SUGGESTIONS FOR BUDGET 2022/23





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Foreword

Streets Alive Yarra is a non-profit, volunteer, resident and ratepayer action group with a vision for more trees, wider footpaths and vibrant businesses in thriving neighbourhoods. We see our streets being used by people from all ages, irrespective of whether they walk, roll on a wheelchair, cycle, use public transport or drive. Residents and shoppers should be able to move safely, comfortably, and conveniently around Yarra; and park near shops.



Image credit: OCULUS Landscape Architecture and Urban Design

Streets Alive Yarra was founded in 2017 and now has over 2,800 followers on Facebook. A network of local champions develops concepts and proposals for how to improve their local street or precinct. Streets Alive Yarra is also a member of the Victoria Walks Walkability Action Group network.

Further information is available at: streets-alive-yarra.org/about.

Suggestions

Commit to Open Government, including publishing all external reports, publishing the full organisational chart, and publishing expenditure & revenue for each service that council offers:

https://streets-alive-yarra.org/journal/open-government/

Formally adopt support for level access for all tram stops and bus stops in Yarra, including any necessary removal of on-street parking:

https://streets-alive-yarra.org/better-for-trams/

Formally adopt support for the delivery of all Strategic Cycling Corridors in Yarra, to best practice guidelines, including any necessary removal of on-street parking (similar to the policy in the draft Auckland Parking Plan):

https://streets-alive-yarra.org/bicycle-network/

Deliver an integrated and cohesive set of policies, strategies and plans that relate to streets, including the Transport Action Plan, Parking Management Plan, Urban Design Strategy, Safe Travel Strategy, Road Safety Study Policy, Urban Forest Strategy, Place Making Framework, and Liveable Local Streets Framework:

https://streets-alive-yarra.org/transport-for-yarra/

Reform the responsibility for how streets are designed, so that design is led by the Urban Design team, not the parking team or traffic team:

https://streets-alive-yarra.org/actions/

Reform how on-street parking is priced, including converting all parking to permit only, managing access via digital permits, and managing occupancy with demand responsive pricing; noting that this would raise \$10-50 million each year of additional revenue:

https://streets-alive-yarra.org/better-for-parking/

Allocate at least \$10 million per year for improved infrastructure for walking and biking:

https://streets-alive-yarra.org/expenditure/

Concluding remarks

Streets Alive Yarra would be delighted to provide further detail or explanation of the themes raised in this document.

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