

Appendix C - COVID-19 Pandemic Response Advocacy Items for Minister for Transport Infrastructure

- a. Temporarily suspend Clearway restrictions to support possible measures to extend footpaths, improve crossing points, improve access to off-street car parking or other measures to respond to COVID-19, to be reviewed within three months of the end of the state of emergency in Victoria
- b. Fast-track existing 40km/h speed limit reduction applications for local streets made by Council listed in **Appendix C**
- c. Implement automatic callup of pedestrian phases at signalised intersections in locations with high pedestrian activity and demand
- d. Implement temporary 'popup' protected bicycle lanes along or across key arterial roads in partnership with affected councils, to be reviewed within three months of the end of the state of emergency in Victoria:
 - i. Heidelberg Road (between Clifton Hill and Ivanhoe)
 - ii. Westgarth Street (between South Crescent and Rucker Street)
 - iii. Station Street (between Darebin Road and Railway Place)
 - iv. St Georges Road (between the southern end of the shared path on the median to the southern side of the Merri Creek Bridge)
 - v. St Georges Road median opening at Cramer Street
- e. Fast-track and fund previously planned infrastructure for people walking and cycling in partnership with Council and local communities:
 - i. St Georges Road shared path (between Merri Creek and Arthurton Road) and other improvement works along the Preston to CBD Strategic Cycling Corridor
 - ii. Westgarth Street on-road protected bicycle lanes
 - iii. Farm Road shared path connection to the Darebin Creek Trail
 - iv. Signalised pedestrian crossings at Elizabeth Street, Preston, slip-lane from Bell Street to St Georges Road, Preston and Station Street, Fairfield
 - v. Puffin operation at two existing pedestrian crossing sites on Spring Street near Verdun Grove, and Westgarth Street near Northcote Park
- f. Provide expedited funding for construction of planned transport projects by Councils in Victoria to create jobs and provide economic stimulus
- g. Implement tramways and associated supporting features in collaboration with Council along tram route 86 to enable improved reliability and additional services to reduce crowding
- h. Improve the safety of the shared user path and efficiency of the route 11 tram along St Georges Road by closing or modifying the unsignalised median openings