

Appendix B - Council Strategies and Resolutions Supporting Projects in Appendix A

At the Council meeting on 27 July 2017, Council resolved –

That:

- (1) The Mayor writes to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety, copied to local State and Federal Members of Parliament, requesting a comprehensive and inclusive community engagement process be undertaken for the redesign of St. Georges Road to ensure safety and accessibility for cyclists, pedestrians, public transport users, motorists, local residents and traders.
- (2) A copy of such letter and a previous letter sent by the Mayor to VicRoads be distributed to local residents and traders along the St Georges Road corridor between Merri Creek, High Street, Arthurton Road and Miller Street.

At the Council Meeting on 16 May 2016 Council resolved -

That Council:

- (1) Notes the significant disruption to the more than 500,000 bike trips and pedestrians along the St Georges road shared path as part of the M40 project.
- (2) Reaffirms the Council's long term vision for a duplicated pathway along the St Georges road median as part of the Great Northern Shared Path, as well as the closure of non-signalised crossing points and other key priorities identified in the St Georges road shared path safety audit.
- (3) Authorises the Mayor to write immediately to local members of parliament and relevant ministers including but not limited to finance, roads, public transport and water and environment outlining council's commitment to the path duplication as part of the Council's budget to process and also seeks partnership from relevant departments and agencies to match council's commitment on a "dollar for dollar" basis over the next two financial years to duplicate the path, close off identified non signalised crossing points, and implement other key priorities in the safety audit report. The letter should reinforce Council's position for a continuous treed avenue and no net loss of trees along St Georges Road Median.
- (4) Be presented with a comprehensive vision and master plan for the shared path from Reservoir to Northcote that may contain , but not limited to the following features:
 - a) Preferred bike and pedestrian flow
 - b) Preferred crossing points for all shared paths and road users along the shared path.
 - c) Preferred amenities including but not limited to tree coverage/vegetation, drinking fountains, seating/shelter and bike repair stations
 - d) Key partners, agencies and possible sources for collaborations, including indicative timelines and resources required.
 - e) Indicative budget and timeline for these works.

At the Council Meeting on 4 April 2016 Council resolved -

That Council:

- (1) Notes its previous resolutions adopted in relation to the St Georges Road Shared Path and M40 Project:
 - A 'like for like' reinstatement of the trees recognising the high amenity value they offer.
 - Improve safety for all St Georges Road users including removal of non-signalised vehicle crossover points.

- Provide appropriate line of sight allowances for pedestrian and bike crossing points.
- Duplication of the path to provide separate bicycle and pedestrian paths.
- Manage pedestrian and cyclist safety for the duration of the project.

(2) As a matter of urgency and In the absence of relevant local data to determine sight triangles, requests that Melbourne Water undertakes speed recording of cyclists to determine appropriate line of sight triangles at relevant intersections with St Georges Road.

(3) Requests that Melbourne Water present to Council the results of its cycle speed findings and its plan for the St Georges Road median prior to the completion and release of the tender specifications for the project.

At the Council Meeting on 7 December 2015 Council resolved -

That Council acknowledges the excessive number of pedestrian injuries on St Georges Road bike path and the urgent need for a better safety outcomes in landscaping design near pedestrian crossing points on St Georges Road bike path to avoid future accidents.

That officers prepare 'line of sight design' recommendations for bike and pedestrian crossing points on St Georges Road consistent with the safety audit findings and supply these guidelines to Melbourne Water to assist them in their current tendering process for reconstruction and re-landscaping works along St Georges Road bicycle path.

At the Council Meeting on 7 September 2015 Council resolved -

THAT Council:

(1) Takes note of the planned upgrade of the water main by Melbourne Water along St George's Road shared path, which can carry up to 500,000 bike trips per year.

(2) Reaffirms its commitment to the Darebin Cycling Strategy Action Plan to upgrade Key Cycling Route 3 as per the St George's Road and Cheddar Road Safety Audits, which aims to duplicate the shared path along St George's Road for safety of pedestrians and cyclists

(3) Resolves to receive a report at the earliest opportunity on options to manage pedestrian and cyclist safety for the duration of the water mains upgrade. The report may cover the following:

- a. Feasibility of introducing bike lanes along St George's Road
- b. Feasibility of introducing lowered speed limits along St George's Road
- c. Feasibility of expanding informal "shimmy" routes
- d. Lobbying and advocacy plan for external sources of funding

(4) In preparation of the report, officers may consider consulting with the following stakeholders

- a. Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee
- b. Darebin Bicycle User's Group
- c. Bicycle Victoria
- d. Victoria Walks
- e. Melbourne Water
- f. Yarra Trams

g. Vic Roads

(5) Notes that the State Government has committed to the creation of an Active Transport Fund.

(6) Writes to the Members for Northcote and Preston and Ministers for Public Transport and Roads seeking support for the Great Northern Bikeway to be funded from this fund.

Adopted policies and strategies

- Darebin Transport Strategy 2007-2027 - prioritises sustainable transport
- Safe Travel Strategy 2018-2028 - supports a safer road environment
- Walking Strategy 2018 – 2028 – supports improved walking environment
- Cycling Strategy 2008 – 2018 – supports improved cycling environment
- Streets for People Feasibility Study – supports implementation of safe corridors for walking and cycling