



REPORT ON PROPOSAL BY YARRA CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CLOSURE OF UNNAMED LANEWAY WEST OF RAE ST BETWEEN YORK STREET AND ALEXANDRA PARADE, FITZROY NORTH

1. PROPOSAL:

The Department of Transport received a request from Yarra City Council to consider limiting access in the unnamed laneway west of Rae Street between York Street and Alexandra Parade as part of a Local Area Place Making Plan (LAPM) for Fitzroy North.

The LAPM was adopted in March 2019 and aims to create a more livable area for the community through a placemaking approach. A traffic impact assessment report has been prepared by GTA consultants on behalf of the City of Yarra (Fileit reference 17958977).



Figure 1 Proposed changes to unnamed laneway west of Rae Street as per GTA Traffic Impact Assessment V171550

2. EXISTING CONDITIONS AND TRAFFIC PATTERNS:

The laneway is unnamed one lane, two-way local road which is approximately 3m wide and built with bluestone cobblestones. The laneway provides access to garages from properties on Curtain Place and Rae St.

The counts undertaken by the City of Yarra only show a very limited number of vehicles using this laneway.

3. EFFECT OF CLOSURE:

There is only 1 vehicle expected in the morning peak, no impact anticipated on the surrounding arterial road network.

4. IMPACT ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT & EMERGENCY VEHICLES:


It is recommended that Council consult emergency services to confirm that the closure will not detrimentally impact access.

5. CONCLUSIONS:

The Department of Transport has no objections to limiting through traffic access in the unnamed laneway to the west of Rae Street between York Street and Alexandra Parade.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Mr Manawa Herath - Senior Movement and Safety Engineer, Department of Transport (Roads) Metro North West Region on Tel: 03 9313 1241.

Yours sincerely,



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