

OFFICERS REPORT**6.2 CYCLING CONNECTION BETWEEN SCOTCHMANS CREEK AND DJERRING TRAILS**

Submitting Councillor: Stuart James

MOTION

That Council:

1. Agrees to progress work on a cycling connection between Scotchmans Creek Trail and the Djerring Trail in Oakleigh
2. Directs officers to finalise the concept proposal for consultation and seek endorsement from Council in February 2022
3. Directs officers to include consideration in the concept proposal for a dedicated cycleway along Hanover Street between Atherton Road and Burlington Street, instead of diverting via Oxford Street

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Concept plans for the Atkinson Street temporary demonstration cycleway component of the cycle way have been developed and would only require minor changes before community consultation. This work can be undertaken within existing resources and existing budget.

Developing a secondary concept proposal with a dedicated cycleway in Hanover Street will require further survey and design work to clarify the impacts on the street, turn lanes, access points and adjacent car parking areas and would require additional costs of approximately \$10,000 that can be found within existing budget. Development of concept plans similar in quality to the existing Atkinson Street concept plans would allow the community to clearly understand the proposal. This survey and design work would also be required if a dedicated cycleway is proposed north of Dandenong Road.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

As an alternative to a secondary concept proposal, a desktop assessment for a dedicated cycleway along Hanover Street between Atherton Road and Burlington Street could be undertaken within existing staff resources, for report back to Council in February 2022.

COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

Prioritisation of sustainable transport options, including walking/cycling paths, is a strategic objective under Sustainable City within the Council Plan 2021-2025. The Council Plan also identifies priority of active transport over vehicles within Council's activity centres as a strategic objective under Enhanced Places.

Provision of a cycling connection between two major trails through the Oakleigh Activity Centre meets these strategic objectives and will provide a safer environment for vulnerable road users and encourage people to cycle to the Centre.

One of the Monash Integrated Transport Strategy's key directions is to promote sustainable transport and provide a safe, connected on and off-street bicycle network. This proposal directly relates to this action.

RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

Council officers have developed concept plans for a temporary demonstration cycleway, using recycled "quick-build" materials, on the east side of Atkinson Street between Dandenong Road and Atherton Road.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

It should be noted that the cycleway in Atkinson Street as per current concept plan would result in a loss of on-street parking spaces. There is an estimated 95 parking spaces along both sides of Atkinson St between Atherton Rd and Dandenong Rd. The number of parking spaces on the east side of Atkinson Street would be reduced from 46 spaces to approximately 22 spaces to enable the cycleway installation as per current concept plan design.