

Notice of Motion, Councillor Cathy Oke

Vehicle access and parking in major municipal parks and gardens

Motion

That Council request management to prepare a report by the December 2018 meeting cycle on current measures which oversee the management and monitoring of vehicle access and parking in major parks and gardens within the municipality and that this report include the following:

1. An audit of current vehicle or traffic management arrangements, associated data and trends
2. Opportunities for review and improvement of arrangements guiding community use of parks and gardens to protect parkland, amenity and the safety of all users
3. How current and proposed arrangements and associated data can inform policy or strategic work into future community access to and use of parks and gardens.

Background

The City of Melbourne has nearly 480 hectares of internationally acclaimed parks and gardens, offering a variety of open spaces, recreation opportunities and facilities for the community.

With a growing population and increased and competing demands in relation to community use of open spaces, the Council needs to ensure that these valuable community assets are managed well and protected so they can be enjoyed by current and future generations.

One of a range of areas which requires particular attention is access by and parking of vehicles in parks and gardens. Recent reports from members of the community have identified issues in relation to volume, purpose and safety associated with vehicle access at Royal Park.

With increased usage of our parks and gardens, this may be a broader issue requiring attention. To better understand the extent of issues at Royal Park and other parks and gardens in the municipality, it is proposed an audit be undertaken to inform the Council and the community on the current status and potential action which may be required.

Undertaking this exercise may provide an opportunity to identify some immediate or short-term measures which could be undertaken to improve community awareness and compliance. It may also provide an opportunity to identify how in the longer-term monitoring, reporting and data management arrangements could be used across the board to inform Council's policy and strategic work on access to and use of Melbourne's parks and gardens.

Council's current study of transport modes at Royal Park is one such process which would benefit from review of data and discussion around usage, monitoring and compliance.

Moved: Councillor Cathy Oke

Seconded: Councillor Rohan Leppert