

Report to the Special Future Melbourne Committee

Agenda item 3.2

Consideration of public feedback and matters arising on the draft Budget 2021–22 and Revenue and Rating Plan

29 June 2021

Presenter: Michael Tenace, General Manager Finance and Corporate and Chief Financial Officer

Purpose and background

1. The purpose of this report is to present public feedback in response to the draft Budget 2021-22 and Revenue and Rating Plan.
2. The draft Budget 2021-22 and Revenue and Rating Plan was approved for public display and comment by the Council on 25 May 2021. The public feedback period ran from 25 May 2021 to midnight on 15 June 2021.
3. The draft Budget 2021-22 and Revenue and Rating Plan was promoted through the Council's corporate media channels and the document made available to the public in hard copy and through the Participate Melbourne website. The public had the opportunity to submit feedback through a survey on Participate Melbourne and via email.

Key issues

4. The draft Budget 2021-22 and Revenue and Rating Plan is the result of many months of preparation, and has been informed by the input of broad segments of the community and consideration by Councillors.
5. At the conclusion of the public feedback period, 34 responses had been received on the draft Budget 2021-22 and 1 response on the Revenue and Rating Plan, with 11 requests to address the Special Future Melbourne Committee (Committee) on the draft Budget 2021-22. A copy of the original feedback is included in Attachment 2.

Recommendation from management

6. That the Future Melbourne Committee considers the feedback on the draft Budget 2021-22 and Revenue and Rating Plan and makes a recommendation to Council on any changes to the draft Budget 2021-22 and Revenue and Rating Plan.

Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachment (Page 2 of 78)
2. Copy of full community feedback on the draft Budget 2021-22 and Revenue and Rating Plan (Page 3 of 78)

Supporting Attachment

Legal

1. The process detailed in the report accords with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*.

Finance

2. The draft Budget 2021-22 previously presented an underlying deficit of \$26.2 million. The financial impact of the submission recommendations would have an estimated \$762,500 adverse impact on the draft Budget's underlying deficit.

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. Significant and broad consultation with the Public, Councillors and Council Officers has been undertaken in the development of the draft Budget 2021-22 and Revenue and Rating Plan. In accordance with legislative requirements the draft Budget 2021-22 and Revenue and Rating Plan was made available to the public for feedback and this report outlines the feedback from the community.

Environmental sustainability

6. Environmental sustainability issues and opportunities have been considered in the development of the draft Budget 2021-22. The Climate and Biodiversity Emergency is one of six proposed strategic objectives that will underpin Council's strategic direction over the next four years, and will commit the Council to urgent action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and waste in order to strengthen public health, strengthen the economy and create a city that mitigates and adapts to climate change.

Budget feedback		Company		
Feedback number	Name of person providing feedback	(if relevant)	Feedback and/or request to speak	Page Number
1	Colin		Feedback only	2
2	Michael		Feedback only	3
3	Howard		Feedback only	4
4	Not to be disclosed		Feedback only	5
5	Paul		Speak and feedback	6
6	Sue		Feedback only	7
7	Not to be disclosed		Feedback only	9
8	Hongnian		Feedback only	11
9	Tim		Feedback only	12
10	Nick		Speak and feedback	13
11	Anna		Feedback only	14
12	Mary-Lou		Speak and feedback	15
13	Johnny		Speak and feedback	17
14	Georgia		Feedback only	18
15	Chris		Speak and feedback	19
16	Daniel		Feedback only	21
17	Michelle		Feedback only	23
18	Murielle		Speak and feedback	28
19	No name		Feedback only	29
20	Felicia	Victoria Tourism Industry Council (VTIC)	Feedback only	30
21	Peter	Peter Jones Special Events	Feedback only	33
22	Beleln		Feedback only	34
23	Sara		Feedback only	36
24	Kaye		Feedback only	38
25	David		Feedback only	42
26	Joel		Feedback only	47
27	Zoe	Australian Services Union	Speak and feedback	48
28	Patrick		Speak and feedback	52
29	Tony		Speak and feedback	54
30	Mary Ann		Feedback only	58
31	Artemis	Southbank Sustainability Group	Speak and feedback	62
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Tell us why?

it addresses my concerns for Bicycles (hope it will include the Princes Bridge "taxi" rank, and covers good greening policies. sensible to be in deficit a short while till the city recovers

Would you like to address the Future Melbourne Committee in support of your feedback at the special meeting scheduled 3pm 29 June 2021?

No

First Name

colin

What is your connection to the city?

I live in the city

Postcode

3053

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Tell us why?

Assumptions of continued growth are a weakness of all level of government plans. Growth is not necessarily a good thing.

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First Name

Michael

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Tell us why?

It provides help and support to Melbourne but, in my opinion, could have gone further

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No

First Name

Howard

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3008

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Tell us why?

far too much focus on quantity of development and not enough on quality of development and experience for residents, businesses and visitors

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No

First Name

No thanks

What is your connection to the city?

I live in the city

I work in the city

Postcode

3000

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Tell us why?

How can you justify a 11.2% increase in employee costs when the rest of the community is lucky get 2%

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Yes

First Name

Paul

How would you like to address the Future Melbourne Committee?

In person

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I live in the city

Postcode

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Tell us why?

1 I am a ratepayer and Kensington resident of the City of Melbourne.

2 Thank you for this opportunity for residents and ratepayers to engage and participate in the process of the annual budget allocation for 2021. I request Council to include an additional proposal that is not in the draft budget.

3 My request is that the 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.

4 Kensington residents are among many regular users of the wonderful walking and cycling paths in the City of Melbourne that provide the community with the opportunity for recreation and beneficial exercise in the open air.

5 On any given day many people make use of the open space area referred to as Riverside Park, whether to exercise with dogs, picnic, cycle, use the tennis courts at Riverside Park, or take exercise through this spacious gateway en route to the Flemington Racecourse, the Maribyrnong River and the historic Kensington stock route. At weekends the number of additional people traversing this area in conjunction with a public event can increase to hundreds more.

6 This proposal addresses an existing and urgent need for a public toilet facility on the Riverside Park side of the river. There are NO toilet amenities close by. This can be quite inconvenient and also limits the fullness of recreational activities that individuals and families might otherwise enjoy. Our anecdotal evidence, having spoken to a wide range of individuals, certainly supports

this position and the need for a toilet facility. We have no doubt that a formal assessment by the City of Melbourne would confirm this anecdotal evidence.

7 An earlier response from Council to an earlier request was “[Riverside Park] has primarily served quite a local catchment meaning most users are expected to live quite nearby and be able to go home to use the toilet, if required”; this is neither accurate nor empathetic to the reality of the situation. It overlooks the fact that there is a real need for the provision of toilet facilities for ALL the people making use of the Riverside Park neighbourhood, irrespective of where they might live and whatever their purpose for being in the area.

8 We see many, many ratepayer dollars spent on larger and more expensive projects that may not serve such a basic and universal need.

9 Should the Council make provision for the requested facility in its Budget it would be a practical asset to ratepayers, residents and users of all adjoining City of Melbourne facilities. It would also provide recognition that the City of Melbourne cares about its service provision to residents and visitors to this Municipality.

Would you like to address the Future Melbourne Committee in support of your feedback at the special meeting scheduled 3pm 29 June 2021?

No

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I live in the city

Postcode

3031

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Tell us why?

My question is regarding to the outdoor dining permit fee adjustment. As my outdoor area does not occupy any parking space, is council going to have a separate feed structure for business like ours?

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No

First Name

Hongnian

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I own a business in the city

Postcode

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Tell us why?

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.

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No

First Name

Tim

What is your connection to the city?

I own a business in the city

Postcode

3145

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Tell us why?

The price of \$70.90 per sq meter for outdoor dining permits for CBD businesses is far too high. We we've had a disastrous year last with lockdowns and again now with limited foot traffic. We essentially need this area to survive during covid, however cannot afford the current pricing with the city being down in foot traffic"

Would you like to address the Future Melbourne Committee in support of your feedback at the special meeting scheduled 3pm 29 June 2021?

Yes

First Name

Nick Russian

How would you like to address the Future Melbourne Committee?

Virtual link (Zoom)

What is your connection to the city?

I own a business in the city

Postcode

3000

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Tell us why?

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 - it is currently a dumping ground for the homeless, a graffiti haven for all the street kids who love to destroy the beautiful buildings, and when you put an injecting room at Flinders Street Station - no one will use the trains to come into the City and the businesses will die.

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No

First Name

Anna

What is your connection to the city?

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Postcode

3000

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Tell us why?

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.

The lord mayor's recent statements in the media regarding creating employment through the redevelopment of Queen Victoria Market are misleading. QVM offer long-term self-employment as opposed to the short-term contractual jobs cited.

The following estimates should include the employment value QVM has to offer if it were properly managed by QVM P/L which points to an inconsistency in the CoM's approach to small business support.

Lord mayor Sally Capp's claim to creating a total of 900 short-term jobs at Vic Market to support economic recovery will threaten the 2,500 workers who are employed long-term behind the stalls.

International market expert Dr Jane Stanley claims that if Council is going to assess proposals on the basis of either short- or long-term job creation, it is important to consider the impact on market traders, and the consequent loss of jobs and economic productivity in the short or long term.

Based on modelling of other markets Dr Stanley estimates that the 600 traders at QVM form the backbone to the total employment of around 2,500 people behind stalls at Vic Market. These retailers sell goods produced or made by others, and use transport services in bringing these goods to the market, so the overall employment generation is likely to be over 6,000 people (the

employment multiplier).

The money from sale of goods is likely to be around \$120M per year but as this is circulated the total contribution to the economy is likely to be around \$300M per year (the economic multiplier).

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.

No impact assessment is available to the public regarding the economic contribution QVM already makes to Melbourne's economy and it was certainly not included when the original business case for the market redevelopment was prepared.

Would you like to address the Future Melbourne Committee in support of your feedback at the special meeting scheduled 3pm 29 June 2021?

Yes

First Name

Mary-Lou

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Virtual link (Zoom)

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Tell us why?

With the covid situation a lot of changes will happen in the city and business will required more support from local council

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Yes

First Name

Johny

How would you like to address the Future Melbourne Committee?

Virtual link (Zoom)

What is your connection to the city?

I own a business in the city

Postcode

3002

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Tell us why?

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.

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No

First Name

Georgia

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3031

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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.

The undercroft on City road will provide much needed recreational and community facilities which are needed for a vibrant community. The other projects, being an upgrade to an area that isn't that bad, and a park in an area that has just had new park areas created, are not as beneficial to the people that live in Southbank. Perhaps commercial interests have made this happen, but I would urge council to reconsider and put the people who live here first - we need more facilities so foster a vibrant community, which is difficult when we all live in apartments.

The city road masterplan should be a priority for similar overarching reasons - it will benefit so many people. Probably more than 90% of people who live in Southbank live on City road, or a block away from it. Safety is a great concern, but also just the look and feel of the street which makes up the spine of Southbank. It is a sorry looking area that is car centric and needs attention.

On a general note, I would like to see more allocation of funding to sustainability and climate action initiatives. This is such a huge issue and will only ever get worse - don't forget our smoke filled skies from a year and half ago - so it should really be a priority within the budget, especially from 2023 and 2024. It could easily be argued that there is no greater pressing issue, so that should really be reflected in the budget by having it be the number one issue to tackle. Right now it feels like it is just one of many issues, alongside festivals and Christmas decorations.

Speaking of Christmas decorations - do we really need to spend that much?! What's wrong with the ones we have? I would suggest putting all that allocation to a climate action initiative, such as piloting an initiative to get electric car charging within apartment building car parks.

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Yes

First Name

Chris

How would you like to address the Future Melbourne Committee?

In person

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I live in the city

Postcode

3006

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Tell us why?

Melbourne City revitalisation is much needed in regard of the covid crisis.

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Yes

First Name

murielle

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In person

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I own a business in the city

Postcode

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Tell us why?

Agree with funding for Greenline as high priority. However 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. A prime example is Macaulay Road shopping strip in Kensington, which is tired, dated, very poorly designed and gives pedestrians/footpath diners very low priority.

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No

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I live in the city

I work in the city

Postcode

3031

To Whom it May Concern,

Attached here please find my letter requesting your consideration of a reduction in fees paid by the Melbourne events industry to the City of Melbourne.

I thank you for your kind consideration of this matter and look forward to your reply.

Best regards,

Felicia Mariani
Chief Executive Officer

Web: vtic.com.au





Victoria Tourism Industry Council
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ABN: 85 152 248 541

7 June 2021

Corporate Planning and Performance
City of Melbourne
GPO Box 1603
Melbourne, Victoria 3001

To Whom it May Concern,

The Victoria Tourism Industry Council (VTIC) makes this submission to the City of Melbourne with a view to seeking your consideration of the potential to reduce fees and charges for public events taking place within the Melbourne CBD.

With 2000 members across the state, VTIC is the peak body and leading advocate for Victoria's tourism and events industry. Our vision is for a globally competitive visitor economy, where Victoria is the leading destination for domestic and international visitors, with must-see attractions, must-do experiences, and an unrivalled calendar of major and business events – all combining to see our destination thrive.

Over the past year, the Victorian Tourism Industry Council has been at the centre of much deliberation around what will be needed for our events sector in Melbourne to regain its profile and reputation on the national and global stage. We have gathered extensive input from industry over many months in an effort to identify the support required for the events industry, which has been heavily impacted by COVID-19.

To help reduce costs and make it easier for events to return to the city sooner rather than later, we are respectfully recommending that Council consider a reduction of 50% on a number of fees associated with public events which have been impacted by the State Government's current Public Events Framework. This Framework has made the conduct of many events in the city incredibly challenging and created additional impost and stress on event organisers to comply with these restricted operating measures.

These events in our city would normally generate increased visitation, contribute positive economic impact, and generate jobs within a devastated industry. Any financial relief that the City of Melbourne might deem to provide to the events industry right now would be extremely well-received and could make the difference between these events occurring – or not.

We note that currently, not-for-profit or community event organisers benefit from a longstanding pre-approved waiver of event permit fees. They are however, along with all other event organisers, required to pay for other City of Melbourne permits, such as Place of Public Entertainment (POPE) permits where infrastructure is required at the event; reserved parking; or fees to access City of Melbourne marketing assets, such as street banners.

We are asking your consideration to assist event organisers for the remainder of 2021, during which time we expect restrictions on attendance will most likely remain in place, 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.

I thank you for your kind consideration of this request and look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

FELICIA MARIANI
Chief Executive Officer

Peter Jones Special Events has significant experience delivering a range of large scale public events and activations in the City of Melbourne and like many in the events industry has been heavily impacted by COVID19 shutdowns and restrictions.

To help reduce costs and make it easier for events to return to the city sooner rather than later, 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. There is a strong demand to attend events but there is still the uncertainty lurking in the background for suppliers and attendees.

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 Open are able to go ahead and are not lost to other states.

We note that currently, not-for-profit or community event organisers benefit from a longstanding pre-approved waiver of event permit fees, but they (and all other event organisers) are required to pay for any other CoM permits such as Place of Public Entertainment (POPE) permits where infrastructure is required at the event, reserved parking, or fees to access CoM marketing assets such as street banners.

The industry is faced with a major predicament at the moment in relation to any future government assistance so in order to assist event organisers for the remainder of 2021, when restrictions on attendance are most likely to remain in place after the current lockdown, we support a 50% discount of the permit fees that are chargeable for public events and a 50% waiver of the daily hire fees for banner sites, until 31 December 2021.

Thanks,

PETER JONES
MANAGING DIRECTOR

PETER JONES
SPECIAL EVENTS

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Tell us why?

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. A circular economy and zero (or negative) emissions are particularly important for me and, if done right with community engagement, could put Melbourne in the lead for sustainability. 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 transferring them elsewhere for transformation, etc.). I'd love to see CoM organizing planting days in each suburbs so residents can actively participate in helping with new trees and green spaces and these events can also become an opportunity to educate about the territory (with inclusion of the traditional custodians and their history), the environment and the positive outcomes of the event while also connecting neighbours, making them working together and taking care and pride in what's created around them. The positive effect on isolation and mental health can be enormous.

Would you like to address the Future Melbourne Committee in support of your feedback at the special meeting scheduled 3pm 29 June 2021?

No

First Name

Sara

What is your connection to the city?

I live in the city

I work in the city

Postcode

3006

Subject: Feedback on the 2021-22 Draft Budget

As a Resident in Southbank and a Ratepayer I am providing you with a submission on the Draft Budget for 2021-22 and the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 as part of the MCC's Community feedback on both documents.

I can be contacted by phone on _____ or via email at _____

Kind Regards

David

David R Hamilton
Principal Consultant
PO BOX 714 NORTH MELBOURNE VIC 3051

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As a ratepayer I wish to raise several issues in the way the 2021-22 Budget for the City of Melbourne has been drafted. I wish to address

- *Important contextual issues were not considered in framing the Budget.*
- *The fact that the Budget is a series of unconnected lists with no costings and no priority for implementation rendering the Strategic Objectives and Major Initiatives meaningless.*
- *I wish to raise some specific issues relating to the Southbank Neighbourhood.*

Contextual issues lacking in the construction of the Draft Budget.

The Budget lacks any Political, Economic, or Social Policy Context in how it is framed and presented, and this detracts from its usefulness as a statement of the City of Melbourne in tackling the issues it faces.

Political Context: In the Council elections held in October 2020 voters selected a team that put forward a set of policies and a vision for the City of Melbourne. Regrettably none of their vision or policies have been translated into action by Council staff in the 2021-22 Budget and the 2021-2025 planning documents. If Council staff believe they have then it is well hidden.

Ignoring this political context may be appropriate in a Government Business Enterprise where the Board is appointed by Government, and the political dimension is provided by the State Government; but in the City of Melbourne the policies and vision of councillors for the City needs to be reflected in the budget and planning documents for the City or the democratic process of electing Councillors is undermined by managerialism. They are the ones being held accountable for the performance of the Council's administration not the officers of Council. They are the ones who must face an electorate in 2 years, so their vision is the one that needs to be reflected in the Budget and Planning Documents.

Accordingly, the final budget needs more visible alignment with the policies enunciated by our elected representatives.

Economic Context: Whilst there is reference to the "Melbourne City Revitalisation Fund" there is no analysis of the significant economic changes that appear to have occurred in terms of work patterns, and retail patterns; and international border closures and their impact on the economy of the city both in the short and medium term.

Globally it is acknowledged that the pandemic has brought forward the ability of technology to restructure the work locational patterns. This will impact across the CBD and the 2020/21 budget needs to consider how these impacts could play out. It needs to plan for how these will change the economy inside the CBD in terms of office use, and thus ultimately the valuation/rating base, and in those sectors that service those workers.

Separately the changing patterns in retail including the move towards different online to offline shopping (O2O) experiences will impact on both department stores and strip shopping in the CBD. O2O can dramatically shift traditional revenue models for retail landlords and this in turn will impact of valuation/rating base in the CBD.

The impacts of continued border closures and the loss of tourism and international students have been significant and may be lasting. None of this is addressed in the budget as presented.

The Budget deserves a stronger economic analysis of the CBD in particular analysing the impact of the changes emerging from the past 18 months going forward. History has shown that hoping for a return to a "golden age", that a "revitalisation fund" implies, has always been a poor substitute for adaption, change, and growth. Given the size and importance of the regional economy of the City of Melbourne to the State and beyond more attention needs to be paid to the economic changes it faces. Unless these influences are addressed, we run the danger of a hollowed-out core of a CBD developing over time.

Social Context Policy for Residents: The vision for the city presented by the Councillors elected in the 2020 elections was founded on building better neighbourhoods, devolving services appropriate to those neighbourhoods, and creating better frameworks of consultation and involvement for residents at the neighbourhood level.

This vision sought to balance the needs of residents with the Statewide role of the city and its key sporting, cultural, commercial, retail, and hospitality precincts.

The draft Budget pays scant attention to the vision enunciated by councillors other than to continue with libraries, and maternal and child health services and some physical recreation assets and open space. There is nothing on the potential to establish key service hubs with planning, environmental, and bylaws enforcement staff located in neighbourhoods able to respond and become part of the various neighbourhoods.

Separately there is no coherent framework espoused to engage with neighbourhoods in a process bespoke to the needs to the various areas that constitute the MCC. We know that in the structures to engage with residents in the villages of Kensington and North Melbourne; or the gentrified neighbourhoods of Carlton, Parkville, or East Melbourne; or the town planned brownfield of Docklands; or the wild west of development that is Southbank all demand a different model of engagement. Using a model that works in neighbourhoods dominated by single unit dwellings is unlikely to work in those areas with high rise multi-unit developments. But all neighbourhoods need to be engaged as the current team of councillors recognised in 2020.

*Accordingly, resources need to be devoted to addressing how Council engages with its neighbourhoods and make it a **Major Initiative** of Council. Unfortunately, Council staff and the budget do not appear to have moved to align their perspective with the vision of the team of councillors elected in 2020.*

THE BUDGET AND PLANNING FRAMEWORK IS A SERIES OF UNCONNECTED LISTS WITH NO COSTINGS AND NO PRIORITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

The budget and planning document is merely a series of unconnected lists. These lists attempt to give the impression that the budget is program budgeting model and output based but nothing could be further from the truth. These lists include:

1. *A list of **6 Strategic Objectives** (Pages 16 to 21) to be achieved over the next 4 years – All of these are high level and cannot be faulted. More importantly there is nothing tied back to the budget to demonstrate how the resources of council will be directed to achieving these Strategic Objectives. If they are the Strategic Objectives of Council, they need to be resourced over the entire 4-year period and those resources documents here.*
2. *A list of **52 Major Initiatives** (Pages 16 to 21) to be delivered in the next 4 years as the way of achieving the 6 strategic objectives. This list is a miss mash of capital works and statements of hope or intent. Whether any organisation with the management resources of the City of Melbourne could ever effectively 52 major initiatives in a 4-year period is questionable. Again, there is no quantification of the resources to be directed to any of these initiatives or the time frame within any of them will start or be completed.*
3. *A List of **9 Service Areas of the Council and the 31 Services** (Pages 22 and 23) that have been banded to be part of each of tense service areas. Again, these is no budget figure for 2020-21 budget identified for any of these service areas. This makes the listing meaningless to a resident or a Councillor being asked to approve the budget.*
4. *A list of **9 Service Performance Outcome indicators** on Pages 24 and 25. Unfortunately, none of these are directly tied back to the previous list of 9 Service Areas and none of them indicate that they include a to cost to serve as a performance measure. (e.g., Since when is “Satisfaction with sealed roads” a measure of road construction performance)*

5. *A List of 58 diverse Strategies and Plans on pages 26 and 27 of the Budget that have been developed over the years. The subjects are wide ranging in subject matter from the "Skate Plan" to "A Great Place to Age Strategic Plan" and include "11 Urban Forest Strategies and Plans", a series of 12 place-based plans to nominate a few of the 58 listed.*

These 58 plans have evolved over many years, some appear to cover essentially the same issue. Time may well have passed them by so their inclusion in the budget needs to include only those which will be considered in the next 4 years. Clearly there is a need for consolidation, assessment of currency, and integration of any key current issues identified in a plan should become part of Strategic Objectives and in turn specific action items translated these into the Major Initiatives. If a Plan does not align with the Strategic Objectives and it needs to be abandoned formally by Council. Without a clean out, these legacy plans just become a millstone in the future planning within the City.

In summary:

1. *Whilst the lists on pages 16 to 27 look impressive there is no integration into the budget and no expenditure in 2021-22 much less in the subsequent years. So, the elected Councillors and residents have no idea what resources are being directed to achieving any of these Strategic Objectives, Major Initiatives, or Services.*
2. *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.*
3. *Similarly, none of the Capital Works programs detail expenditure to date and cost to complete a fundamental of any capital project budgeting process.*
4. *This entire process of Strategic Choice and Major Initiatives cannot be evaluated and is not tied back to any of the detail in the budget or the direction of the Council for the next year and the ensuing 3 years.*
5. *This is a most unsatisfactory approach to planning and fiscal control and really this area of the Budget needs significant work to even be considered a public sector budget.*

SOUTHBANK Neighbourhood specific Issues.

Southbank Blvd and Dodds Street Project:

1. *As flagged last year the Southbank Boulevard and Dodds Street Project was significantly over budget and over time. It was estimated 12 months ago that \$44m would have been expended by the end of 2020-21.*
2. *After a further 12 months the project is still unfinished, and the budget is allocating a further \$8.5m to the Southbank/Dodds Street redevelopment. This brings the total cost of this to \$52.5m.*
3. *The Budget Documents for 2021-22 still do NOT detail the total expenditure to date nor the Cost to Complete this project.*
4. *Further there is no commit to completing this project anytime in 2021-22, but we live in hope.*
5. *With hindsight one can only imagine the open space that could have been acquired with \$52.5m over the past 4 years which would have delivered the wants and needs of residents for parks and playgrounds in the area.*

Strategic Work and Consultation in Southbank:

1. At Page 160 in the Budget the Neighbourhood snapshot sets out what Council believes that it will deliver for the area in 2021-22. It will progress delivery on the Southbank Structure Plan, 10 years old and ignored by developers and planners more in the breach than the observance. There will be unstated progress on the Southbank Urban Forest Plan unless this the palm trees outside the ABC, along with the City Road Master Plan.
2. Unfortunately, it does not address how the Council will better engage with the neighbourhood on any of these issues, given the multiunit high rise apartment complexes that dominate the area, much less how to localise services related to planning, environmental health, bylaws enforcement, so Council can deal with the issues that residents find annoying e.g., to garbage trucks, building works, personal safety etc.
3. All of this goes to the absence of a social policy context in the entire budget detailed at the beginning of this submission.

I can be contacted on or at to discuss any matter in the submission.

**David Hamilton
14 June 2021**

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Tell us why?

Regarding Parklet fees: No especial value is added to businesses between footpath dining or a parklet. The council is also choosing to no longer provide for the extra maintenance required for parklets. Therefore, either the fees should be the same or council continues to be responsible for maintenance.

Would you like to address the Future Melbourne Committee in support of your feedback at the special meeting scheduled 3pm 29 June 2021?

No

First Name

Joel

What is your connection to the city?

I work in the city

I own a business in the city

Postcode

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workers are remunerated fairly.

For more information please contact:

ASU Organiser Zoe Edwards

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Yes

First Name

Zoe Edwards

How would you like to address the Future Melbourne Committee?

In person

What is your connection to the city?

I work in the city

Postcode

3053

Subject: Draft Budget submission

Hi,
Please find attached a submission from the Australian Services Union on the draft budget.

Regards,
Zoe

Zoe Edwards
Organiser

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Tell us why?

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.

City office workers, potential residents and music, bar and food producers and lovers need a reason to return to the city - Melbourne needs to offer an X factor that cannot be found anywhere else in Australia.

It needs to become a proper 24 hour city, like New York or Barcelona, where people can eat, work, go to the gym or a gallery any time of the day or night.

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, like councils have done in London and New York, to support the vision and objectives of the Night Mayor and the Night Time Economy Advisory Committee, to ensure Melbourne continues to be clasified beside those great cities, which have already started this recovery process. We need to move quickly or we will be left behind!

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Yes

First Name

Patrick Donovan

How would you like to address the Future Melbourne Committee?

In person

What is your connection to the city?

I am a visitor to the city

I work in the city

Postcode

3205



UMI PROCESS TRIAL SEEKING RESEARCH PROJECT SUPPORT/ FUNDING

Researcher

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Member, City of Melbourne Disability Advisory Committee

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Swinburne University of Technology

Background

The Universal Mobility Index (UMI) was originally conceived as a rights-based indicator measuring built environment accessibility at neighbourhood scale. The Built Environment component investigates how accessible (or not) the physical survey area is overall; assessment is undertaken by people with disability working in teams. The Policy Environment component looks at legislation affecting the rights of people with disability and examines whether people with disabilities' views are heard by policy makers. An initial implementation pilot, supported by the City of Melbourne, was successfully conducted in Kensington, Melbourne, Australia in 2011. The current PhD project, which has ethics approval, is building on that previous work. People with disability, advocates, disability organisations, local government, built environment practitioners, students, and academics are/ will be involved in the study. The UMI Process/ PhD project is, therefore, highly participatory. It is also predicated on citizen-researcher engagement and aspires to acknowledge the principal participants as citizen-scientists rather than incidental volunteers. In order to live up to this ideal, support/ funding is being sought. In fact, local government involvement is instrumental to the design (and success) of the project.

Objectives (of the Trial)

- **Create** interaction between people with disability and built environment practitioners,
- **Measure** existing built environment accessibility at neighbourhood scale (using the refined UMI Process),
- **Understand** people with disabilities' lived experience of the (neighbourhood) built environment, and
- **Explore** the potential for (transdisciplinary) assessment of existing neighbourhoods to underpin (disability) human rights-based approaches to built environment neighbourhood accessibility improvement.

Projected outcomes (of the Trial and PhD research in longer term)

- Further **develop** the UMI Process,
- Better **understand** designing (systemic) change in complex adaptive systems, and
- Instigate **reform** of built environment accessibility praxis through embracing the social model of disability, complexity theory, transdisciplinarity, and (disability) human rights-based approaches.

Project benefits (to City of Melbourne, those who live, work, and play in the city, and participants)

As stated in the City of Melbourne's *Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2020-2024, Embracing Equity in Participation (DAIP)*, equity of access is a human right. Moreover, the City wishes to build on its status as one of the world's most liveable cities to become the world's most accessible and inclusive city where all people can participate with dignity and independence.

Based on people with disabilities' lived experiences and feedback, the City of Melbourne plans, collaborates, and seeks innovative solutions to reduce and eliminate barriers in its communities through systemic change. The City of Melbourne also strives to demonstrate best practice in universal access through a co-design process of engagement with people with disability. Accordingly, the proposed UMI Process Trial supports the goals of the DAIP/ City of Melbourne.

Increased knowledge that contributes to systematically improving existing built environment accessibility, at neighbourhood scale, would be profoundly beneficial to people living with disability, local government, built environment professionals, researchers and the community at large. Additional benefits of the UMI Process methodology include that it builds the capacity of all involved and participants will carry their new knowledge into their other roles. Furthermore, if the funding sought is obtained, citizen-scientists will be compensated a reasonable amount for their time. This is so often not the case for research projects involving people with disability.

Extent of support/ funding requested

SUPPORT:

Beyond 'in-kind' support by way of assisting with recruitment, providing meeting spaces and catering, disseminating information and the like, the extent of local government support requested includes 1-2 ('disability/ built environment') council staff:

- being available for 2-3 Project Support Meetings, each meeting 1.5hrs approx,
- providing high-level input and assistance consistent with 'advisory' committee membership such as assisting with recruitment of people with disability to undertake the site assessment work and disseminating information about the project to the 'community',
- attending a 'Meet and Greet' activity (approx 2hrs) with other participants in early stage of project,
- completing a 'Policy Environment' questionnaire of 20 (approx) questions,
- completing a 'Prioritisation' questionnaire of 3 questions, and
- participating in a 'Participant Discussion Forum' in late stage of project.

Prior to the above on-site assessment occurring, the project design requires the selected neighbourhood to be mapped. This exercise will be done by 'mapper-analyst' participants (built environment students and new graduates) recruited through my/ Swinburne University built environment networks. It would, however, be beneficial if the mapping exercise can be co-ordinated with Council's existing GIS system information.

FUNDING:

Community members of Project Support Group (3 people with disability)	675.00 (approx)
Focus group attendees (6-8 people with disability)	600.00 (approx)
Site assessors (12-16 people with disability)	3,000.00 (approx)
Site assessors participation in activities beyond site assessment	2,400.00 (approx)
Mapper-analysts (3-4 built environment students/ graduates)	1,225.00 (approx)
TOTAL	\$7,900.00

All funding obtained will go directly to participants, no funding is being sought for PhD candidate time. It is intended that besides the Local Government Authority, Disability Organisations and Swinburne University will also contribute 'in-kind' by way of assisting with recruitment, providing meeting spaces and catering, disseminating information and the like. Should a more detailed budget and/or schedule be required, this would be best provided by way of face-to-face presentation. It is hoped that the project can kick off in earnest in April and will run for approximately 6-9 months.

Mary Ann Jackson FRAIA
Built Environment Accessibility Specialist
PhD Candidate, Swinburne University of Technology

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Tell us why?

I am writing on behalf of Southbank Sustainability Group and its 180 community members.

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. It’s great to finally see action behind these well-defined problem areas in Southbank and an investment in green spaces & the community. We hope that this new \$20million green space will be designed with community interaction in mind, making it an activated, not passive, green space.

It’s important to see an investment for our suffering suburb and our city’s overall environmental footprint, showing the urgency addressing Climate Change requires.

We especially support and are looking forward to see the following five plans delivered:

- 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

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”. We think it’s important that our council’s investment for future planning and overall economic

decisions reflect the importance of mitigating our carbon footprint before it's too late. It shows that our council considers the environmental implications of its decisions.

It's important and very encouraging to see our council's Climate and Biodiversity Emergency declaration didn't become a symbolic gesture, and is putting action behind this vital issue. We write in support of all major initiatives under the "Climate and Biodiversity Emergency" strategic objective. Especially how during the next four years, our council will "prioritise our environment and take urgent action to reduce emissions and waste in order to protect public health, strengthen the economy and create a city that mitigates and adapts to climate change." This shows an honest acknowledgment of responsibility and action taking in a way that can inspire more people and businesses to improve their own carbon footprint, as well as inspire and lead the way for other major cities.

We look forward to seeing plans in this draft budget put into action.

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Yes

First Name

Artemis

How would you like to address the Future Melbourne Committee?

In person

What is your connection to the city?

I live in the city

I work in the city

I own a business in the city

Postcode

3006

To: Corporate Planning and Performance
Subject: submission on Council Plan

Apologies for being a bit late!

On behalf of Bike Melbourne.

Council Plan

Cycling is mentioned under Safety and Wellbeing:
Proportion of trips made by public transport, bicycle or on foot. Increase

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

Noted that increasing the proportion of trips by bicycle will also have a positive effect on other Strategic Objectives including:
Climate and biodiversity emergency
Access and affordability

An indicator needs to be added to the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency Objective as follows:
Reduction in transport related greenhouse emissions on Council controlled Roads.

Initiatives are needed to ensure that transport related emissions decrease. Examples of initiatives:
Discourage motor vehicle use by reducing road capacity, specifically by preventing use of local roads by through traffic (rat running) and by converting traffic lanes on arterial roads to protected bicycle lanes, wider footpaths and parkland.
(above actions are already included in the Transport Strategy 2030).

Delivery of the Transport Strategy is progressing well and we are pleased to see it is supported by the Draft Council Plan.

Budget

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.

The protected lanes being rolled at this year are of generally excellent standard and we are pleased to note that low-cost and flexible construction methods have been adopted. In particular the work of Council's Engineering Department is commended. Unprecedented levels of cooperation from the State Department of Transport have been crucial and this momentum needs to be maintained, especially in relation to roads controlled by the State. St Kilda Road lanes are a welcome example of State funded protected lanes on

State controlled roads, built by City of Melbourne. This example needs to be extended to other State arterials including Royal Parade, Flemington Rd, Victoria Street/Pde, Wellington Pde, Clarendon/Spencer/Dynon St/Rd, City Road and Lorimer Street.

On City controlled roads, funding for cycle infrastructure will enable the expansion of the network, and will also result in better connections. Gaps in the network are being filled in, which removes disincentives to ride and enhances the effectiveness of every part of the network. There is still much to be done, with many, indeed most of the arterial roads in the City are still left with only door-zone unprotected bike lanes.

Regarding budget allocations, our only query is 2022-23 where Cycle Infrastructure drops from \$8m to \$2.6m. The faster the City provides protected lanes on arterials, the sooner benefits will be reaped and it seems inconsistent to drop expenditure when so much remains to be achieved. Over the four years of the budget the funding amounts are \$8m, 2.6m, 4m and 4m. We suggest a funding profile of \$8m, 5m, 4m, 4m.

Currently there is a disconnect between the Budget, the Plan and the Transport Strategy. Implementing the Transport Strategy requires funding, provided in the Budget. However 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. We appreciate that the people who can estimate costs for projects are the same staff who are currently delivering protected bike lanes at an unprecedented rate, nevertheless without relating the budget to even rough estimates of project costs we are left guessing as to whether adequate outcomes will be delivered. We need a list of projects and costs and estimated delivery years.

Regards,

Nik Dow

Subject: Request for Royal Park Station train and tram safety upgrades



Protectors of Public Lands Victoria Inc.

Our guiding principle is never to forget that significant public lands do not belong to the Government of the day, they belong to the people. Governments must keep these lands in public ownership and control for present and future generations, properly conserved and managed.

Let us also acknowledging the Traditional Owners of these lands and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present, and emerging.

To Lord Mayor, Councillors, Chief Executive Officer, Melbourne City Council

**Re: Melbourne City Council Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 and Budget
2021- 2022 - Urgent Upgrade of Royal Park Station Required**

The Protectors of Public Lands Victoria Inc write to endorse the submission of the Royal Park Stakeholders Network seeking implementation of the 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. A copy of the Stakeholders Network's submission is attached.

We were elated last August when the A/Director of Infrastructure and Assets wrote to advise that these works would be recommended in the capital works program for 2021-22 (see attached letter). We were later greatly disappointed when it did not appear as part of the draft 2021-2022 budget.

This becomes especially critical this year as elongated 'E-Class' trams will begin operating on the Route 58 in October/November and preliminary works will be undertaken to upgrade tram stop infrastructure. These include fencing at the Royal Park Station site that will make a bad situation worse for vehicle, bicycle, pedestrians including visitors to the Royal Melbourne Zoo, sportspersons to the \$64.6 million expanded State Netball and Hockey Centre and the many other reasons for enjoying the largest park under Council's care.

Our members, as have those of other frequent visitors to Royal Park, have seen 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 to the Zoo's northern entrance, to access shared paths, the SNHC, and general park visitors.

Indeed, when vehicles back up on Poplar Road when the train barriers are lowered it is common to see pedestrians, cyclists, and parents with children and pushing prams attempt to slip through the paused traffic.

We have been told that there are not enough traffic accidents on Poplar Road to warrant a works priority rating. We would argue that the commendable emphasis to use public transport to access Royal Park by the major venues will raise the risk. It should not take an incident of death(s) or serious injuries of visitors to change these concept works into action.

It has also been stated that these works should await completion of the revised Royal Park Masterplan 2030 currently underway. This is also a furphy. These important signalling and safe crossing works are already scoped and not dependent on the revised Masterplan.

For these and the many other reasons advanced by the Royal Park Stakeholders Network, other concerned individuals and park venue managers we petition Melbourne City Council to endorse and reinstate funds for this important safety project.

The Protectors of Public Lands Victoria would be grateful to have an opportunity to discuss the need for these safety measures at the appropriate time for public appearances.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Petit, Secretary, Protectors of Public Lands Victoria Inc

10 August 2020

By email:

*Cc: Cr. Frances Gilley
Cr. Leppert*

Dear Mr. Petit

Pedestrian crossing at Poplar Road

Thank you for your email of 12 July 2020 regarding pedestrian safety at Poplar Road. Cr. Frances Gilley has read your email, asked me to carefully consider the issues you have raised and to respond on his behalf.

I have reviewed the original letter from _____ and can confirm that there is no funding in the 2020-2021 budget for these works.

However, I have decided to prepare a full budget bid for the completion of these works as part of the 2021-2022 capital works program. This budget bid will be considered by City of Melbourne's Capital Works Panel in early 2021.

Please contact _____ on _____ or at _____ if you would like further information.

Yours sincerely

Craig Stevens
A/ Director Infrastructure and Assets

CoM reference
Case

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**Re: Melbourne City Council draft Council Plan 2021-2025 and Budget 2021-2022
Urgent Upgrade of Royal Park Station Required**

Dear Mr Hanney

On behalf of the Royal Park Stakeholders Network, we write to you regarding the recent release of the Melbourne City Council draft Council Plan 2021-2025 and draft Budget 2021-2022, where we note the exclusion of the upgrade to Royal Park Station (refer image 1 below).

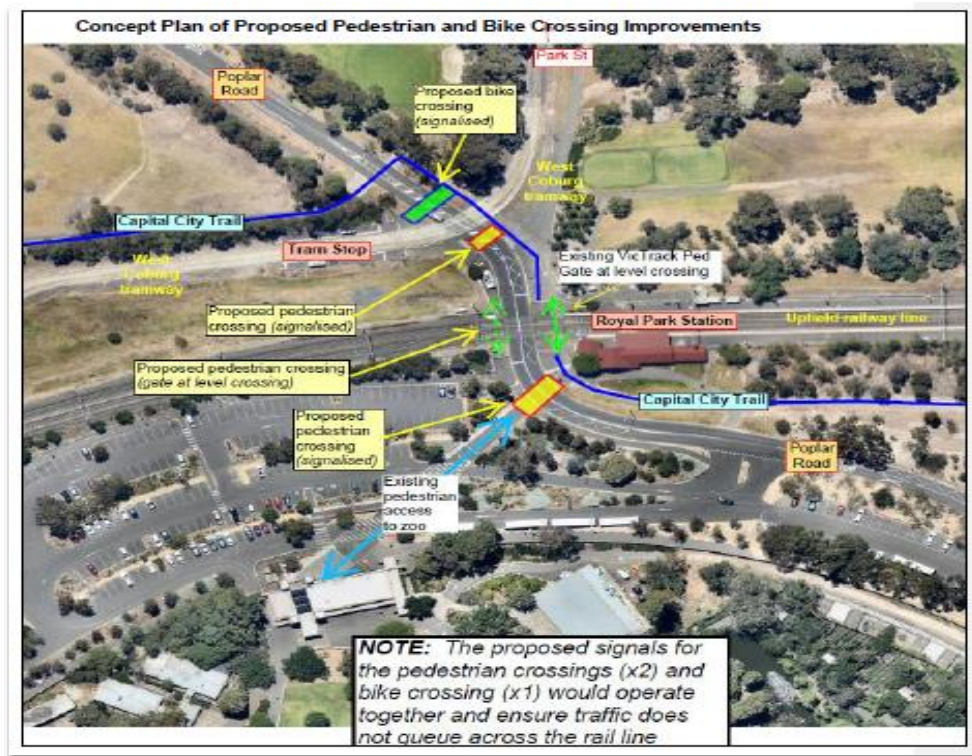


Image 1 - Royal Park Station Upgrade Proposal.

In previous years, Michael Petit, Secretary of the Protectors of Public Lands Victoria Inc and Kaye Oddie, Secretary of the Friends of Royal Park Inc have written and exchanged correspondence with Melbourne City Council to request this project to be considered (refer case number 290935) and it was understood it was to be included in the Capital Works program for 2021-2022. The rationale for the immediacy of the request is due to 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.

The situation is increasingly getting worse as we have the new roll-out of E-Class extended trams to service this line, an upgraded State Netball and Hockey Centre and Melbourne Zoo open to the public again post COVID. This access point is frequently used by people with disabilities, parents with prams and does not provide safe access to key community facilities (refer image 2 below).

We ask the Melbourne City Council to consider immediately the inclusion of these works within the Draft Budget 2021-2022, understanding Council's long-standing commitments to supporting public transport and major visitor facilities of Melbourne. We believe supporting the Royal Park Station intersection upgrade will provide a range of benefits, including:

- Improved pedestrian, bicycle, tram, and vehicle safety at the intersection
- Encourages public transport use by visitors and patrons to Melbourne Zoo and State Netball and Hockey Centre
- Recognises the Royal Park Station precinct as a 'key gateway' to major tourist facilities, sports complexes, and the Park
- Provision of clearer safety signalling and improved sight lines for Yarra Trams drivers and impacting on the safety of trams crossing and the stated risk of vehicle conflicts.

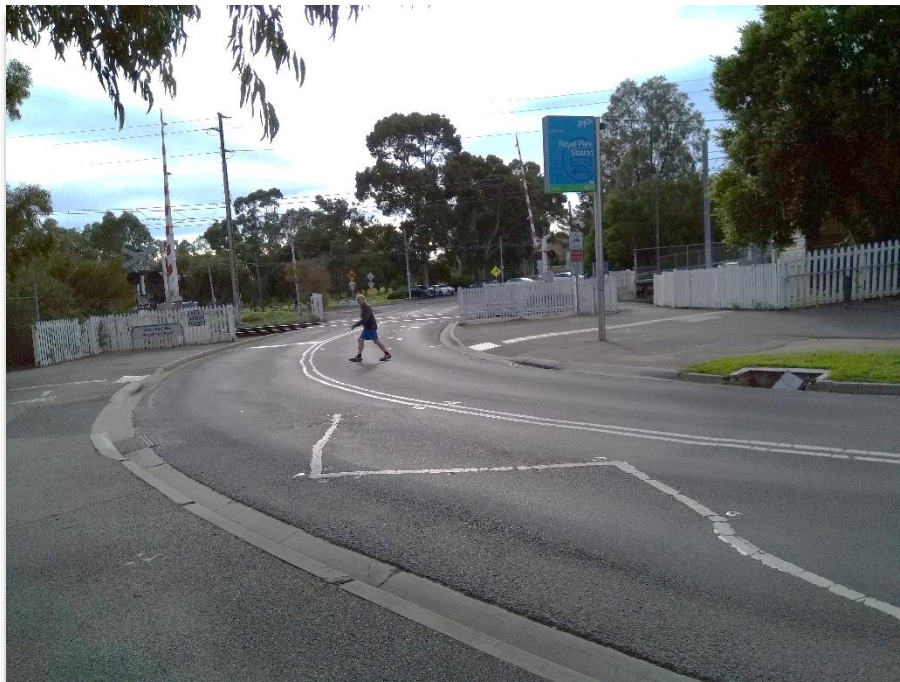


Image 2 – Current Royal Park Station/No 58 tram/Poplar Road intersection without safety crossings, safety signalling and with poor sightlines and pedestrian/cyclist/tram/vehicle conflicts.

We look forward to hearing the outcome of our request.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Bruggeman
Director, Melbourne Zoo on Behalf of

Robbie Russo, Melbourne Zoo Senior Manager Visitor, Commercial and Events

Matt Holman, Melbourne Zoo Senior Manager Visitor Excellence

Michael Petit, Protectors of Public Lands Vic Inc

Tess Craigie, Venue Manager State Netball & Hockey Centre

Andrew Skillern, Hockey Victoria & SA

Rosie King, Netball Victoria

Kaye Oddie, Friends of Royal Park, Parkville Inc

Paul Leitinger, Royal Park Protection Group Inc

Anne Phefley, Royal Park Protection Group Inc

Kerryn Pennell, Orygen Health

Julie McCormack, Urban Camp Melbourne

Daniel Whykes, Urban Camp Melbourne

Tracey Lawson, Royal Children's Hospital

Maria Keys, Secretary Royal Park Tennis

Tony Morton, Public Transport Users Association

the Bunurong Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung peoples of the Eastern Kulin Nation and pays respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. We are committed to our reconciliation journey, because at its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples, for the benefit of all Victorians.

From: Liz Rodriguez
Date:
To:
Subject: permit costs feedback

Hi Thank you for your time on the phone yesterday and again, apologies for missing the deadline with the budget feedback.

I felt it was important to touch on the below and appreciate you considering the feedback which is intended in a friendly and constructive way.

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.

The vibrancy felt in the precinct at Bourke Street was joyful.

I fully understand the commerciality of charging a form of outdoor café fee for the area being used by venues to generate revenue, however, I was hoping that you may be able to take into consideration the following.

- The fee for the parklet space is double the fee for the existing outdoor café dining and meets more the objective to make up lost parking revenue for council rather than the long-term goal of retaining businesses of quality in the CBD
- I appreciate that the council will have an ongoing reduction in revenue due to the loss of these parking spaces, however, it might be worth considering mitigating this loss in the modification of other infrastructure that is earmarked to reduce parking spots elsewhere.
- It doesn't seem like a good time to try and make up any part of this loss through the CBD businesses.
- Although the extension is visually attractive and does create the possibility of extra revenue for the businesses, it is important to keep in mind that the majority of the entire outdoor area is used to its full potential for only a few months of the year.
- Based on this pricing, a yearly fee can already be quite high and leave little room for businesses to be able to bear any increases (as an example, ours would come to about 10 K – but I appreciate ours is quite large) – nevertheless
- This can also put real pressure on cash flow for businesses of different size and strength when it falls due in one sum.

In terms of renting/buying outright the infrastructure-

My understanding is that these costs are approx \$7K per bay per annum to rent or \$10K to purchase outright the whole 5 bays (I'm not sure if I have that, quite right ??)

- The cost to rent would make it unviable and an unmanageable outlay for most businesses
- The cost to buy (if that is for all 5 bays) makes more sense, however, given the current state businesses find themselves in
 - yet another lock down and who knows when there will be more...
 - less foot traffic
 - difficulty in workers returning
 - restrictions on *everything!*
 - Decimation of consumer confidence

It simply becomes a cost that I believe will make most businesses opt out and this will undo much of the efforts that CoM has already spent to create a city of openness and experience, excitement and attraction.

Given the cost is extensive to council I appreciate this is a tricky one. Perhaps it could be –

Purchase over time

- Council purchase the infrastructure that is retained and charge a small but ongoing rental fee to the venue.
- ? – don't have all the answers

Every day maintenance - venues really should be able to do this on their own. Unless there is serious damage to the infrastructure.

This raises a separate question of liability in terms of the infrastructure, if it were owned by the venue.

Happy to chat further and work on solutions to see Melbourne thrive again.

Speak soon

Liz Rodriguez,

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	Paral				<p>The differential between residential and non-residential rates should be significantly increased. Almost all of the MCC expenditure is for the benefit of business directly or indirectly via spending on services/amenity/events for workers/visitors to the City. Residents receive very little benefit or support from MCC and our issues are largely ignored or subject to faux consultation where we are asked our views and then little to no account is taken of our views and issues. There should be no impost of waste charges on residents as any waste collection service by MCC is one of the few benefits residents receive for the rates they pay. MCC should focus on imposing new charges or much higher charges on developers for use of footpaths/roads for construction which significantly impacts pedestrians and for out of hours permits which significantly impacts residents. Also MCC should look at charges for Universities which are exempt but in normal times earn significant revenue</p>