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1	Colin	Gunther	Live	Feedback only	The Budget addresses Bicycle needs, greening policies and is sensible to be in deficit a short while until the City recovers	<p>Comment: Thank you for your submission and your support of the draft Budget.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>
2	Michael	Paszylka	Live	Feedback only	Growth assumptions in Budget are not always a good thing	<p>Comment: Assumptions used in the draft Budget have been carefully chosen and adhere to economic outlook guidelines provided by the Victorian Department of Treasury.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>
3	Howard	Bar	Live	Feedback only	Help and support to Melbourne could have gone further in the Budget	<p>Comment: This is City of Melbourne's biggest ever budget, worth a total value of \$789.9 million.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A record \$244.7 million in infrastructure spending \$4.8 million in rates discounts \$100 million this year towards the joint \$200 million Melbourne City Revitalisation Fund \$50 million in cleaning and safety services A forecast return to surplus in 2022-23. <p>All of these initiatives create jobs, build the infrastructure that our city needs now and into the future, support businesses and our arts community, provide relief to our ratepayers and improve the liveability of Melbourne.</p> <p>Management and Councillors will continue to work with other levels of government and our community to ensure our city recovers quickly and comprehensively.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>

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4	Undisclosed	Undisclosed	Live	Feedback only	Far too much focus on quantity of development and not enough on quality of development and experience for residents, businesses and visitors	<p>Comment: The quality of our investments and development in the city is a priority for the City of Melbourne.</p> <p>Management has recently created a new Community Development team which will look at this matter. We also note our Design Excellence Program.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>
5	Paul	Cherednichenko	Live	Speak and feedback	How can you justify a 11.2% increase in employee costs when the rest of the community is lucky get 2%	<p>Comment: The 11.2% increase in employee costs reflected in the budget accounts for the total increase in employee costs incurred by the organisation. This is not a pay increase that individual employees of City of Melbourne are receiving.</p> <p>Staffing levels were impacted by COVID-19, with some staff being seconded to the Victorian Government and some service delivery functions of Council unable to be performed due to COVID-19 restrictions.</p> <p>This 11.2% increase in overall staff costs for the organisation reflects a return to more normalised employee levels as we come out of COVID-19.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>
6				Feedback only	I would like to know what works are proposed is for the Australia Wharf Fit out. What works are proposed and where is the consultation process?	<p>Comment: Works at Australia Wharf will include fit out of the structure for essential services such as water, power and sewerage, bollards and fendering to allow vessels to berth.</p> <p>We will consult on this project via the Docklands Waterways Strategy which is available via the City of Melbourne's website.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>

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7	Undisclosed	Undisclosed	Live	Feedback only	Council funds and delivers a public toilet facility for those of us, both local and transitory users, who frequent Riverside Park in Kensington. The installation envisaged at Riverside Park is a public toilet facility similar to that which presently exists in Holland Park and which is about to be installed in Gardiner Reserve.	<p>Comment: The Open Space Strategy does not currently identify a need for a public toilet at Riverside Park. A council officer will be in touch to update the submitter on this process.</p> <p>Council will review this position and assess the level of community use at the park to consider whether demand has changed and toilet facilities are required at the park.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>
8	Hongnian	Soulsor	Own a business	Feedback only	Will Council separate fee structures for outdoor dining permits which do not occupy parking spaces?	<p>Comment: Outdoor dining was embraced by many hospitality traders and diners. Parklets and outdoor dining provide not only an opportunity for hospitality businesses to trade safely, but are also key in reinvigorating our streets.</p> <p>This budget proposes that fees for footpath spaces used for outdoor dining will be re-introduced. These are separate to parklet fees.</p> <p>Council recognises the impact that lockdowns have had on our hospitality sector. We recognise that the timing of these fees being introduced is unfortunate with further recent lockdowns.</p> <p>Recommendation: Fees to be waived (for 4 months) until 1 November of the 2021/22 financial year as outlined in the Budget on pages 105 and 106.</p>

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9	Tim		Own a business	Feedback only	The introduction of permanent parklet dining is a massive benefit to our business, and I think they look fantastic for general users of the area. It creates a European street dining feel that activates restaurant businesses with the presence the street dining	<p>Comment: Parklets are now a key feature of our municipality, and were supported by diners and businesses. Council looks forward to their continued success.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>
10	Nick	Russian	Own a business	Speak and feedback	The price of outdoor dining permits for CBD businesses is far too high and we essentially need this area to survive during covid and avoid unaffordable pricing	<p>Comment: Outdoor dining was embraced by many hospitality traders and diners. Parklets and outdoor dining provide not only an opportunity for hospitality businesses to trade safely, but are also key in reinvigorating our streets.</p> <p>This budget proposes that fees for footpath spaces used for outdoor dining will be re-introduced. These are separate to parklet fees.</p> <p>Council recognises the impact that lockdowns have had on our hospitality sector. We recognise that the timing of these fees being introduced is unfortunate with further recent lockdowns.</p> <p>Recommendation: Fees to be waived (for 4 months) until 1 November of the 2021/22 financial year as outlined in the Budget on pages 105 and 106.</p>

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11	Anna		Own a business	Feedback only	The City definitely needs to be revitalized and you need to take it back to world class quality so that when this pandemic is under control people will want to come here and spend the money	<p>Comment: This budget has a number of measures that will support revitalisation of the city, including:</p> <p>\$50 million for city cleaning and safety including street cleaning and graffiti removal;</p> <p>\$100 million in 2021-22 for the Melbourne City Revitalisation Fund in partnership with the Victorian Government;</p> <p>Continued homelessness support services for those sleeping rough in our city.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>
12	Mary-Lou	Howie	Work	Speak and feedback	The council's QVM infrastructure development fails to recognise that that it is putting the viability of the 600 small business operators at Queen Victoria Market in jeopardy. It is difficult to imagine how 900 short-term construction jobs created by the redevelopment and shed maintenance projects at the market will compensate for the disruption to the massive yet fragile economic benefit QVM trade contributes to Melbourne. As for attracting customers, no-one wants to shop surrounded by construction sites.	<p>Comment: This budget invests \$50 million in the 21-22 financial year into the Queen Victoria Market, creating 900 jobs and preserving the Market.</p> <p>This renewal will ensure the market is a safe, sustainable and efficient place to operate for the 600 small businesses who operate there.</p> <p>July 2021 marks a major milestone in the renewal program with the opening of 500 new car parking spaces at QVM.</p> <p>Queen Victoria Market management has also released its Future Market Strategy.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>

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13	Johnny		Own a business	Speak and feedback	With the covid situation a lot of changes will happen in the city and business will required more support from local council	<p>Comment: This is City of Melbourne’s biggest ever budget with a total value of \$789.9 million.</p> <p>Some of the initiatives that will benefit businesses specifically are:</p> <p>\$100 million towards the joint \$200 million Melbourne City Revitalisation Fund.</p> <p>More than \$240 million on infrastructure</p> <p>\$4.8 million in rates discounts</p> <p>Discounts on Food Act registrations</p> <p>More than \$800,000 for precinct associations</p> <p>A boosted Business Concierge service</p> <p>The establishment of Invest Melbourne</p> <p>All of these initiatives support business and create jobs by building the infrastructure that our city needs now and into the future.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>
14	Georgia		Own a business	Feedback only	As a cafe business owner I think the proposal to maintain parklets in the city and to continue to offer extended outdoor dining permits will really help to revive this city.	<p>Comment: Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>

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15	Chris	Jubb	Live	Speak and feedback	<p>I think that the prioritisation of the Southbank promenade and Dodds St projects over the City road undercroft, and lack of anything for the full city road masterplan, is a mistake.</p> <p>I would like to see more allocation of funding to sustainability and climate action initiatives. This is such a huge issue and so it should really be a priority within the budget, especially from 2023 and 2024.</p> <p>In respect of Christmas decorations, do we really need to spend that much?! What's wrong with the ones we have?</p>	<p>Comment: These projects are at different stages and the budget allocations reflect the work that will be undertaken in the 21/22 financial year. This ranges from planning through to design and construction. We will engage closely with the Southbank Residents Association through the planning and delivery of these projects.</p> <p>City of Melbourne invests in the Christmas Festival annually to support city retailers and hospitality businesses at a critical time of year for trade. This is especially important as we recover from the economic shock of COVID-19.</p> <p>The Christmas Festival traditionally brings up to \$27 million in economic uplift to our municipality. By encouraging people into the city with free Christmas activation, we see a lift in visitation to retailers and hospitality venues across the municipality during the November/December period.</p> <p>In 2020, 44% of visitors surveyed stated they visited a business they would not typically visit as a result of Christmas activations. Of the businesses surveyed in 2020, 94% value the Christmas Festival and believe the program is worthwhile.</p> <p>This is an important activation to re-invest in. Some new assets will be purchased to ensure the visitor experience is positive. Council notes that, when depreciation, maintenance and installation of displays and equipment is factored in, only 14% of the budget allocation is being spent on buying new assets.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>

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16			Live	Feedback only	<p>We have serious safety concerns due to the lack of safe and appropriate crosswalks and signalling on the Poplar Road 'S bend' adjacent to the Royal Park Train Station and tram crossing. We request Council consider the inclusion of works in its Budget to ensure this space is a safe access point to the Royal Park Train Station for not only our hundreds of young people that stay with us on a daily basis but for all that use this space.</p>	<p>Comment: Council recognises the importance of this issue. An additional \$50,000 will be allocated in this year's budget to undertake new surveys and revisit the design. Council will continue to work with the Victorian Government to plan for future improvements at this site.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>
17			Live	Feedback only	<p>We have serious safety concerns due to lack of appropriate crosswalks and signalling on the Poplar Road 'S bend' adjacent to the Royal Park Train Station and tram crossing for pedestrians and cyclists.</p> <p>The situation is increasingly getting worse as we have the new roll-out of W-Class extended trams to service this line, an upgraded State Netball and Hockey Centre and Melbourne Zoo open to the public again post COVID. We believe supporting the Royal Park Station intersection upgrade will provide a range of benefits, including improved pedestrian, bicycle, tram, and vehicle safety, encourage public transport use. and recognise the Royal Park Station precinct as a 'key gateway' to major tourist facilities, sports complexes, and the Park</p>	<p>Comment: Council recognises the importance of this issue. An additional \$50,000 will be allocated in this year's budget to undertake new surveys and revisit the design. Council will continue to work with the Victorian Government to plan for future improvements at this site.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>

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18	Murielle	Linares	Own a business	Speak and feedback	Melbourne City revitalisation is much needed in regard of the covid crisis	<p>Comment: This is City of Melbourne's biggest ever budget, worth a total value of \$789.9 million. This includes: A record \$244.7 million in infrastructure spending; \$4.8 million in rates discounts; \$100 million this year towards the joint \$200 million Melbourne City Revitalisation Fund \$50 million in cleaning and safety services And a forecast return to surplus in 2022-23.</p> <p>All of these initiatives create jobs, build the infrastructure that our city needs now and into the future, support businesses and our arts community, provide relief to our ratepayers and improve the liveability of Melbourne.</p> <p>Council will continue to work with other levels of government and our community to support Melbourne as it recovers from the economic impact of COVID-19.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>
19			Live	Feedback only	More funding needed for streetscape revitalisation CBD-wide, to lift Melbourne out of its self-inflicted COVID mire. Also would like to see funding committed to 'suburban' shopping strip revitalisation, in the spirit of economic assistance to rebound from COVID.	<p>Comment: As the city recovers from the economic impacts of COVID-19 and we continue to look for ways to revitalise our municipality, Council will consider and prioritise streetscape improvements. This will include a focus on business precincts and shopping strips.</p> <p>In regards to Macaulay Road, there are no immediate plans for upgrades in that area, however the footpaths on Macaulay Road are due for upgrade within the next five years. This could present an opportunity to look at street-scaping options.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>

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20	Felicia	Mariani	Visit	Feedback only	<p>We seek your consideration of the potential to reduce fees and charges for public events taking place within the Melbourne CBD, with support of a 50% discount off permit fees that are chargeable for public events, and a 50% waiver of the daily hire fees for banner sites, until 31 December 2021. The City of Melbourne has been an incredible supporter of businesses struggling to recover in our CBD. The conduct of these events is a crucial component to the vibrancy of the CBD and delivers visitors who eat in our city restaurants and cafes, stay at our city hotels and shop in our city stores. This gesture to support the beleaguered events industry in Melbourne will go a long way to aiding their sustainability and recovery.</p>	<p>Comment: COVID-19 restrictions have had a significant impact on the events sector.</p> <p>Recommendation: A discount of 50% to be applied to the New Fee Price outlined in the Budget on pages 95, 97, 99, 146 and 147.</p>
21	Peter	Jones	Work	Feedback only	<p>We support the reduction of a number of fees associated with public events which have been impacted by the State Government's Public Events Framework. Reducing the costs would generate increased visitation, positive economic impact, and create jobs within a devastated industry. Any financial relief that CoM could provide to the events industry right now would be very well received. It is critical that the events industry receive assistance to ensure that events such as the AFL Grand Final, the Spring Racing Carnival, the Grand Prix, Australian</p>	<p>Comment: COVID-19 restrictions have had a significant impact on the events sector.</p> <p>Recommendation: A discount of 50% to be applied to the New Fee Price outlined in the Budget on pages 95, 97, 99, 146 and 147.</p>

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					Open are able to go ahead and are not lost to other states.	
22	Beleln			Feedback only	How much of the total \$41 million committed to transport is specific to active transport infrastructure (cycle ways, footpath, etc)?	<p>Comment: Bicycle infrastructure investment over the next four years will be phased as \$8.1 million (21-22); \$4 million (22-23), \$4 million (23-24), \$4 million (24-25).</p> <p>This totals \$20.1 million which is around half of the total \$41 million committed to transport infrastructure.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>
23	Sara		Live	Feedback only	<p>All points touched (sustainability, affordability, safety, inclusion, economy, recovery and development) are all equally important to make our city liveable and accessible for everyone who interacts with it and the environment surrounding us. From simple changes like creating "boxes" around each tree where residents can plant flowers and take ownership in beautifying their streets, to assisting each residential building in implementing sustainable practices (e.g. subsidies/discounts to use rooftops for solar panels, using vertical surfaces to grow plants which also protect and insulate the building walls, creating green spaces inside and around the buildings, offering food waste compactor bins that produce compost on site instead of having trucks collecting individual bins and</p>	<p>Comment: Some of the initiatives the submitter raises will be delivered through encouraging residents to plant on public land including nature strips.</p> <p>City of Melbourne has several programs that encourage activities like this, including the Citizen Forester program and the Gardens for Wildlife program. These programs beautify our streets, and add to the sense of community in our municipality as people become more connected to their neighbourhoods.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>

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					transferring them elsewhere for transformation, etc.). The positive effect on isolation and mental health can be enormous.	
24	Kaye	Oddie		Feedback only	We support of the call for the Royal Park Station intersection upgrade to be brought into the Annual Budget 2021-2025. It is disappointing to see the project not included despite support in Priorities and Initiatives in the draft Council Plan 2021-2025, simultaneously being considered by Council.	Comment: Council recognises the importance of this issue. An additional \$50,000 will be allocated in this year's budget to undertake new surveys and revisit the design. Council will continue to work with the Victorian Government to plan for future improvements at this site. Recommendation: No change.
25	David	Hamilton		Feedback only	There is no integration of Councils strategic objectives in the budget, so the elected Councillors and residents have no idea what resources are being directed to achieving any of these objectives. Every "Major Initiative" has been accorded the same priority for implementation. With no rank order within Strategies the implementation of the initiatives is left to some unknown force. The Budget Documents for 2021-22 still do NOT detail the total expenditure to date nor the Cost to Complete this project for Southbank Blvd and Dodds Street Project nor Southbank Neighbourhood specific issues.	Comment: Thank you for your submission. The content of the Budget has been developed in accordance with the requirements in the Local Government Act 2020 and sector model budget. This includes consideration of the costs required to resource the Council's strategic objectives, major initiatives and services and the City of Melbourne's medium and long-term capacity to deliver. Regarding the prioritisation of initiatives - the development of the Budget and Council Plan was preceded by an audit of those existing Council strategies and plans with delivery implications over the four year period 2021-25. Those strategic initiatives identified as critical to achieving the Council's six strategic objectives have been identified as the 'major initiatives' of the Council. There is scope to consider how service and budget

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						<p>information can be even more integrated in future annual iterations of the Budget. The Council Plan and Budget are not intended to be static documents and will be reviewed and updated through the Council's term as it continually refines its approach.</p> <p>Core to this will be a neighbourhood focused approach to planning that recognises the diversity of community experience and needs As stated in the draft Council Plan p31, "Over the next four years, we will further explore collaboration with the community using a place-based approach to ensure we tap into the rich knowledge and experiences across our diverse communities and neighbourhoods... Over time, the City of Melbourne will develop a complete repository of insights and intelligence for each of our neighbourhoods to allow us to understand more fully the impacts of long-term planning and investment decisions from a detailed place perspective."</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>

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26	Joel	McKenzie	Work	Feedback only	In relation to Parklet fees, there is no special value is added to businesses between footpath dining or a parklet. And Council is choosing to no longer provide for the extra maintenance required for parklets.	<p>Comment: Outdoor dining was embraced by many hospitality traders and diners. Parklets and outdoor dining provide not only an opportunity for hospitality businesses to trade safely, but are also key in reinvigorating our streets.</p> <p>This budget proposes that fees for footpath spaces used for outdoor dining will be re-introduced. These are separate to parklet fees.</p> <p>Council recognises the impact that lockdowns have had on our hospitality sector. We recognise that the timing of these fees being introduced is unfortunate with further recent lockdowns.</p> <p>Recommendation: Fees to be waived (for 4 months) until 1 November of the 2021/22 financial year as outlined in the Budget on pages 105 and 106.</p>
27	Zoe	Edwards	Work	Speak and feedback	The proposed budget does not provide adequate funds to provide workers a fair pay increase to ensure their wages keep pace with cost of living and they are recognised for their contributions to the Council and community. We are mindful of the financial challenges that face the City of Melbourne but it is clear the interest of rates payers and Melbourne diners are being put above the City's own low paid workers. The ASU calls on City of Melbourne Councillors to revise the draft budget to allocate funds to ensure its workers are remunerated fairly.	<p>Comment: The City of Melbourne has made a fair wage offer to staff of a 6.5% increase over four years.</p> <p>Management is proud of the measures it took for our staff during COVID-19. This included offering additional 'COVID leave' to allow employees to attend to home learning and other needs and redeployment opportunities for staff whose regular function was impacted by COVID-19.</p> <p>The offer on the table is appropriate for the current circumstances, where Council is posting a deficit budget for the second year running and our city is the experiencing a significant economic shock.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>

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28	Patrick	Donovan	Visit	Speak and feedback	<p>The City of Melbourne requires serious economic investment to reimagine and reposition it as one of the great cities in the world after being obliterated by the pandemic. Regular food, wine and music festivals should take over the city's streets, bars, clubs and restaurants, and Victorian artists and producers should be supported and celebrated in unique ways. The City of Melbourne needs to invest in a Night Time Economy Department, and move quickly or we will be left behind!</p>	<p>Comment: The night-time economy is one of Melbourne's strengths. It was also severely impacted by COVID-19 restrictions. The recent creation of our Night-time Economy Advisory Committee brings together leaders from retail, hospitality and creative industries, government representatives and planning and safety experts. The committee's job is to advise Council on how it can address challenges facing the night-time economy. This will include ideas on how to get people back into the city and ways we can work together to support businesses that are getting back on their feet.</p> <p>In regards to events and reactivation, Council notes its \$100 million contribution to the Melbourne City Revitalisation Fund (in partnership with the Victorian Government) and its commitment to reduce some events fees by 50%.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>

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29 DM 147390	Tony	Penna	Live	Speak and feedback	<p>Overall, Southbank is well considered within the draft budget, but it needs to be said that much of the spending is well overdue.</p> <p>We are relieved to finally see the delivery of the City Road Masterplan being budgeted, but disappointed we will need to wait yet another year before commencement and would appreciate a advice from CoM on the plan to design and deliver upgrades to the City Road Northern Undercroft by end of 2023-24.</p> <p>We are most excited to read about the allocation of funds for a 'New Open Space Reserve' and 'Pocket Parks' but would like to be involved in the consultation process.</p> <p>We seek more information and consultation on specific asset upgrade and expansion, safety and footpath renewal programs.</p>	<p>Comment: In relation to City Road, Council is committed to progressing a number of actions from the City Road Masterplan in the coming four years. This includes projects to improve the safety of City Road (in collaboration with the Victorian Department of Transport) and to improve the provision of open space and amenity for the Southbank community.</p> <p>In the first year of this budget, Council will progress design development, consultation, and documentation for the Kings Way Northern Undercroft with future budget allocated for construction of the Kings Way northern undercroft community space.</p> <p>Coordination and traffic engineering works to improve City Road East and West will also be progressed in the first year of this budget in collaboration with the Department of Transport.</p> <p>Council will work closely with the Southbank Residents Association, Southbank businesses and the community through the planning and delivery of these projects.</p> <p>Southbank Boulevard upgrade stage five works are progressing well, and will be completed within the 21/22 financial year.</p> <p>Stage 6 of the Southbank Boulevard project is in planning stages, and further information related to detailed design, consultation and implementation will be available in future years.</p> <p>The Open Space Reserve is a fund for the acquisition of suitable parcels of land for public open space in Southbank. The proposal for Pocket Parks will see the creation of new open spaces and the expansion of existing open spaces in areas of greatest need across the municipality.</p>

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30			Work	Feedback only	Request for funding for PhD fieldwork in achieving Council's commitment to delivering the Disability Access Plan 2020–2024.	<p>Comment: Council is unable to provide research funding, but the Director of Community Services will contact the submitter to discuss possible information sharing and alignment between the submitter's work and Council's Disability Access Plan.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>
31	Artemis		Live	Speak and feedback	<p>We were happy to see “Climate and Biodiversity Emergency Action” added as a strategic goal in this year’s budget, along with \$20 million allocated to a new Southbank Green Space Plan and Southbank in general being a priority area to improve. We especially support and are looking forward to see the following five plans delivered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Southbank Structure Plan - Southbank Urban Forest Precinct Plan - City Road Master Plan - Southbank Boulevard and Dodds St concept plan - Waste and Resource Recovery Hub Expansion Program <p>We also wish to express a strong support for the following major initiative under the “Economy of the Future” strategic objective: “to embed the Sustainable Development Goals in the way the City of Melbourne plans, prioritises its investments, reports and benchmarks against other cities”</p>	<p>Comment: In regards to the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency which City of Melbourne declared in 2019, Council notes that it is now one of its strategic objectives in the 4 Year Council Plan.</p> <p>In relation to projects the submitter has called out, specifically around Southbank and City Road, Council will continue to engage closely with stakeholders and the Southbank community as these are rolled out.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>

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32	Nicholas	Dow		Feedback only	<p>Funding for Cycling Infrastructure is generally at a good level. We expect this to support the Council Plan by increasing the number and proportion of cycling trips, supporting Health, Safety and Climate Emergency Objectives of the Plan. We query the drop off in funding in Year 2 of the four year budget for this investment. Also, we there is a disconnect between the Budget, the Plan and the Transport Strategy. as there is no way of knowing whether the funding is adequate and what projects can be delivered each year at the levels of funding proposed</p>	<p>Comment:</p> <p>In relation to bicycle infrastructure investment over the next four years, Council has revised the phasing of this investment to \$8.1 million 2021/22, followed by \$4 million in each of 2022/23, 23/24 and 24/25.</p> <p>Regarding delivery of Council's endorsed policies, including the Transport Strategy 2030, the capital works delivery program was delivered in line with the Strategy, including the delivery of 50km of protected bike lanes on identified City of Melbourne streets by 2030.</p> <p>The budgeted program also delivers on Council's Climate and Biodiversity Emergency declaration to fast-track 44km of bike lanes by the end of 2023/24.</p> <p>In relation to transparency of the delivery program, it is frequently reviewed to maximise efficient delivery and to adapt to changing circumstances. An example of this could be alignment with newly-planned water infrastructure upgrades to minimise disruption.</p> <p>Extensive community consultation is conducted to deliver these projects and Council works and coordinates with many delivery partners including the Victorian Government. Given all these factors, delivery timelines can sometimes change.</p> <p>Council will continue to keep the submitter and other key stakeholders informed through the delivery of these projects.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>

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33	Michael	Petit		Speak and feedback	We seek implementation of a Council Concept Plan to address safety concerns as a consequence of the lack of appropriate crosswalks and signalling on the Poplar Road 'S bend' adjacent to the Royal Park Train Station and tram stop no. 27, as there have been numerous incidents of vehicles on Poplar Road accelerating to speed through the train and tram crossings - posing a danger to cyclists and pedestrians attempting to navigate unmarked crossing points.	<p>Comment: Council recognises the importance of this issue. An additional \$50,000 will be allocated in this year's budget to undertake new surveys and revisit the design. Council will continue to work with the Victorian Government to plan for future improvements at this site.</p> <p>Recommendation: No change.</p>
34				Feedback only	<p>The outdoor extension to the dining has been fantastic and a real help as we started to come out of lock down in November 2020 and a testament to the hard work and commitment of Council to Melbourne.</p> <p>I fully understand the commerciality of charging a form of outdoor café fee for the area being used by venues to generate revenue, however, this also put real pressure on cash flow for businesses of different size and strength. Could Council please consider what options are available to reduce costs from a maintenance and fee perspective.</p>	<p>Comment: Outdoor dining was embraced by many hospitality traders and diners. Parklets and outdoor dining provide not only an opportunity for hospitality businesses to trade safely, but are also key in reinvigorating our streets.</p> <p>This budget proposes that fees for footpath spaces used for outdoor dining will be re-introduced. These are separate to parklet fees.</p> <p>Council recognises the impact that lockdowns have had on our hospitality sector. We recognise that the timing of these fees being introduced is unfortunate with further recent lockdowns.</p> <p>Recommendation: Fees to be waived (for 4 months) until 1 November of the 2021/22 financial year as outlined in the Budget on pages 105 and 106.</p>

Committee's recommended changes to the draft budget 2021–2022

Item	Existing reference	Change	Rationale
1	Section 4 (Major initiative) Engage and prepare socially vulnerable residents and communities to enhance their resilience to hazards and disasters.	Reword to 'Engage and prepare residents and communities to enhance their resilience to hazards, disasters and the health impacts of climate change.'	City of Melbourne will work with all residents and communities (includes socially vulnerable) and expand to include resilience to the impacts of climate change. Our plan is required to be drafted with regard to the State Public Health and Wellbeing Plan and their focus is on tackling climate change and its impact on health. More details will be part of the Health and Wellbeing Action Plan.*
2	Section 4 (Major initiative) We will be a leading organisation on equality and inclusion and deliver programs in communities that will reduce physical and psychological violence against women, children, young people, LGBTIQ+ people and culturally diverse communities.	Reword to 'We will be a leading organisation on equality and inclusion and deliver programs in communities that will reduce physical and psychological harm to all people and we will adopt and deliver the Prevention of Violence against Women Action Plan 2021-2024 and meet our obligations under the Gender Equality Act 2020.'	Expanding on existing major initiative to include work we are already doing for new requirements under the <i>Gender Equality Act 2020</i> and in the development of the Prevention of Violence against Women Action Plan 2021–2024. We intend to reduce harm to all people.*
3	Section 4 (Major initiative) We will continue to work with Victoria Police and other agencies to deliver a range of initiatives that improve physical safety on the streets of Melbourne and within our communities.	Reword to 'We will continue to work with Victoria Police and other agencies to deliver a range of initiatives that improve safety on the streets of Melbourne and within our communities.'	To extend the definition of safety to incorporate more than just physical safety.*

* Changes reflect those changes to the draft Council Plan needed to satisfy matters specified in s26(2) of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* for the purposes of Council being granted exemption from being required to develop a separate Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, where the latter is proposed to be incorporated into the Council Plan.

4	Section 4 (Major initiative) Support the development of battery storage and renewable energy in the municipality and electric vehicle charging stations through the Power Melbourne initiative.	Remove reference to electric vehicle charging and reword to 'Support the development of battery storage and renewable energy in the municipality through the Power Melbourne initiative.'	City of Melbourne is developing an approach to electric vehicles; however, it is not useful to conflate this with Power Melbourne which is about supporting more renewable energy to the grid. As apparent through the public feedback on the draft Council Plan, the existing wording has the potential to cause confusion to the public. The separate proposed change to the Transport Strategy major initiative will cover off the approach to electric vehicles.
5	Section 4 (Major initiative) Continue to implement the Transport Strategy 2030, including delivery of a protected bike lane network, station precincts as key gateways, little streets as streets for people, safer speed limits, micro mobility trials, more efficient traffic signal timing and bicycling encouragement programs.	Include reference to electric vehicles and reword to 'Continue to implement the Transport Strategy 2030, including delivery of a protected bike lane network, station precincts as key gateways, little streets as streets for people, safer speed limits, micro mobility trials, more efficient traffic signal timing, developing an approach to support electric vehicles, and bicycling encouragement programs.'	As above.
6	Section 4 (Major initiative) Adopt in 2021–22 and then implement an Inclusive Melbourne Strategy that will increase access to opportunities for all people and outline how the City of Melbourne will respond to the diversity of religions, cultures, age groups, gender and ability among the people who live, work, study in and visit the city.	Include reference to 'sexual orientation' and reword to 'Adopt in 2021–22 and then implement an Inclusive Melbourne Strategy that will increase access to opportunities for all people and outline how the City of Melbourne will respond to the diversity of religions, cultures, age groups, gender, sexual orientation and ability among the people who live, work, study in and visit the city.'	For consistency.
7	Section 4 (Council's Strategies)	Add Economic Development Strategy.	This strategy is proposed to be endorsed on 29 June.
8	Section 4 (Council's Strategies)	Remove 'Elizabeth Street Strategic Opportunities Plan' from list of Strategies, frameworks and action plans.	Duplication. Also appears under Major streetscape master plans.
9	Section 4 (Council's Strategies)	Remove 'Food City: City of Melbourne Food Policy'.	This is a policy not a strategy.

10	APPENDIX H Neighbourhood Statements are headed 'Neighbourhood Snapshot'.	Rename these 'Neighbourhood Statements'.	For consistency.
11	APPENDIX F Fees and Charges – there are no fee waivers or discounts included for public event permits or banner site fees.	Introduce a 50% discount (for 12 months) certain public fee event Fees. These fees will be identified and denoted in the Fees and Charges schedule. The estimated fee impact of \$427,500 will be amended in the final Budget 2021–22.	To positively respond to public feedback.
12	APPENDIX F Fees and Charges – there are no fee waivers or discounts for Outdoor Dining parklet fees and/or busking fees.	Re-introduction of Outdoor Dining fees and busking fees will occur on 1 November, not on the 1 July. These fees will be identified and denoted in the Fees and Charges schedule. The estimated fee impact of \$335,000 will be amended in the final Budget 2021–22.	To positively respond to public feedback.
13	ROYAL PARK (Poplar Road) There is no committed funds to address community concerns of this intersection in Royal Park.	Direct \$50,000 in Operational budget (from within existing budget parameters) to undertake new surveys, revise the design and work with the Victorian Government to plan for future delivery of improvements.	To positively respond to public feedback.
14	APPENDIX B Statutory disclosures of Net Asset Value (NAV) is based on preliminary assessments.	Amend Budget NAV disclosure resulting in a decrease of \$18,461 in residential general rates revenue. No other change is required to be made to the Budget 2021–22 other than for disclosure purposes.	To align to final assessments received from Westlink Property Consultants.
15	CAPITAL WORKS Cycle infrastructure spending in Year 2 is \$2.6 million.	Cycle infrastructure spending in Year 2 will change to \$4 million so that the full 4 Year program is \$20.1 million (\$8.1 million + carry forward) 21/22, \$4 million 22/23, \$4 million 23/24, \$4 million 24/25).	Drafting omission.
16	CAPITAL WORKS New Library is currently disclosed as 'Upgrade' and North Melbourne Community Centre Redevelopment is 'Renewal'.	Change New Library to 'NEW' and North Melbourne Community Centre Redevelopment to 'NEW'.	Correction required.

17	Parklet infrastructure and maintenance costs borne by City of Melbourne on behalf of businesses.	Extension of the transition period for existing parklet infrastructure and maintenance costs, to be completed by 31 October 2021. With Council to cease payments for these assets on behalf of businesses by this date. The associated infrastructure and laneway closure costs will be funded within the MCRF1 budget remaining under relevant programs in stream 3.	Consistent with the reintroduction of outdoor dining fees on 1 November 2021 instead of 1 July 2021, it is proposed that parklet infrastructure/maintenance costs continue to be borne by City of Melbourne up to that date.
18	APPENDIX H East Melbourne Neighbourhood Snapshot	Include new Key Initiative 'Commission the East Melbourne heritage review to celebrate heritage places and neighbourhood character'.	Drafting omission.