

Public Realm Framework Objectives

Create cool, green streets for people to improve amenity, comfort and public health



- Identify opportunities to upgrade streetscapes through:
 - - infill planting on priority streets
 - - new medians or green verges
 - - in road tree planting
 - - kerb outstands and understorey planting
 - - increase tree canopy cover and green walls
- Consider cooling mechanisms along key pedestrian route
- Explore opportunities to protect, and improve biodiversity

Be water-wise to effectively respond to climate change, and protection of assets and property



- Improve storm water management including WSUD opportunities
- Contribute to reducing flooding outside the precinct
- Seek opportunities for bioretention tanks in the public realm
- Consider use of pavement surface treatments to reduce the heat island effects
- Investigate use of permeable pavement

Provide equal & safe access within and into the precinct



- Provide safe, seamless direct pedestrian and bicycle connections within and beyond the precinct
- Upgrade pedestrian crossings on key arterial roads with improved pedestrian priority
- Provide safe and convenient access for all abilities and that consider the need of all road users
- Provide kerb outstands and traffic calming opportunities on intersections
- Enhance the sense of arrival into South Melbourne
- Improve personal security and safety through increased activation and quality lighting
- Improved pedestrian experience and safety with tram stop upgrades

Shape public spaces to support a variety of uses and enterprises



- Support and enhance street trading and other business activity.
- Identify opportunities for improvements to existing open spaces or key sites
- Provide an experiential journey through a variety of spaces and scales
- Ensure public spaces are adaptable and creative to attract visitors
- Use laneways to assist in activation by limiting vehicle access
- Explore opportunities for flexible uses of private open spaces

Reinforce civic pride and sense of place



- Provide a cohesive public realm that responds to the future built form character
- Undertake removal or consolidation of redundant fixtures and infrastructure
- Ensure building frontages are activated, attractive and visually engaging.
- Ensure projects or works by other agencies reinforce and integrate with the sense of place
- Create a Streetscape Management Plan and Tree Planting palette for the precinct
- Explore opportunities for an arts & cultural precinct around Emerald Hill
- Explore opportunities to activate undercroft spaces