

# Public Realm Condition Audits

Strategic Alignment - Our Places

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**Tuesday, 16 April 2024**  
**Infrastructure and Public Works Committee**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 27 February 2024, Council received a report providing an overview of previous Public Realm Condition Audits undertaken on King William Street, North Terrace, Hutt Street and Melbourne Street.

The purpose of this report is to inform the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee of further Public Realm Audits undertaken in the East End and Hindley Street, as a requirement of the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) annual Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for the Administration to conduct four public realm condition audits and present the findings back to Council.

Two further Public Realm Condition Audits and associated works will be presented to a future Infrastructure and Public Works Committee.

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## RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 23 April 2024 for consideration

THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the Public Realm Condition Audits as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.6 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 16 April 2024.
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# IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	<b>Strategic Alignment – Our Places</b> Community assets are adaptable and responsibly maintained
Policy	Asset Management Policy, Strategic Asset Management Plan, Public Communication and Consultation Policy.
Consultation	Maintenance works undertaken, as noted in this report, may have required stakeholder notification.
Resource	Inspections were attended by the Lord Mayor, Council Members, and Council Administration.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	The review and update of Asset Management Plans, including levels of service, is required every four years or within two years of a general Council election pursuant to section 122 of <i>Local Government Act 1999 (SA)</i> .
Opportunities	Ongoing opportunities to directly discuss alignment with city maintenance and presentation activities.
23/24 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 24/25 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
23/24 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Ongoing impacts to maintenance budget are not quantifiable at this time.
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

## DISCUSSION

1. Council has resolved as part of the CEO's KPI scorecard to conduct four (4) Public Realm Condition Audits within the 2023/24 financial year and to report back to Council on the findings and implementation strategies to make good and/or enhance.
2. A report was presented to Council on 27 February 2024 in relation to a series of Public Realm Condition Audits across the City Business District (CBD) and North Adelaide, including King William Street, North Terrace, Hutt Street and Melbourne Street.
3. During Q3 2024, a series of Public Realm Condition Audits have been undertaken across the following locations:
  - 3.1. East End, Wednesday 14 February 2024
    - 3.1.1. Attendees: Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Snape, Councillors Noon, Elliott and Couros, and representatives from the Council Administration.
  - 3.2. Hindley Street, Thursday 14 March 2024
    - 3.2.1. Attendees: Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Snape, Councillors Noon, Elliott, Giles, Couros and Martin, and representatives from the Council Administration.
4. The outcomes of these audits are provided in **Attachment A**.
5. These audits provide Council Members with an opportunity to identify areas of concern and opportunities to focus future design and maintenance programming.
6. Common areas of focus will continue as part of these audits including:
  - 6.1. Cleaning.
  - 6.2. Graffiti.
  - 6.3. Footpath condition.
  - 6.4. Tree condition and tree surrounds.
  - 6.5. Weeds.
  - 6.6. Garden beds.
7. The walk-through provided an opportunity for the Administration to communicate and share with Council Members some of the topical themes, most relevant and important to the individual precincts and stakeholders.
8. The Project Manager for the Hindley Street master plan project attended the Hindley Street condition audit, providing commentary on the upcoming works, including:
  - 8.1. Intent of the project.
  - 8.2. Safety in Design Principles.
  - 8.3. Materiality intent.
  - 8.4. Time frames for upcoming project milestones.
9. As an outcome of the audits the City Operations team have addressed maintenance items that required immediate resolution and programmed future works for completion as per the current Service Standards.
10. Any works that have not been deemed maintenance have been escalated to the Asset Management Team for inclusion in future capital renewal works.
11. A program of associated works is in development and will be presented to a future Infrastructure and Public Works Committee meeting prior to 30 June 2024 to respond to the outcomes of the audits.
12. To complete the four condition audits, two more are programmed for this financial year. The Gouger Street audit was conducted on Wednesday 10 April 2024, and the O'Connell Street audit will be conducted on Friday 19 April 2024. Works identified from these ongoing audits will continue to be programmed and completed. A report for these audits will be provided at the June Infrastructure and Public Works Committee Meeting.

13. The proposed approach for the 2024/25 condition audits is to revisit the streets that were audited as of the end of 2023/24, in the same order. Allowing participants to provide feedback and observations of changes over the intervening periods. The order being:
  - 13.1. King William Street/North Terrace.
  - 13.2. Hutt Street.
  - 13.3. Melbourne Street.
  - 13.4. East End.
  - 13.5. Hindley Street.
  - 13.6. Gouger Street.
  - 13.7. O'Connell Street.
14. Further, it is proposed that the scope of the condition audits broadens to incorporate discussions about:
  - 14.1. Planned and upcoming projects applicable to location.
  - 14.2. Commentary from Place Coordinators about upcoming activities and place activations.
  - 14.3. Community safety and compliance initiatives and issues.
  - 14.4. An overview of current challenges and opportunities within the street, including feedback from the community and key stakeholders.
15. Prior to the East End condition audit, City Operations Staff undertook a pre-Adelaide Fringe walkover. This is conducted yearly with business groups and resident representatives and is used to identify any maintenance works prior to the Fringe commencing. This year's walkover was completed on Thursday, 1 February 2024. Works identified and the completion status of this walkover is available at [Link 1](#).

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## DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Link 1** – Adelaide Fringe 2024 walkover works identified

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## ATTACHMENTS

**Attachment A** – Public Realm Conditions Audits – April 2024

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