

O'Connell and Melbourne Street Clean Up

Tuesday, 14 June 2022
Council

Council Member
Councillor Martin

Public

Contact Officer:
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MOTION ON NOTICE

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

'That Council:

Immediately undertakes a program to improve the amenity and the appearance of O'Connell and Melbourne Streets by:

1. Deep cleaning pavements, particularly at blackened entrances to restaurants and takeaway premises and, thereafter regularly cleaning and also removing bird droppings
2. Repair or replace broken or uneven paving bricks (especially around tree roots), fill all voids between pavers, walls and service inspection pits and ensure metal drain covers are level with pavers so as to avoid tripping hazards
3. Replace broken concrete surrounds to service inspection pits
4. Liaise with business owners to repair or replace broken and/or collapsed planter boxes and to maintain such boxes
5. Reinstate plantings to the traffic islands at the northern and southern ends of Main North Road, a key entrance to the City of Adelaide, and wherever additional greening is possible
6. Remove long standing graffiti
7. Liaise with owners to remove or better manage drums of oil from the rear of catering premises in Fenchurch Street
8. Remove or require building owners to remove any fixed furniture and pavement screens and repair footpaths in cases where such items have not been in use in 2022 and for which no immediate use is scheduled.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. All of the items listed within the Motion are undertaken as part of scheduled maintenance activities within the public realm.
2. Deep Cleaning
 - 2.1. The Waste and Cleansing team undertake scheduled cleaning of O'Connell and Melbourne Street. Due to its higher traffic volumes, O'Connell Street is cleaned on week 1 and week 3 of each month and Melbourne Street is deep cleaned at least once every 6 months. Melbourne Street is due to be

cleaned again in late June. Both locations are within an acceptable standard and are regularly audited. The cleaning is undertaken using specialised scrubbing machines and chemicals.

3. Paving
 - 3.1. The footpath network is audited regularly with the most recent inspections undertaken in April/May 2022. The audit of both streets identified that the pavement was in satisfactory condition. There were some isolated footpath defects associated mainly with tree roots, pavement subsidence and utility reinstatements. Repairs are underway to remediate trip hazards and other service defects. We anticipate that repair programs for both streets will be completed by end of August 2022.
4. Service Inspection Pits
 - 4.1. Broken/damaged service pit surrounds are included in the audit and defect remediation programs as per our footpath inspections.
5. Planter Boxes
 - 5.1. There are two types of planter boxes on O’Connell Street and Melbourne Street.
 - 5.2. Planters that are owned by the business and are placed on the footpath under an outdoor dining licence are fully maintained by the business.
 - 5.3. Planters that are owned by the City of Adelaide and the plants are maintained by the business.
 - 5.4. A planter box audit of O’Connell Street and Melbourne Street was undertaken in January 2022. Several were identified as being in a state of disrepair. Businesses were notified and the majority were removed from the street. Place Coordinators continue to work with businesses to ensure consistency and compliance with our requirements.
6. Main North Road Plantings
 - 6.1. We are not aware that there have been plantings previously in the traffic islands at either the northern or southern ends of Main North Road. This is a narrow median which would require investigation regarding greening opportunities.
7. Graffiti
 - 7.1. The Waste and Cleansing team regularly attend O’Connell Street and Melbourne Street to remove graffiti and stickers from surfaces which are directly face the public realm. The team will perform a detailed audit to identify and remove any relevant graffiti and stickers which are directly facing the public realm.
8. Removal of Waste from Catering Premises
 - 8.1. Place Coordinators in collaboration with the City Safety Team will continue to support business owners to effectively manage waste oils.
9. Fixed Furniture and Pavement Screens and Repair Footpaths
 - 9.1. On 13 June 2017 Council endorsed an Outdoor Dining Transition Plan, which outlined the approach to transitioning businesses with fixed outdoor dining furniture to removeable, and the triggers which would require this to occur.
 - 9.2. We continue to implement the Transition Plan and remove fixed furniture in line with this decision, noting some individual circumstances have required flexibility during the impacts of COVID-19.

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	Not applicable
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable

Budget reallocation	Not applicable
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not applicable
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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