

Councillor Couros - QoN - Mainstreet Revitalisation

Tuesday, 12 August 2025
Council

Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

Contact Officer:
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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Can Administration please advise the following:-

1. Advise when the Main Street Revitalisation proposal for Hutt Street (initiated over three years ago) and Hindley Street (which has been in planning and discussion for over 10 years, both of which have funding allocated be presented to the council for consideration?
2. Provide the timeline and key milestones for the main street revitalisation projects for Melbourne Street, O'Connell Street and Gouger Street?'

REPLY

1. At its meeting on 27 June 2023, through its Business Plan and Budget deliberations, Council resolved the prioritisation of, timeline and key milestones for the design and delivery of Main Streets projects as outlined below:

THAT COUNCIL:

21. Prioritisation and identification of Street Upgrades

- 21.1 Notes in the 2023/24 Business Plan & Budget, an allocation (new & upgrade) of \$2.4 million for the delivery of the Hindley Street Detailed Design.
- 21.2 Approves an indicative forward estimate (new & upgrade) within the Long-Term Financial Plan for Hindley Street of \$12.6 million for construction occurring in 2024/25 and 2025/26.
- 21.3 Notes in the 2023/24 Business Plan and Budget, an allocation (new & upgrade) of \$500,000 for the delivery of the Gouger Street Concept Design.
- 21.4 Approves an indicative forward estimate (new & upgrade) within the Long-Term Financial Plan for Gouger Street of \$2 million for detailed design in 2024/25 and \$12.5 million for construction occurring in 2025/26 and 2026/27.
- 21.5 Approves an indicative forward estimate (new & upgrade) within the Long-Term Financial Plan for O'Connell Street of \$2.5m, for detailed design occurring in 2024/25 and \$12.5 million for construction occurring in 2026/27 and 2027/28.

- 21.6 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.
- 21.7 Approves an indicative forward estimate (new & upgrade) within the Long-Term Financial Plan for Hutt Street of \$2.5 million detailed design occurring in 2024/25 and \$10 million for construction occurring in 2025/26 and 2026/27.

HUTT STREET

2. The Hutt Street Main Street Revitalisation Project was presented to the Infrastructure and Public Works (IPW) Committee and Council in August and November 2024, which included concept designs for review and endorsement.
3. At its meeting on 26 November 2024, Council resolved that the Administration undertake further engagement with key stakeholders within Hutt Street.

THAT COUNCIL:

- 1 Approves for the purposes of public consultation:
- 1.1 Option A (Existing conditions - footpath option only); and
- 1.2 Option B (Renewal with 60-degree angle parking) and
- 1.3 Option C (Renewal with 45-degree angle parking) and
- 1.4 Option D (Current Concept (interpeak parallel) and
- 1.5 Option E (Combined 45-degree angle parking)
- As presented on the 19 November 2024 within the Hutt Street Revitalisation Project (Car Parking Review) Workshop and contained within Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 19 November 2024.
- 2 Notes the outcomes of the Community consultation will be presented to Council for consideration and approval.
- 3 Notes the new timeline and forward estimates for the New / Upgrade allocation due to the request to review the concept plan with particular focus on the provision of car parking spaces.
4. In line with this resolution, a comprehensive community engagement process was undertaken. The outcomes of the consultation will be presented to Council at a Workshop at the IPW Committee on 19 August 2025, followed by a report to the IPW Committee and Council in September 2025 for consideration.
5. Council resolution is required on one of the options to assist the Administration to progress the design finalisation, procurement and subsequent delivery of the project.

HINDLEY STREET

6. The Hindley Street Main Street Revitalisation Project was presented at a CEO Briefing on 2 April 2024 seeking feedback from Council Members on the concept design. The Administration subsequently presented a confidential CEO Briefing held on 22 October 2024, reflecting a revised concept design option for Council's consideration and feedback.
7. The Administration is progressing with the Hindley Street Main Street Revitalisation Project - detailed design process which will be presented back to Council in due course.

MELBOURNE STREET

8. In relation to the timeline and key milestones for the Melbourne Street Main Street Revitalisation Project, the works are progressing in accordance with the timeline set out in the Council resolution from the 27 June 2023 Council Meeting, being for detailed design to occur in 2025/26 and construction to occur in 2026/27 and 2027/28.

O'CONNELL STREET

9. In relation to the timeline and key milestones for the O'Connell Street Main Street Revitalisation Project, the works are progressing in accordance with the timeline set out in the Council resolution from the 27 June 2023 Council Meeting, being for detailed design to occur in 2024/25 and construction to occur in 2026/27 and 2027/28.
10. At its meeting on 26 November 2024, Council resolved,

THAT COUNCIL:

- 1 *Approves the detailed design for the O'Connell Street Revitalisation Project, in relation to the eastern footpath between Archer Street and Tynte Street as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 19 November 2024.*
 - 2 *Notes the further development of detailed design to 100% completion and the subsequent construction of the eastern footpath between Archer Street and Tynte Street.*
 - 3 *Asks the Administration to review the current main streets program in relation to funding and timing opportunities, with the goal to potentially construct the section of footpath from Archer Street to Tynte Street on the western side of O'Connell Street, within the 2025/26 financial period and that a report is brought back to Council for consideration.*
11. In line with the resolution, the Administration has commenced the construction of the eastern footpath between Archer Street to Tynte Steet and anticipates its completion by September 2025.
 12. The Administration will be presenting a report on the progress of the O'Connell Street Main Street Revitalisation Project at the IPW Committee on 19 August 2025.

GOUGER STREET

13. In relation to the timeline and key milestones for the Gouger Street Main Street Revitalisation Project, the works are progressing in accordance with the timeline set out in the Council resolution from the 27 June 2023 Council Meeting, being for detailed design to occur in 2024/25 and construction to occur in 2025/26 and 2026/27.
14. Detailed design for Gouger Street Main Street Redevelopment Project commenced in 2024/25, with extensive community and stakeholder consultation having been undertaken. It is anticipated that a report will be presented back to Council for consideration in October 2025.

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