

**Management report to Council**

**Agenda item 6.9**

**Collins Street, Melbourne  
Proposed platform tram stops extending across Gurners Lane**

**Council**

**Presenter:** Geoff Robinson, Manager Engineering Services

**25 November 2014**

**Purpose and background**

1. Council at its meeting on 28 October 2014 resolved to defer a report on the partial road closure of Gurners Lane due to the construction of platform tram stops across this laneway in Collins Street.
2. Council resolved to request that management provide Council with a report on further consultation to be undertaken by management and Yarra Trams with businesses affected by the proposed tram stop in Collins Street, between William and Market Streets, and the associated partial road closure of Gurners Lane.

**Key issues**

3. Yarra Trams has advised that they will not be undertaking public consultation on this matter until December 2014 (see email from Yarra Trams provided as Attachment 2).
4. Yarra Trams has advised that it will be arranging two public forums in Collins Street in December 2014 to enable businesses and other stakeholders to examine and discuss the implications of the proposed tram stop and the partial closure of Gurners Lane. Brochures outlining the project and inviting people to attend these forums will be distributed to Collins Street businesses and properties located between Queen Street and King Street. Yarra Trams will also be door knocking businesses along this section of Collins Street and offering one-on-one meetings with business managers.

**Recommendation from management**

5. That Council further defer the matter of the partial road closure of Gurners Lane to the February 2015 Council meeting.

**Attachments:**

1. Supporting Attachment
2. Correspondence

## Supporting Attachment

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### Legal

1. Legal Services to include comment.

### Finance

2. There is no cost to Council associated with the recommendation of this report.

### 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 direct or indirect interest in relation to the matter of the report.

### Stakeholder consultation

4. Yarra Trams will undertake public forums and one-on-one meetings with business managers in December 2014. Brochures advertising the project and inviting people to attend the forums will be distributed to businesses and properties.

### Relation to Council policy

5. The proposed construction of tram stops accords with Section 7 of Council's Transport Strategy 2012 which states that "Tram operations in the City of Melbourne will be improved to offer a more frequent and reliable service. Tram stops will be better integrated into the public realm to improve access, safety and amenity, with 90 per cent of stops upgraded to 'level access' by 2016".

### Environmental sustainability

6. The recommendation does not have a significant impact on the environmental sustainability.

**From:** Majidi, Massoud [<mailto:Massoud.Majidi@yarratrams.com.au>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 30 October 2014 3:30 PM  
**To:** Haig Poulson  
**Subject:** FW: Public consultation- Tram Projects

Please be advised that Yarra Trams and PTV have decided to proceed with the public consultation in December for Collins /William and Flinders William with a view to have it submitted for council approval in January 2015.

Accordingly, it is our intention to coordinate the public consultation with City of Melbourne representative to ensure we address all the issue relating to the projects. This work will be progressed through in November to have all material and letters, brochure ready for December launch

Please find attached and below some work in progress

Regards

**From:** Majidi, Massoud  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 29 October 2014 1:40 PM  
**To:** Tainsh, Erin; Lim, Melanie  
**Cc:** Murphy, Simon; Liyanagedera, Ramesh; Christou, John; Kulesza, Les; Jonas, Robert; Yap, Wayne; Pelosi, Stephen; Lee, Rita; Chung, Chee  
**Subject:** Public consultation- Tram Projects

**Collins Street / William Street**

Please be advised that Council at its meeting last night deferred approval for the above stop pending community consultation in November for reconsideration at Council meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

However, as we have agreed within Yarra Trams/PTV, it is out intension to prepare the consultation documentation in November with a view to proceed with consultation in early December 2014.

We have advised council officer regarding the above time frame with a view to presenting report to council meeting in early next year 2015.

Accordingly, I would appreciate if your combined assistance in preparing and progressing the necessary consultation material and engagement according to above time frame.

Council office have advised that the consultation process to be coordinated with City of Melbourne CoM's representative and had offered to assist in mailing out letters to the affected businesses.

Given that a Q.A has been prepared by Melanie, I appreciate if Erin and Melanie could coordinate the consultation documentation for this project.

I will prepare the draft letter to public for review and finalisation by CoM's and Erin.

Regards

**Massoud Majidi**  
Manager, Agency Business Unit



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**Attachments:**

- 1 Supporting Attachment
- 2 Email from Yarra Trams