

Report to the Future Melbourne Committee

Agenda item 6.3

North and West Melbourne and Docklands Transport and Amenity Program (TAP) – Program Update

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Purpose and background

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Future Melbourne Committee with an update on the North Melbourne, West Melbourne and Docklands Transport and Amenity Program (TAP).
2. The North Melbourne, West Melbourne and Docklands TAP is a suite of streetscape improvement projects that will help to alleviate and leverage some of the effects and benefits of the West Gate Tunnel Project, specifically on local and arterial roads in the City of Melbourne (CoM).
3. TAP projects are co-funded by the Department of Transport (DoT) in a matched-funding arrangement (50% CoM, 50% DoT), up to a maximum of \$100 million over the next four years.
4. CoM and DoT work collaboratively to identify and scope projects that should be considered for inclusion in the program. The projects must then meet three stages of approvals: each project requires approval from the joint CoM and DoT Steering Committee, as well as each organisation's regular funding approval processes to confirm their financial contribution.
5. The program commenced in 2019. Projects are in different phases of delivery, with some already completed. The funding agreement between DoT and CoM will expire in December 2025.

Key issues

6. West Melbourne Structure Plan 2018 is a key strategic document that has guided the selection of projects for TAP funding.
7. Key priority projects and status include:
 - 7.1. **Spencer Street North Masterplan:** Spencer Street (North) between LaTrobe Street and Dynon Road including a range of projects for delivery in coming years. The masterplan is currently being developed with feasibility and cost planning to be undertaken prior to stakeholder and community engagement in 2022-23.
 - 7.2. **Hawke Street Linear Park:** Design and implementation of a linear park with associated traffic calming measures and new protected cycle lanes in Hawke Street, West Melbourne. A concept plan was taken through community engagement in late 2021 and received favourable feedback. Updates to the design are being implemented before the project is presented to FMC for approval of concept design, together with a cost plan and community engagement report prior to detailed design and tender documentation.
 - 7.3. **Franklin Streetscape Improvements:** Design and implementation of a new linear open space connecting the State Library Metro Station with Market Square / QVM. A concept design will be presented to FMC for endorsement prior to the start of community consultation once coordination with Metro works and QVM precinct renewal works is resolved.
8. Projects that are currently in construction:
 - 8.1. Dynon Road Shared User Path Upgrades for completion in 2021/22
 - 8.2. Provost and Little Provost Street Upgrades for completion in 2021/22
9. Other projects that have already been delivered include:
 - 9.1. Connecting Docklands to North Melbourne Feasibility Study
 - 9.2. Victoria Street Opportunities Plan
 - 9.3. Peel Street Corridor Study

9.4. Protected Cycle Lanes in: La Trobe Street (west), Abbotsford Street, William Street and Peel Street

10. Additional projects are currently under review for inclusion into the program over the life of the agreement, and will be considered for approval by DoT and Council over the coming months.

11. **Stakeholder consultation**

Stakeholder and community engagement is undertaken on a project by project basis. Council is working with DoT on a joint communications strategy, with a view to releasing information about the program objectives and key projects in 2022.

Recommendation from management

12. That the Future Melbourne Committee:

12.1. Notes the program update, and the proposed approach on individual projects.

Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachment (Page 3 of 4)
2. TAP Projects Map (Page 4 of 4)

Supporting Attachment

Legal

1. There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation from management

Finance

2. The current works are funded within the FY21-22 Council Works Budget. Future funding will be subject to approval of the FY22-23 (and future) Annual Plan & Budget and potential agreements with external contributors.

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 general or material conflict of interest in relation to the matter of the report.

Health and Safety

4. The program of works will result in significant open space improvements, and will cater to the increased resident and worker populations of North and West Melbourne. Providing high quality public open space within the municipality is critical to maintaining a healthy and prosperous city. Having access to open space is fundamental to people's health and wellbeing. The program includes a range of traffic calming plans and incorporates separated bike lanes to improve both pedestrian and cyclist safety and amenity.

Stakeholder consultation

5. Targeted engagement with key stakeholders such as DoT, Yarra Trams and Victrack is ongoing at a program level with community engagement to occur at project level.
6. Meetings with Traditional Owners are to be scheduled now that projects within the program are scoped. This engagement will identify priorities and opportunities to recognise and celebrate Aboriginal Culture in this area of the city.

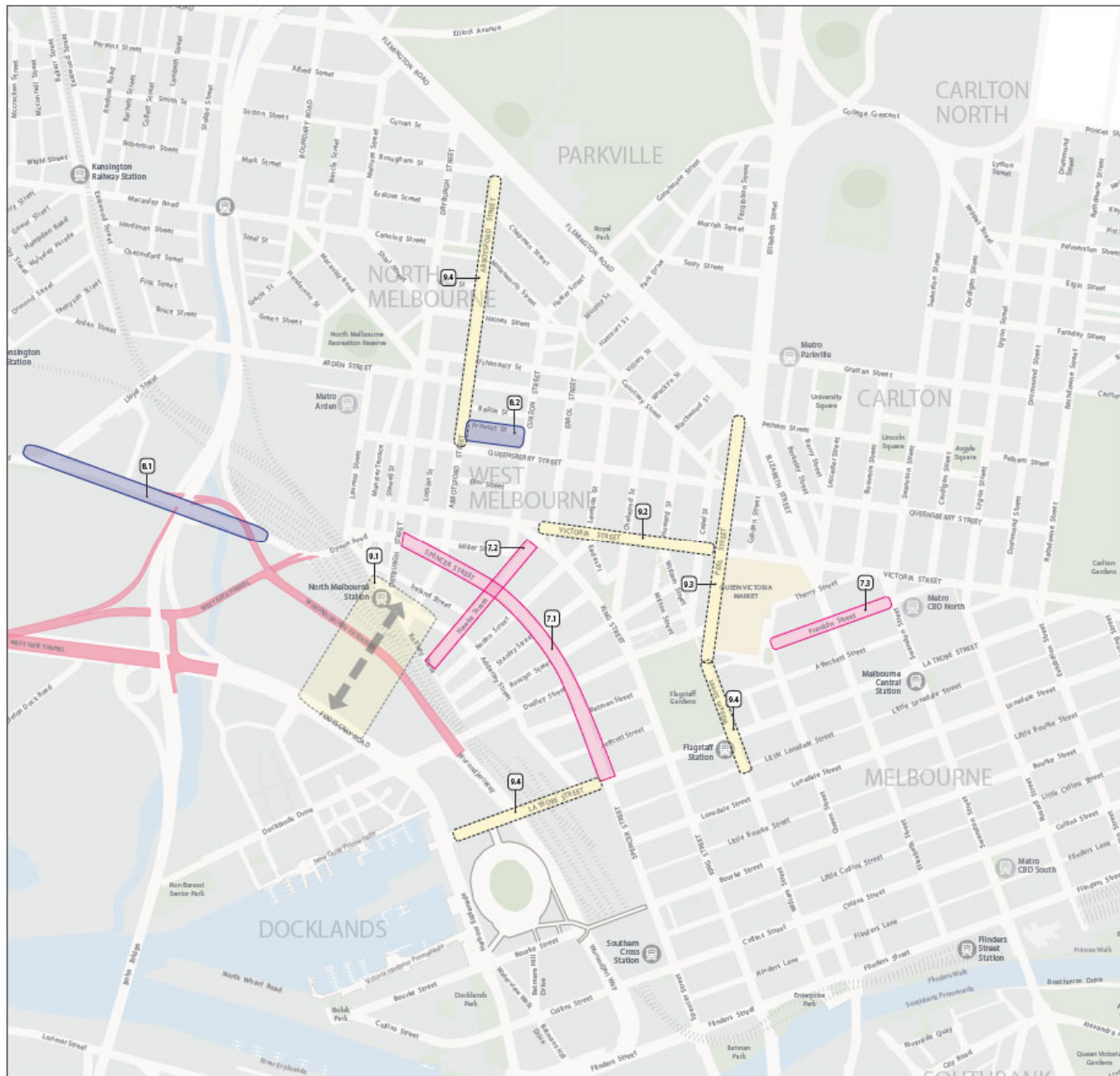
Relation to Council policy

7. The projects currently scoped under the program deliver on several Council Strategies: Transport Strategy, Urban Forest Strategy, Lighting Strategy, Open Space Strategy, Walking Plan and Bicycle Plan 2016-2020 and West Melbourne Structure Plan 2018.

Environmental sustainability

8. Environmental sustainability will be supported through the delivery of the Program by providing improved open space amenity and connections, and introducing diverse new species together with improved growing conditions for new street trees.
9. Specific environmental sustainability outcomes will be developed at a project level and will be brought to Council when presenting concept designs.

TAP Projects Map



TRANSPORT & AMENITY PROGRAM

YEAR: 2021-22

PROJECTS:

| KEY PRIORITY PROJECTS | |
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| 7.1 | Spencer Street North Master Plan |
| 7.2 | Hawke Street Linear Park |
| 7.3 | Franklin Street Streetscape Improvements |
| PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION | |
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| PROJECTS DELIVERED | |
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| 9.4 | Protected Cycle Lanes: La Trobe, Abbotsford, William and Peel streets |