

Inner Melbourne Action Plan Briefing Paper Action 2.4 Walking Links and Pedestrian Priority

Context

1. As reported previously to the Committee, the *Regional Greenlight Project* presents a redesign opportunity for collaborative joined-up State and local government work to improve safety and comfort levels for pedestrians using pedestrian operated signals on busy roads. This project will increase safety and comfort crossing busy roads to and from Activity Centres in Inner Melbourne. To progress IMAP Action 2.4, this project will provide for:
 - Improved connections to public transport
 - Pedestrian responsive signals
 - Pedestrian priority at intersections and street crossings

Specific Progress to Date

2. As at November 2007:
Stage 1 Investigation has been completed. The auditing process of 24 POS sites (5 in each IMAP council plus 4 control sites to enable complete evaluation after implementation of recommended changes) is complete.
3. It is noted that DoI have been notified of the completion of Stage 1 Implementation
4. The final results have been presented and accepted by the project Working Group (copy consultant report available on request). Consultation with VicRoads both regional and main office is continuing to achieve timely implementation of recommended changes with support from DoI Walking & Cycling Branch.

Next Steps

5. The next steps in the action are:
 - Present recommendations to VicRoads
 - Establish implementation process and draft schedule for implementation
 - Negotiate implementation schedule with relevant regional officers VicRoads
 - Liaise with relevant VicRoads officers to ensure timely completion **Stage 2 Implementation**

Further Outcomes sought

6. **Confirmation from VicRoads** regional office at senior level to schedule implementation – this is being supported by DoI
7. **Commitment by partner IMAP Councils** to commencement of Stage 2 Implementation. It is expected this stage to be completed by June 2008
8. **On-going collaboration with VicRoads** is proposed regarding the possible development of 'practice notes' to provide design advice for provision of pedestrian priority at signal crossings. It is considered that as an outcome of the project, a series of design guidelines could form the initial set similar to the established 'Cycle Notes' currently utilized by VicRoads and local government. This dimension to the project would require scoping and development. The Working Group has had initial discussion.

Recommendation

- 9.1 That the IMAP Implementation Committee resolve to:
 - (a) **note** the completion of Regional Greenlight Project Stage 1 (Investigation); and
 - (b) **support** commencement of Stage 2 (Implementation) to the finalisation of the second stage of the project.