

**Inner Melbourne Action Plan
Briefing Paper
Agenda Item 4 - St Kilda Road**

Purpose

1. To update the IMAP Implementation Committee on the progress towards implementation of the St Kilda Road Tram Project.

Progress to date

2. There are five key tram stops, including St Kilda Junction, that are included in the project scope. Four of these stops are of short to medium term consideration.
3. **Art Centre**
This project was presented to City of Melbourne Councillors by Yarra Trams on 13 November 2007. A planning permit application has been submitted to City of Melbourne and approval is expected shortly. Construction of the tram stop and track works are expected to take nine weeks and will involve some traffic disruption during 2 to 3 weekends, due substantially to track works.
4. **Commercial Road**
Approvals have been obtained from City of Melbourne and City of Port Phillip for the building works. It is planned to undertake works on Commercial road stops following the Arts Centre stop construction.
5. **High Street**
New stops at the High Street intersection are expected to be constructed shortly after Commercial Road. Yarra Trams is currently going through the approval process with VicRoads and Councils.
6. **Domain Interchange**
Ashton Raggott McDougall is preparing concepts for The Domain interchange stop and Department of Infrastructure is going through the process of funding approval.
7. **Intermediate stops**
Booz Allen Hamilton has undertaken an analysis of the tram stops between the Arts Centre and St Kilda Junction. In addition, an Origin/Destination survey has been undertaken as well as a business case developed by Traffix Group, to determine appropriate location for each stop. Further areas of work will be the result of extensive consultation with local government and the public following finalisation of the business case.

Other actions

8. Public consultation about the St Kilda Road Tram Project is provisionally scheduled to commence second half of 2008 and may be undertaken through the 'Think Tram' program. This will include significant consultation with IMAP stakeholder councils, key institutions, residents and businesses.
9. Yarra Trams and Department of Infrastructure request the continued support and input of IMAP councils in particular during consultation with key stakeholders and the formal public consultation period for the Domain Interchange and intermediate stops.

Recommendation

10. That the IMAP Implementation Committee resolves to:
 - (a) **note** the progress of the St Kilda Road Tram project; and
 - (b) continue to **support** public consultation by Yarra Trams and Department of Infrastructure for the St Kilda Road Tram project.

Inner Melbourne Action Plan – St Kilda Road Status Report

Priority Project Name	Project Team	Project Partners
St Kilda Road Tram	Project Team Coordination: Dol	VicRoads / Yarra Trams / CoM / IMAP / CoPP /

Key Strategic Linkages	Resourcing	Place / Region Focus
Melbourne 2030 Meeting Our Transport Challenges		St Kilda Road - Princes Bridge to Punt Road / Fitzroy Street

Summary of Current Status:

Initiatives / Deliverables	Status (grey – yet to be initiated, blue – completed, green – on track, yellow – behind schedule, red – significantly behind schedule)	Comments
Stage 1 - Art Centre	Proposed start May/June 2008	This project was presented to City of Melbourne Councillors by Yarra Trams 13 November. A planning permit application has been submitted to City of Melbourne and approval is expected shortly. Construction of the tram stop and track works are expected to take nine weeks and will involve some traffic disruption during 2 to 3 weekends, due substantially to track works.
Stage 1 - Commercial Road	On track	Approvals have been obtained from City of Melbourne and City of Port Phillip for the building works. It is planned to undertake works on Commercial road stops following the Arts Centre stop construction.
High Street	On track	New stops at the High Street intersection are expected to be constructed shortly after Commercial Road. Yarra Trams is currently going through the approval process with VicRoads and Councils.
Public Consultation Process - tram stop upgrades on St Kilda Road	To be initiated	<p>Domain Interchange Ashton Raggott McDougall is preparing concepts for The Domain interchange stop and Department of Infrastructure is going through the process of funding approval.</p> <p>Intermediate stops Booz Allen Hamilton has undertaken an analysis of the tram stops between the Arts Centre and St Kilda Junction. In addition, an Origin/Destination survey has been undertaken as well as a business case developed by Traffix Group, to determine appropriate location for each stop. Further areas</p>

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Tram Stop design issues	Under discussion	In January 2008, CoM hosted a meeting of IMAP councils, DoI, Yarra Trams and OCGI to continue discussions around the issues. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Jim Betts requesting funding to undertake development of a set of tram stop functional design guidelines (technical notes) to assist the coordinated, efficient and timely roll out of Accessible Tram Stops across the inner region.

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St Kilda Road Masterplan	Project Team Coordination: City of Melbourne	DoI / VicRoads / Yarra Trams / IMAP / CoPP / CoS

Key Strategic Linkages	Resourcing	Place / Region Focus
City Plan 2010 CoM Southbank/St Kilda Rd Neighbourhood Audit (2003) IMAP (2005) Transport Strategy 2020: Moving People & Freight (2006) Urban Design Strategy (Draft) (2006) Growing Green (2003) Replacement of Ageing, High Risk & Drought Affected Trees (2003)		St Kilda Road - Princes Bridge to Punt Road / Fitzroy Street

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Project Progress (2007)	On track	<p>A. TRANSPORT</p> <p>Traffic Impact Study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft not yet complete due to some analysis still being undertaken by CoM's engineers and consultant. • The finalised study to be submitted to the principal project partners. <p>Bike Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bike lane option for the Arts Centre Block has been developed and was presented to City of Melbourne's

		<p>Councillors, Yarra Trams, and PTD, 13/11/2007. All parties agreed on the way forward, with there being no impediments that would delay progress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike lane options for the remainder of St Kilda Road are still being developed by CoM in association with main stakeholders. <p>Yarra Trams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yarra Trams has documented its proposal for a mid-block superstop between Princes Bridge and Southbank Boulevard, and presented this to the same meeting as mentioned above, 13/11/2007. Yarra Trams will submit a planning application to CoM and they propose to undertake construction in mid 2008. <p>B. STREET TREES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In winter 2008, the first section of declining elm trees will be replaced by CoM and CoPP. The trees that will be replaced in this first stage are on both sides of the boulevard between Commercial Road and Moubray Street. <p>C. URBAN DESIGN AND PLANNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoM is finalising urban design and planning research that will inform the <i>St Kilda Road Master Plan</i>. <p>D. ST KILDA ROAD MASTER PLAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft summary and full versions of the master plan document (which incorporate the issues A-C listed above) are currently being finalised by CoM, and will be distributed to the principal project partners as soon as possible for their feedback and advice. • It is anticipated that community consultation will be conducted in early 2008.
<p>Consultation (2007) Level 1 State Level 2 Local and Regional</p>	<p>To be initiated</p>	<p>Transport Group, Urban Design and Planning Group and Street Trees Group will undertake consultation at State, regional and local level.</p>
<p>Report to Project Control Group (2007)</p>	<p>To be initiated</p>	
<p>Amend (2007)</p>	<p>To be initiated</p>	
<p>Report to CoM Directors, CE, and Planning Committee (2007)</p>	<p>To be initiated</p>	