

Council Meeting

Tuesday 25 November 2025

Meeting No. 13

Extract of Meeting Minutes in relation to Agenda Item 6.1

6.1 West Gate Tunnel Impacts (NoM) Including Hawke Street Improvements

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. On 2 September 2025 a notice of motion requesting additional information regarding the Transport and Amenity Program (TAP) including an update on key projects, expenditure and the release of updated traffic modelling was approved by Council.
2. City of Melbourne has liaised with the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) to provide the information requested.
3. A summary of the current expenditure to date, estimated expenditure against deliverables and the available funds is provided as an attachment to this report.
4. In July 2025 additional traffic modelling was completed through the TAP. Key model outputs have validated results previously published in the West Gate Tunnel Project (WGTP) Environmental Effects Statement (EES)
5. The City of Melbourne has worked with DTP to determine the optimal format for releasing the updated traffic modelling. Both parties have committed to publishing the information on DTP's TAP website by 19 December 2025. The data will also be made available on the Council's West Gate Tunnel website following Council consideration of this report once the formatting is resolved.
6. A monitoring period of six months after the West Gate Tunnel opening will impact the delivery of some projects. The specific date for the tunnel opening is not confirmed but it is expected in December 2025.
7. Consultation on Spencer Street Masterplan will commence in Financial Year 2026/27 following the six-month monitoring period.
8. A draft technical document in relation to Victoria Street has been drafted and requires further work to develop an Opportunities Plan for Victoria Street and surrounds
9. An updated concept design for Hawke Street is proposed as part of this report, with community engagement and exhibition of the concept proposed to commence from December 2025.

Items of correspondence were received from:

- Arkie Paten
- Sharon Blance
- Brence Coghill
- Sarah Webster
- JP Karnilowicz
- Gemma Gooding
- Angela Di Pasquale
- Tony Robinson
- Stephen Hatcher

- Sybil Gibb
- Alice Leake
- Mary Masters, North and West Melbourne Association
- Karl Hessian
- Jane Good

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to:
 - 1.1. Note the response to the Notice of Motion.
 - 1.2. Endorse the updated Hawke Street Project Concept Design.
 - 1.3. Request that management publish a map of Hawke St and relevant surrounds that shows the location of all underground, above-ground and overhead services, easements and any other constraints impinging on the design of the linear park;
 - 1.4. Requests that management publish a map of Hawke St showing, by way of shading, where trees may be planted and where they may not be planted;
 - 1.5. Authorise the exhibition of the Hawke Street Project – Hawke Street Greening, to engage the community for the period of 8 December 2025 to 8 February 2026 of updates to the project, making clear how the design options accord with the West Melbourne Structure Plan;
 - 1.6. Authorise the General Manager Infrastructure and Amenity, to make any further minor editorial changes to the Hawke Street Greening Concept Design prior to publication;
 - 1.7. Request advice to the Future Melbourne Committee on the advisability of lowering the speed limit on the (state-controlled) section of Victoria St, between Curzon St & Dryburgh St; and
 - 1.8. Add the minutes from this item of tonight's meeting to Council's website in the same location as the slides from the community meeting held on 20 November.

Seconded: Cr Rowse

The motion was put and CARRIED

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Ball, Cr Camillo, Cr Griffiths, Cr Le Liu, Cr Liu, Cr Louey, Cr Rowse and Cr Scott

Voted against Cr Dr Guest