

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape - MoN - Melbourne Street Wombat Crossing

Tuesday, 8 October 2024
Council

Council Member
Councillor Keiran Snape

Public

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MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Keiran Snape will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'That Council:

1. Notes that the City of Adelaide was allocated \$1 million from the state government for the Melbourne Street Improvements Project, which has not delivered a Wombat Crossing outside Ronald McDonald House.
2. Notes that on 9th September 2024 a student was hit in the vicinity of this section of Melbourne Street, resulting in the attendance of an ambulance.
3. Requests the administration seek funding and construction options to urgently progress the creation of a Wombat Crossing outside Ronald McDonald House in the 24/25 financial year.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The Administration has sought information from the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) in relation to the above noted incident occurring 9 September 2024 on Melbourne Street. At the time of preparing this response DIT were unable to provide information to assist with understanding what had occurred.
2. At its meeting on 27 June 2023, Council as part of the adoption of the 2023/24 Business Plan and Budget, approved the Melbourne Street upgrade as part of a Prioritisation and Identification of street upgrades.
 - 2.1. *THAT COUNCIL*
 - 2.1.1. *Approves an indicative forward estimate (new & upgrade) within the Long-Term Financial Plan for Melbourne Street, for a total of \$1.5 million for detailed design occurring in 2025/26 and \$5 million for construction occurring in 2026/27 and 2027/28.*
3. At its meeting on 26 March 2024, Council noted a set of key deliverables presented by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) relating to the \$1m State Government funding.
 - 3.1. *THAT COUNCIL*
 - 3.1.1. *Notes that in February 2024, the Department for Infrastructure and Transport, responsible for overseeing the grant agreement on behalf of the Government of South Australia, presented an alternative set of key deliverables eligible for funding under the grant. This revised list includes:*
 - 3.1.2. *Planter boxes, with consistency along the whole street.*
 - 3.1.3. *Installation of hanging baskets.*

- 3.1.4. *Implementation of real-time vacant space signage for Dunn Street Car Park.*
- 3.1.5. *Addition of tree bud lighting at Melbourne Street Plaza, specifically at the junction of Jerningham Street and Melbourne Street.*
- 3.1.6. *Installation of under veranda festoon lighting for safety and ambiance, similar to lighting on O'Connell Street between Lombard and Gover streets, to support local restaurants.*
- 3.1.7. *Retrofitting of banner brackets to existing entryway flag poles at Mann Terrace and Brougham Place ends of Melbourne Street.*
- 3.1.8. *Upgrading and relocation of street furniture, along with the rationalisation and decluttering of existing infrastructure.*
- 3.2. *Notes that the construction of a wombat crossing in front of the Ronald McDonald House on Melbourne Street will not be funded through the Government of South Australia grant.*
- 3.3. *Notes the construction of wombat crossings on Melbourne Street remains part of Council's Main Streets Revitalisation Master Plan for Melbourne Street and design and planning works undertaken to date on the crossing will benefit any future construction opportunities.*
- 4. The Administration has commenced preparing revised concept designs for Melbourne Street commensurate with the approved \$5m construction budget allocation.
- 5. The revised concept designs for Melbourne Street are currently anticipated to be ready for presentation to Council in May 2025 and detailed design to follow in financial year 2025/26.
- 6. The Administration intends to include a wombat crossing in the vicinity of the Ronald McDonald House as part of the revised concept designs for the street.
- 7. Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion to pursue the construction of a wombat crossing in the vicinity of Ronald McDonald House, the following activities will need to be undertaken.
 - 7.1. The Administration will undertake a review of the current design and a undertake a cost estimate for the construction of a wombat crossing and ancillary works in the vicinity of Ronald McDonald House.
 - 7.2. Prepare costings associated with this separate works package estimated to be in the region of \$730,000 (ex. GST). This includes stormwater upgrades that would be necessary due to impacts that would be caused to surface stormwater flows following the introduction of a wombat crossing (raised zebra crossing).
 - 7.3. Present the budget allocation required and associated timings to Council for consideration as part of the Council's quarterly budget reconsiderations or through the next Business Plan & Budget, with respect to existing priorities and financial capacity within the Long-Term Financial Plan.
 - 7.4. Prepare a 'Request for Tenders' to be released to the market following Council approval of budget for the works.
- 8. If endorsed, and budget allocated, it is estimated that construction works would commence at the end of 2024/25 and extend into the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget period.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Engagement with the surrounding precinct and the Department for Infrastructure and Transport is essential.
External consultant advice	External design and traffic advice will be sought
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not Applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Should this motion be carried, a review will be undertaken on the current capital works projects and budget allocation to assist in both delivery and budget timings.
Budget reallocation	To be determined
Capital investment	Estimated \$730,000 (ex. GST)
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	To be determined

Other	Not Applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.

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