

Item 14.1 Notice of Motion Councillor Sirakoff – Pop Up Bike Lanes

Question from Terri Thompson:

Following the Department of Transport's consultation we were informed by a formal letter from DoT confirming after reviewing all feedback received that they would not make any changes to Kerferd Road as part of the pop up bike lane program. The Shrine to Sea project update October 2022 released that they are currently evaluating five different bike lane and road configurations based on feedback they have received to date. I have had a number of neighbours contact me with their concerns again.

We have the following three questions:

1. What are these five different bike lane and road configurations proposed for Kerferd Road?
2. On Consultation who in Kerferd Road has formed part of the consultation? As a resident of Kerferd Road, I'd like to ensure we have been represented in any consultative meetings regarding changes to Kerferd Road
3. What is the current position of the City of Port Phillip regarding any proposed bike lane changes in Kerferd Road?

Response:

1. The Victorian Government through the Department of Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) are leading the Shrine to Sea project, which aims create a boulevard connecting Domain Gardens to Port Phillip Bay along Albert and Kerferd roads. The project will enhance the existing greenery and open spaces, improve the safety and experience for people walking and bike riding and help bring the local history, stories and culture to life for resident and visitors.

Safety is a key consideration of the project and, as part of the design process, DELWP are assessing five separate road configurations (inclusive of bike connections) for Kerferd Road to ensure no opportunity is overlooked for this critical portion of the project. This key link will deliver on the project outcome to 'create safer and clearer links and connections for walking and cycling'.

The draft Master Plan, details on the five tested options for Kerferd Road as well as supporting report/information is intended to be released for public consultation in the first quarter of 2023. These will be released through the State Government's EngageVic platform which will allow the community to provide feedback on the project and various elements of the draft Master Plan.

2. The engagement on the Shrine to Sea project is being managed by the State Government. Due to privacy requirements the State Government do not disclose information of individuals who have engaged on projects. Further details on the community and stakeholder engagement is included on the State Government's Engage Victoria project page ([Shrine to Sea | Engage Victoria](#)), including information on the Community Panel, and details of the broader community consultation conducted in October 2020 and September 2021.

The community will again be asked for their input when the draft masterplan is released. The plan will be made available on the project's Engage Victoria webpage, and the project team have confirmed they will again promote the opportunity for the community

to take part in the engagement process, through letterbox drops, emails, social media and information sessions.

To ensure your concerns have been captured, officers have passed on your comments from the Council meeting onto to the DELWP project team. I understand that officers have also previously put you in contact with DELWP to ensure you are kept up to date on the project through the project mailing list.

The State Governments Project [Shrine to Sea](#) website has a number of related documents that can be downloaded:

- Community Panel Recommendations
 - DELWP's Response to the Community Panel Recommendations
 - Community Engagement Summary Report December 2021
 - Shrine to Sea FAQs
 - Tree Assessment Map
 - Shrine to Sea Heritage Features Report
 - Community Engagement Summary Report March 2021
 - Parks Victoria's Engagement Findings Report
3. The City of Port Phillip is dedicated to providing safe and inclusive transport options for all community members. Kerferd Road is listed as a high priority bike corridor within Council's endorsed ["Move Connect Live. Integrated Transport Strategy"](#) and is a known black spot area having a high number of reported crashes. Council has a responsibility to ensure our roads are safe for all users. Addressing locations with high crash rates is a priority for Council, and has always formed a core part of the planning and for this project.

Kerferd Road (and Albert Road) form part of a key State Government C2 Strategic Cycling Corridor. A C2 corridor provides additional connections to state significant destinations, as well as connections to major activity centres and key railway stations within metropolitan Melbourne. For more information please see the following link: [Strategic Cycling Corridors | Department of Transport](#).

**Please note: answers to any questions in Public Question Time and Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*