

**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.