



Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes

**held on Tuesday 3 December 2019 at 7.00pm
Fitzroy Town Hall**

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1. Acknowledgement of Country

“Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and true sovereigns of the land now known as Yarra.

We acknowledge their creator spirit Bunjil, their ancestors and their Elders.

We acknowledge the strength and resilience of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, who have never ceded sovereignty and retain their strong connections to family, clan and country despite the impacts of European invasion.

We also acknowledge the significant contributions made by other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to life in Yarra.

We pay our respects to Elders from all nations here today—and to their Elders past, present and future.”

2. Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence

Attendance

Councillors

- Cr Misha Coleman (Mayor)
- Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei (Deputy Mayor)
- Cr Danae Bosler
- Cr Jackie Fristacky
- Cr Stephen Jolly
- Cr James Searle
- Cr Amanda Stone

Council officers

- Vijaya Vaidyanath (Chief Executive Officer)
- Ivan Gilbert (Group Manager Chief Executive’s Office)
- Lucas Gosling (Director Community Wellbeing)
- Gracie Karabinis (Group Manager People, Culture and Community)
- Chris Leivers (Director City Works and Assets)
- Diarmuid McAlary (Director Corporate, Business and Finance)
- Bruce Phillips (Director Planning and Place Making)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

Leave of absence

- Cr Daniel Nguyen
- Cr Bridgid O’Brien

3. Declarations of conflict of interest (Councillors and staff)

Nil

4. Confidential business reports

Item

- 4.1 Matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person
- 4.2 Proposed developments
- 4.3 Matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person

Confidential business reports

The following items were deemed by the Chief Executive Officer to be suitable for consideration in closed session in accordance with section 89 (2) of the *Local Government Act* 1989. In accordance with that Act, Council may resolve to consider these issues in open or closed session.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

1. That the meeting be closed to members of the public, in accordance with section 89 (2) of the *Local Government Act* 1989, to allow consideration of:
 - (a) matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person; and
 - (b) proposed developments.
2. That all information contained within the Confidential Business Reports section of this agenda and reproduced as Council Minutes be treated as being and remaining strictly confidential in accordance with the provisions of sections 77 and 89 of the *Local Government Act* 1989 until Council resolves otherwise.

CARRIED

Following consideration of Confidential business, the meeting resumed in open session.

5. Confirmation of minutes

Nil

6. Petitions and joint letters

Nil

7. Public question time

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Nil

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Nil

7. Public question time

7.1 Johnathan Earle - Starbucks Illuminated Sign

Question:

In relation to the Starbucks illuminated Sign, located at 200/658 Church Street Richmond.

{PLN19/0008} The approved permit allows for the 'Display of signage, including internally illuminated, high wall business identification and a major promotional sign.'

The investigating Officer has informed me that the illumination of the sign is listed as condition No. 3 of the Planning Permit and that this is the standard VicRoads condition that is listed on permits where there are illuminated signs have no glare from either direction (at street level).

On Friday 1 November, Council received the report that the Starbucks sign is complaint with the VicRoads requirement that the luminosity be no more than 0.25 cd/m². A full moon on a clear night sky has an illumination level of 0.25 lux. (Or 0.25 cd / m²), your guideline limit. The new Starbucks sign greatly exceeds this level and far out shines a full moon.

Think of a Light house. We are directly in the beam and at street level it is not very bright. The measurements you received may have been taken at street level and do not show the true light level all the residents are experiencing being "In line" with the new LED illuminated sign, lighting up bedrooms, living rooms, balcony's and over taking the city and river views. Road users don't drive PAST the sign as it's located on TOP of a building.

How are the LUX levels measured? At Street level, or at a height level that truly shows the brightness that impacts everybody?

Response:

The Director Corporate Business and Finance advised that it is in compliance with the planning permit, which is related to VicRoads, so the measurements are taken from the street level and in fact also on an approach tangent. The sign which is internally illuminated would need to be six times brighter to be an issue for the traffic which is what is related to the planning permit. I understand that you have been speaking with our enforcement officers that may have visited you, if they haven't they will and I have also spoken with the Manager Compliance and Parking Services today and happy to send someone out and have a look. The planning permit does relate to traffic, not to six floors up and what we look at with apartments six floors up is 'light spillage' which often happens in large illuminated football ovals. Officers will follow-up with you directly.

7.2 Marisa Di Pietro - Route 96 Tram Upgrade

Question:

The state government has not fully confirmed whether they intend to remove or otherwise restrict right hand turns from Nicholson St at Reid/Richardson,

Scotchmer/Pigdon and Holden/Brunswick as part of the 96 tram upgrade.

We have been told different things including that traffic will be directed to turn left into the back streets of North Carlton and North Fitzroy and that motorists will need to find an intersection that allows an east/west crossing over Nicholson St.

We have been told that right hand turns at Pigdon and Richardson heading south on Nicholson will be permanently removed.

The back streets are local roads under the jurisdiction of council. The removal of right hand turns and forcing motorists to turn left into the back streets of North Fitzroy turns our local streets into rat runs.

South of Reid St, the local streets on the North Fitzroy side are a maze of one way streets and to get back to Nicholson St required a full loop back onto St Georges Road. If you miss the turn the next U turn is down near Alexander/Princes and in peak times traffic is often backed up past Brookes Crescent and it can take 15 minutes to get down there.

There is already a serious problem with motorists driving the wrong way down one way streets. Both the council and the police are aware of this and have done nothing. It is already dangerous and this is going to make it much worse.

We have also been told the Nicholson St northbound will change to a single lane only. We have not been told whether or not right hand turning lanes will also be removed.

Question:

Was the council included in the consultation process and did you approve the change of use to local streets in your jurisdiction?

I work from home, I am worried about being able to access my home at any time of day from Nicholson St - I ask council to confirm whether or not any or all of the right hand turns along Nicholson St (Reid/Richardson, Scotchmer/Pigdon, Holden/Brunswick) are being removed or otherwise restricted in either direction?

Will U turns be permitted at the Nicholson St/Reid Street intersection regardless of time of the day or if there is one lane or two so residents on the East side of Nicholson Street can access their properties?

Response:

Councillor Fristacky advised that Councillors were not aware of it until it was raised and have expressed concerns that these things were not considered when the designs were put to Council and we discussed the issue of turns at intersections, particularly at Pigdon and Richardson/Reid Streets so it certainly has been a concern but it is now a DOT, VicRoads, PTV project within the Department of Transport from 1 July and they are the proponent. The issues have been raised with them.

The Director Planning and Place Making also advised Council only found out very recently and Council was not consulted on the right hand turn bans into Pigdon and Richardson Street. We expressed our extreme concern with senior officers at DOT and they maintain the right hand turn bans are required to avoid an accident with a tram in a new location and a car avoid being t-boned from the right turn. We have expressed concern but that came very late in the piece but have insisted that it is required and that is how the works would transpire into January when the works are occurring. In terms of the one lane north in Nicholson Street and two lanes south, Council is certainly keen to have one lane in both directions and DOT have finally agreed to one lane north but two lanes south and insist that two lanes coming south

from the city is required for purposes of managing traffic.

The Mayor also advised that she will send a letter to the relevant Minister expressing concern over the impact and also expressing dismay around the lack of consultation with Council.

Councillor Jolly asked the resident – Have you got a potential solution that you would like us to lobby for when the Mayor does her business in the next period?

Marisa Di Pietro – I just need clarification because my concern is that residents on the west side, travelling north, that we will still be able to access our homes from Nicholson Street and to do that there has to be a U-Turn ability at the corner of Nicholson into Reid Street. If not, the PTV are suggesting we turn left and rat race through Canning Street and Station Street to get back onto Scotchmer Street to then turn right into Nicholson Street. My understanding is that Council spent a lot of money setting up bike paths, there are schools along there and the last thing you want is additional cars travelling through. I am confused whether that is going to happen; preventing the U-Turns, right hand turns from Nicholson into Reid Street. We just need some assurances, residents need to know what is happening to make arrangements to access our homes.

7.3 Tina Wilkins - Route 96 Tram Upgrade

As part of the 96 tram upgrade, we have been told by PTV that street parking along the eastern side of Nicholson St at stop 19 (between Brookes Crescent and Tempany St) will be installed after the tram stop is removed.

There is currently only enough room for two lanes of southbound traffic.

The road narrows at Brookes Crescent and there is not enough room for 2 lanes of traffic plus parking. The tram tracks are not being relocated and removing the tram barriers still does not allow enough space.

The car spot just south of Brookes Crescent is dangerous and cars parked there lose their mirrors every day and I have seen one car lose the entire front panel.

The speed limit is 60 and would still be dangerous at 30. This is extremely dangerous.

Installing parking here puts residents, business owners, workers and their visitors at risk.

What is the council going to do to make sure this is safe for residents, local business owners and workers, and their visitors?

In order for the 96 tram upgrade to take place, we have been advised that local roads will be temporarily changed to enable resident access while Nicholson St is closed.

We were told this would happen in two phases:

1. The changing of Watkins St to be 2 way and the provision of traffic management from 2/12 to 2/1 (confirmed in writing and distributed to residents).
2. The closure of Tempany St and Brooke's Cres at Nicholson St, Watkins St and Tempany St to be 2 way from 2/1 - 20/1.

Yesterday a VicRoads worker in charge of setting up road works changed that plan when he arrived on site. He said he got authority from his supervisor.

He said that arrangements to turn Watkins St into a two way street had obviously not been implemented given that the street signs hadn't been covered and cars were still parked in the street.

Instead of the plan signed off by the minister being implemented, he decided to turn Tempary St which is an L shaped lane with a narrow blind corner into a 2 way street.

This is extremely dangerous and puts residents at risk of serious accidents and damage to their cars.

In short, is not enough room for 2 cars to be in that intersection at the same time, there is a blind corner that requires cars to veer to the right to get around without sideswiping the corner post/fence, 90% of this road is only one car wide. This road is now supposed to carry all of the traffic to and from Nicholson St from residents in Watkins St, Brookes Crescent, Tempary St and the western section of the Brookes Crescent housing estate.

In addition, the gutter dips - I had to go that way last night to exit onto Nicholson St and the front of my car scraped on the road. In order to avoid it you have to know to run wide and at an angle. Turning in from Nicholson St, the bluestone curb is tall and combined with the dip in the gutter – cars must turn wide in order to not hit that bluestone curb as they round the corner.

People with garages along Tempary St turn their cars around in Brookes Crescent of in the DHS car park to get in and out of their homes.

It is likely that residents will use Watkins St as a two-way street of their own accord without traffic management which creates even more risks at the Rae St end of Watkins St.

What is council going to do to remedy this situation to make sure residents have safe access to their homes?

Response:

The Director Planning and Place Making advised that, my understanding is that with the rail removed there will be space but I hear the submitters concerns and happy for staff to have a look at that and happy to take that up with DOT and VicRoads. Public safety is paramount, we need to make sure that it is safe so I am happy to take that up.

The traffic management plan was agreed and the contractors for Yarra Trams did not do what they were meant to do in terms of making or avoiding some cars parked in certain situations a couple of days before and because cars were parked in a certain position, the traffic management plan couldn't be implemented, regrettably to full extent so the contractor on site made some judgements and they may have been reasonable in the circumstances or not, possibly not. So the situation is that the traffic management plan as agreed needs to be implemented and I understand late today cars were still parked there. It is a matter that is regrettable, that should be fixed, we will fix it and we just need to make sure that it occurs and again we are coordinating a number of matters that we shouldn't need to, but we are onto it. I have been emailing the senior person at VicRoads this afternoon and I can assure you we will have the matter fixed and the traffic management plan will be implemented.

8. Delegates' reports

Nil

9. General Business

Nil

10. Questions without notice

Nil

11.1 Review of Council Committee Terms of Reference

Trim Record Number: D19/195562

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council endorse the Terms of Reference found at **Attachment One** for each of the following Council Committees:
 - (a) Active Ageing Advisory Group;
 - (b) Arts Advisory Committee;
 - (c) Bicycle Advisory Committee;
 - (d) Business Advisory Group;
 - (e) Community Awards Committee;
 - (f) Disability Advisory Committee;
 - (g) Early Years Reference Group;
 - (h) Environment Advisory Committee;
 - (i) Heritage Advisory Committee;
 - (j) Multicultural Advisory Group;
 - (k) Performance Review Committee; and
 - (l) Yarra Libraries Advisory Committee.
2. That Council endorse the Terms of Reference found at **Attachment Two** for the Yana Ngargna Advisory Group, subject to ratification by the Committee at its meeting in February 2020, noting that any material changes arising from this process will be brought back to Council for further endorsement.
3. That Council note its previous resolutions seeking reports on the establishment of the following Advisory Committees and that these will be presented to Council early in 2020:
 - (a) Active Transport Advisory Committee;
 - (b) Public Transport Advocacy Committee; and
 - (c) Tree Planting Advisory Committee.
4. That Council note the sunset of the following Advisory Committees and record it's thanks to those members of the community that a made a contribution:
 - (a) Finance Committee; and
 - (b) Urban Agriculture (Community Gardens) Advisory Committee.
5. That Council note the previous dissolution of the following Advisory Committees:
 - (a) Yarra Health and Wellbeing Plan Advisory Committee; and
 - (b) Youth Advisory Committee.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**Moved:** Councillor Fristacky**Seconded:** Councillor Jolly

1. That, with the replacement of the word Chairperson with Chair, wherever appearing, Council endorse the Terms of Reference found at **Attachment One** for each of the following Council Committees:
 - (a) Active Ageing Advisory Group;
 - (b) Arts Advisory Committee;
 - (c) Business Advisory Group;
 - (d) Community Awards Committee;
 - (e) Disability Advisory Committee;
 - (f) Early Years Reference Group;
 - (g) Environment Advisory Committee;
 - (h) Heritage Advisory Committee;
 - (i) Multicultural Advisory Group;
 - (j) Performance Review Committee; and
 - (k) Yarra Libraries Advisory Committee.
2. That, with the inclusion of the following changes redrafted in consultation with Bicycle Advisory Committee members, Council endorse the Terms of Reference for the Bicycle Advisory Committee found at Attachment One:
 - (a) Purpose to read: "To provide the community with an opportunity to provide input to Council on bicycle infrastructure and policy development in Yarra. To provide input to Council on integration of cycling across Yarra with other travel modes";
 - (b) Objectives to read: "To provide advice to Council on how to: support and enhance safe and efficient cycling in Yarra; implement adopted Council policies/strategies as they impact on cycling. To assist Council in its support for cycling by: providing a user perspective on proposed cycle projects and the existing network in Yarra; providing feedback on proposed initiatives such as local area traffic management/placemaking, road infrastructure, new strategies, master planning, parking changes or new products";
 - (c) Membership to read: "Membership comprises: one or more Councillors (appointed annually); members of the Yarra community across all Yarra Wards. Meetings to involve members of other Council units such as Open Space, Urban Design, Traffic Engineering, Parking as required"; and
 - (d) Chair to read: "The Chair shall be an appointed Councillor. If more than one appointed Councillor is in attendance, they will agree on who is to chair. If a Councillor is unable to attend a meeting, the Committee shall agree on who will take the chair."
3. That, with the replacement of the word Chairperson with Chair, Council endorse the Terms of Reference found at **Attachment Two** for the Yana Ngargna Advisory Group, subject to ratification by the Committee at its meeting in February 2020, noting that any material changes arising from this process will be brought back to Council for further endorsement.
4. That Council note the error at Paragraph 6 of the report which erroneously indicates that some members of the Active Ageing Advisory Committee will have their terms extended to June 2021, when in fact an Expression of Interest process will be conducted in early 2020 to renew the Committee's membership.
5. That Council note its previous resolutions seeking reports on the establishment of the following Advisory Committees and that these will be presented to Council early in 2020:
 - (a) Active Transport Advisory Committee;

- (b) Public Transport Advocacy Committee; and
 - (c) Tree Planting Advisory Committee.
6. That Council note the sunset of the following Advisory Committees and record its thanks to those members of the community that a made a contribution:
- (a) Finance Committee; and
 - (b) Urban Agriculture (Community Gardens) Advisory Committee.
7. That Council note the previous dissolution of the following Advisory Committees:
- (a) Yarra Health and Wellbeing Plan Advisory Committee; and
 - (b) Youth Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 Potential for Yarra to support Environmental Upgrade Agreements

Reference: D19/216144

Authoriser: Director Planning and Place Making

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report regarding Environmental Upgrade Agreements;
 - (b) support Environmental Upgrade Agreements, and proceed to establish the program;
 - (c) appoint Sustainable Australia Fund to establish, administer and support the delivery of Environmental Upgrade Agreements under the Better Building Finance brand;
 - (d) delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to:
 - (i) enter into an Environmental Upgrade Agreement on behalf of the Council; and
 - (ii) declare and levy an environmental upgrade charge.

Councillor Bosler arrived at 7.44pm

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report regarding Environmental Upgrade Agreements;
 - (b) support Environmental Upgrade Agreements, and proceed to establish the program;
 - (c) appoint Sustainable Australia Fund to establish, administer and support the delivery of Environmental Upgrade Agreements under the Better Building Finance brand; and
 - (d) delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to:
 - (i) enter into an Environmental Upgrade Agreement on behalf of the Council; and
 - (ii) declare and levy an environmental upgrade charge.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3 Draft Consultation Climate Emergency Plan

Reference: D19/216140
Authoriser: Director Planning and Place Making

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report regarding the draft Climate Emergency Plan;
 - (b) note the attached draft Climate Emergency Plan and the action plan;
 - (c) endorse the consultation draft Climate Emergency Plan, as attached, to proceed to broad community consultation; and
 - (d) place the consultation draft Climate Emergency Plan on exhibition from early December until early February 2020, as outlined in paragraphs 14-15 of the report.
2. That Officers provide a further report to Council by April 2020 on the submissions received, officer recommendations and a final draft for consideration.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Tarin Dempers, YCAN;

Jeremy Lawrence; and

Troy Parsons.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report regarding the draft Climate Emergency Plan;
 - (b) note the attached draft Climate Emergency Plan and the action plan;
 - (c) endorse the consultation draft Climate Emergency Plan, as attached, to proceed to broad community consultation;
 - (d) place the consultation draft Climate Emergency Plan on exhibition from early December until early February 2020, as outlined in paragraphs 14-15 of the report; and
 - (e) update the Climate Emergency Plan page 34 paragraph 2 to: “Bike mode share in Yarra has seen a modest increase over time from 6.4 per cent (2006) to 8.5 per cent (2011), to 8.6 per cent (2016)¹⁶, but may continue to plateau unless measures are taken to significantly improve the quality of Yarra’s cycling infrastructure”, with Footnote ¹⁶Based on ABS Census data for travel to work trips for employed people over 15 years old in Yarra.
2. That Officers provide a further report to Council by April 2020 on the submissions received, officer recommendations and a final draft for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.4 Brunswick Street Streetscape Masterplan

Reference: D19/210906

Authoriser: Director Planning and Place Making

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report regarding progress on the Brunswick Street Streetscape Masterplan;
 - (b) note the proposals set out in the draft Streetscape Masterplan (Attachment 2);
 - (c) note the consultation feedback, summarised in this report and detailed in Attachment 1;
 - (d) note the scope of the project as the area between the building line and kerb on both sides of the road;
 - (e) note that the roadway is not in scope as future DDA compliant tram stops need to be resolved which will substantially impact on the road space allocation, and that this flags a future significant opportunity for Brunswick Street as it is not a VicRoads road; and
 - (f) authorise the draft masterplan to go to public consultation in early 2020.
2. That following the public exhibition officers provide a further report which summarises the submissions and presents a final draft Streetscape Masterplan for Brunswick Street for Council consideration.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Jeremy Lawrence; and

Kerry Echberg, YCAN.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report regarding progress on the Brunswick Street Streetscape Masterplan;
 - (b) note the proposals set out in the draft Streetscape Masterplan (Attachment 2);
 - (c) note the consultation feedback, summarised in this report and detailed in Attachment 1;
 - (d) note the scope of the project as the area between the building line and kerb on both sides of the road;
 - (e) note that the roadway is not in scope as future DDA compliant tram stops need to be resolved which will substantially impact on the road space allocation, and that this flags a future significant opportunity for Brunswick Street as it is not a VicRoads road; and
 - (f) authorise the draft masterplan to go to public consultation in early 2020. and that this included targeted consultation with residents of the Atherton Gardens housing estate.
2. That following the public exhibition officers provide a further report which summarises the submissions and presents a final draft Streetscape Masterplan for Brunswick Street for Council consideration.
3. That:
 - (a) Council request officers to initiate further discussion with the Department of Transport on future improvements to allocation of road space on Brunswick Street; and
 - (b) these discussions include clarification on timelines for accessible tram stops in Brunswick St noting the representations for these in 2006, 2012, 2016 and the potential to install temporary trial treatments in Brunswick St and DOT's support for these.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.5 Micromobility (Bike, e-bike and e-scooter share) proposals

Reference: D19/212500

Authoriser: Director Planning and Place Making

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council note the officer report in relation to micromobility options and in particular e-bike and e-scooter proposals from private companies.
2. That, in regard to bike share and e-bike share, Council:
 - (a) support in principal a trial of dockless electric bicycles on Council land;
 - (b) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to work in partnership with other Councils and organisations to manage and respond to bike and e-bike share service providers including entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with other Councils and service providers; and
 - (c) note that City of Melbourne is currently running an Expression of Interest process to select up to two (2) preferred e-Bike share operators, and that Council may be able to join MOUs with City of Melbourne, other Councils and the operators selected by City of Melbourne, as a means of managing the approach within the municipality.
3. That, in regards to e-scooter share proposals, Council:
 - (a) note that Council officers are in discussions with Department of Transport staff regarding exemptions into State road rules to allow an e-scooter trial to take place;
 - (b) note that Council officers are in close contact with officers at City of Port Phillip with regards to their proposed e-scooter trial, and monitoring the trial if and when it takes place; and
 - (c) defer any decision on e-scooter share until the City of Port Phillip releases the outcomes of its proposed e-scooter share trial.

The Mayor left the meeting at 8.31pm

Deputy Mayor assumed the Chair

The Mayor returned at 8.34pm and resumed as Chair.

Public Submission

Troy Parsons addressed Council on the matter.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Bosler

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

1. That Council note the officer report in relation to micromobility options and in particular e-bike and e-scooter proposals from private companies.
2. That, in regard to bike share and e-bike share, Council:
 - (a) support in principle a trial of dockless electric bicycles in the City of Yarra;
 - (b) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to work in partnership with other Councils and organisations to manage and respond to bike and e-bike share service providers including entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with other Councils and service providers; and
 - (c) note that City of Melbourne is currently running an Expression of Interest process to select up to two (2) preferred e-Bike share operators, and that Council may be able to join MOUs with City of Melbourne, other Councils and the operators selected by City of Melbourne, as a means of managing the approach within the municipality.
3. That, in regards to e-scooter share proposals, Council:
 - (a) note that Council officers are in discussions with Department of Transport staff regarding exemptions into State road rules to allow an e-scooter trial to take place;
 - (b) note that Council officers are in close contact with officers at City of Port Phillip with regards to their proposed e-scooter trial, and monitoring the trial if and when it takes place; and
 - (c) defer any decision on e-scooter share until the state government releases the detail of what (if any) legislative changes will be introduced to allow a trial to commence.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.6 Elizabeth Street Bike Lane Upgrades

Reference: D19/205485

Authoriser: Director Planning and Place Making

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report regarding the proposed Elizabeth Street protected bike lane project;
 - (b) note the alignment of this project with the Council adopted Bike Strategy Refresh and the Urban Forest Strategy;
 - (c) note that improved cycling lanes on Elizabeth Street also enhances safety on a regional cycling route;
 - (d) note that in order to provide this protected lane, some kerbside carparking is required to enable the reallocation of road space;
 - (e) note the Council budget (19/20) allocates \$400K for the implementation of protected bike lanes in Elizabeth Street from Hoddle to Church Streets; and
 - (f) note that the preferred design option for the protected bike lanes are ones that are of sufficient width to provide the safety and comfort of cycling.

2. That in the context of the above, Council:
 - (a) endorse a 12 month '*iterative trial*' to deliver protected bike lanes on Elizabeth Street as part of a regional cycling route in a timely manner;
 - (b) endorse the installation of:
 - (i) Trial design option C for the western section (Little Hoddle Street to Lennox Street); and
 - (ii) Trial design option A for the eastern section (Lennox Street to Church Street) as outlined in the cross sections of those trial designs in the report;
 - (c) require all car parking spaces to have a car dooring buffer zone for safety of cyclists;
 - (d) instruct officers to now commence with the production of detailed design drawings and other procurement related work in order to initiate the trial;
 - (e) note that works would commence as soon as possible to deliver the trial;
 - (f) note the construction timeframe of approximately four weeks to deliver the trial once commenced;
 - (g) note that officers will provide further details of expected timeframes for the installation of the trial as information to Councillors;
 - (h) authorise officers to commence notification to abutting property owners and occupiers as part of the development of the detailed design outlining the purpose of the 12 month trial and the key components for community understanding; and
 - (i) note the installed trial design option would remain in situ between the conclusion of the trial at 12 months and the production of a report to Council detailing the performance of the trial as soon as is practicable following the 12 months trial, but within 6 months.

3. That officers arrange for data collection during the 12 month trial in order to enable evaluation of the trial.

4. That Council authorise the Director, Planning and Place Making to instruct staff to make any necessary adjustments to the trial layout during the period of the trial and until Council forms an opinion on its future.
5. That Council further note that if the 12 month trial is deemed to be successful by Council, following a report by officers, that progression will then occur by officers for a permanent solution (with or without changes as determined by the full Council).

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 9.01pm

Councillor Jolly returned at 9.04pm

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Jeremy Lawrence; and

Troy Parsons.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Bosler

Seconded: Councillor Searle

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report regarding the proposed Elizabeth Street protected bike lane project;
 - (b) note the alignment of this project with the Council adopted Bike Strategy Refresh and the Urban Forest Strategy;
 - (c) note that improved cycling lanes on Elizabeth Street also enhances safety on a regional cycling route;
 - (d) note that in order to provide this protected lane, some kerbside carparking is required to enable the reallocation of road space;
 - (e) note the Council budget (19/20) allocates \$400K for the implementation of protected bike lanes in Elizabeth Street from Hoddle to Church Streets; and
 - (f) note that the preferred design option for the protected bike lanes are ones that are of sufficient width to provide the safety and comfort of cycling.
2. That in the context of the above, Council:
 - (a) endorse a 12 month '*iterative trial*' to deliver protected bike lanes on Elizabeth Street as part of a regional cycling route in a timely manner;
 - (b) endorse the installation of:
 - (i) Trial design option C for the western section (Little Hoddle Street to Lennox Street); and
 - (ii) Trial design option A for the eastern section (Lennox Street to Church Street) as outlined in the cross sections of those trial designs in the report;
 - (c) require all car parking spaces to have a car dooring buffer zone for safety of cyclists;
 - (d) instruct officers to now commence with the production of detailed design drawings and other procurement related work in order to initiate the trial;

- (e) note that works would commence as soon as possible to deliver the trial;
 - (f) note the construction timeframe of approximately four weeks to deliver the trial once commenced;
 - (g) note that officers will provide further details of expected timeframes for the installation of the trial as information to Councillors;
 - (h) authorise officers to commence notification to abutting property owners and occupiers as part of the development of the detailed design outlining the purpose of the 12 month trial and the key components for community understanding; and
 - (i) note the installed trial design option would remain in situ between the conclusion of the trial at 12 months and the production of a report to Council detailing the performance of the trial as soon as is practicable following the 12 months trial, but within 6 months.
3. That officers arrange for data collection during the 12 month trial in order to enable evaluation of the trial.
 4. That Council authorise the Director, Planning and Place Making to instruct staff to make any necessary adjustments to the trial layout during the period of the trial and until Council forms an opinion on its future, unless these changes are major, where Councillors should be informed of these.
 5. That Council authorise officers to engage with DHHS to determine impact on DHHS tenants of trial bike lane and provide data back to Council on the occupancy rates of DHHS parking to ensure no undue impact on DHHS tenants.
 6. That Council further note that if the 12 month trial is deemed to be successful by Council, following a report by officers, that progression will then occur by officers for a permanent solution (with or without changes as determined by the full Council).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.7 Safe Travel Strategy - 2019 Progress Report

Reference: D19/182190
Authoriser: Director City Works and Assets

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Safe Travel Strategy 2019 Update.

Councillor Chen Yi Mei left the meeting at 9.28pm

Councillor Chen Yi Mei returned at 9.31pm

Public Submission

Jeremy Lawrence addressed Council on the matter.

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 9.30pm

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Bosler

Seconded: Councillor Stone

That Council notes the Safe Travel Strategy 2019 Update.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.1 Notice of Rescission No. 2 of 2019 - Officers to present a report on the operation of Yarra Youth Services

Reference: D19/219141

Authoriser: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Stone

That the motion of Council as carried 26 November 2019 and stating:

1. *That Council requests Officers to present a report by the first meeting cycle in May 2020, providing a comprehensive and detailed review of the operations of the Yarra Youth Services and which will include but not limited to the following:*
 - (a) *the analysis of all existing programming currently managed by the Service;*
 - (b) *a detailed statistical profile breakdown of young people engaged with the Service's programming;*
 - (c) *the capacity of operational staff with particular emphasis on their ability to engage with diverse communities;*
 - (d) *a review of the Service's senior management and organisational structure;*
 - (e) *the interaction of the Service with other Council funded youth programming;*
 - (f) *to highlight of any significant gaps in service delivery to key co-horts;*
 - (g) *an outline of how the Service plans to interact with the new Youth Hub being established in Richmond;*
 - (h) *an understanding of any opportunities which might exist to further expand programming and operations; and*
 - (i) *details of interviews and consultation with young people engaged with the Service',*
- be rescinded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Following consideration of Confidential business, the meeting resumed in open session.

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 9.53pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 17 December 2019

Mayor