- Boating and fishing access and amenities
- New ecological edge



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Saltwater Wharf Precinct, Collins Wharf Park



A new public park is planned at the end of the north wharf precinct of Victoria Harbour - becoming a key destination at the city's edge which celebrates the ecology and character of the Yarra River - Birrarung.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS PLACE INCLUDE

- An ecological restoration zone and interpretation of ecology and history
- Potential future ferry connection for pedestrian and cycle links to Fishermans Bend and Moonee Ponds Creek

RESPONDING TO WHAT WE HEARD

- Consider the precolonial ecologies of the space
- Encourage interaction with nature and nature-based learning
- Encourage pedestrian safety and amenity



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