

Inner Melbourne Action Plan
Briefing Paper
Action 2.4 - IMAP Regional Greenlight

Purpose

1. To clarify costs regarding works and ongoing maintenance for Stage 2 'Demonstration Site Implementation' of the IMAP Regional Greenlight Project.

Background

2. The IMAP Regional Greenlight Project presents an opportunity for collaborative State and local government work to redesign signals to improve safety and convenience levels for pedestrians on busy roads. This project will increase safety and comfort crossing busy roads to and from Activity Centres in Inner Melbourne. This project aims to contribute to:
 - Improved connections to public transport
 - Safe, convenient crossing points to enhance the Walking journey
 - Increased levels of Walking around Activity Centres
3. As previously reported, Stage 1 Investigation of the project is complete and the report was received in December 2007 by the Committee.

Comment

4. The original funding agreement called for IMAP councils to commit \$75,000, VicRoads \$75,000 and Department of Transport (DoT) \$150,000 to Stage 2 of the project. Stage 3 'Evaluation' will be undertaken in the 08/09 financial year and IMAP councils will commit 50% of the est. \$50,000 cost.
5. The above agreement stands. It should be noted that due to the demonstration nature of the project, final dollar costs are not known. Table 1 provides the estimated costs. Department of Transport continues to demonstrate strong commitment to the successful completion of the project.

Table 1

Partners	Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3	
	%	\$,000	%	\$,000	%	\$,000
IMAP	50	50	25	75	50	25
LAAP	50	50	50	150	50	25
VicRoads	0	0	25	75	0	0
Total	100	100	100	300	100	50
	Complete					

6. IMAP Councils are assisting the resourcing of the demonstration project to retain an investment in pedestrian signals redesign. This will have a dual yield for IMAP councils:
 - (a) shared technical expertise and knowledge that will enable IMAP councils to communicate more clearly with VicRoads' specialist technical officers.
 - (b) improved opportunities to use the data and knowledge gained from the demonstration project to assist the regional rollout and continuous improvement of pedestrian signal safety initiatives.
7. VicRoads will assume all on-going maintenance responsibility of the re-designed sites.

Conclusion

8. IMAP councils are investing in pedestrian light signals demonstration projects to improve in-house technical expertise and the the long term opportunities to improve community walking safety across the inner region.