

Question from Councillor Cunsolo:

With reference to a road closure at the South Melbourne Market and access via the 236 bus route, can Council officers elaborate on the reason for the road closure and when the road is predicted to re-open? In the meantime, are there alternative provisions for bus users to access the market?

Response:

The northbound lane of Cecil Street outside of the South Melbourne Market is closed to vehicles from 3 January 2022 – 24 April 2022. This closure extends the market's outdoor eating area and is part of the City of Port Phillip's COVID-19 economic recovery roadmap to support local businesses.

Prior to the closure, Council officers liaised with Transdev, Public Transport Victoria and Department of Transport to minimise the impacts of this lane closure on the bus services. As a result, selected bus stops for the Bus Route 236 (to City) are not serviced from a first service Monday 3 January until the last service Sunday 24 April. The bus runs an alternative route turning from Dorcas Street into Ferrars Street, and then continuing along City Road. Travelling northbound the 236 bus stops on City Road just north of Market Street, this or the Coote Street / Dorcas Street stop are currently the closest stops to the market.

Bus stops that are not be serviced are:

- Ferrars Street / Dorcas Street
- South Melbourne Market / Cecil Street

Passengers are advised to use the alternative bus stops at:

- Coote Street / Dorcas Street
- City Road / Cecil Street (just north of Market Street) - Route 234 (to City) stop
- Clarendon Street / City Road

Bus route 236 will return to its standard route down Cecil Street from 25 April 2022.

**Please note answers to any questions in Public Question Time and Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*