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Dear Mayor

Thank you for providing the Department of Transport (DoT) Council's resolution about the roll out of the pop-up bike program in the City of Port Phillip (CoPP).

DoT is trialling 100 kilometres of new and improved bike routes across key Inner-Melbourne suburbs. The program aims to make it easier and safer for bike riders to get to and from Melbourne's CBD, as well as providing improved local connections.

As part of this roll out, 38km routes were approved by the City of Port Phillip. The 38km trial aligns to Council's *Move, Connect, Live; Integrated Transport Strategy 2018-28*.

DoT have held regular meetings with council officers throughout the program and we have worked in partnership on all of the pop-up bike routes. This collaborative approach is important from planning, through to design, installation and the monitoring and evaluation of the trial routes.

A key pillar of this program is that it allows changes to routes based upon community feedback and DoT evaluations. The pop ups are temporary infrastructure, which enables effective changes to routes when and where they are needed.

Since the rollout of these trial routes in the City of Port Phillip, DoT has received community feedback directly via email and online around some of the routes and their designs. Along with that feedback, the pop-up bike routes are under constant evaluation by DoT. These regular reviews assess safety, user numbers, sentiment, network performance and other factors.

Based on community feedback and DoT review processes, the changes identified require Council approval for all proposals.

We appreciated the opportunity to brief you and Councillors in person on Wednesday 24 August 2022 on our review of community and stakeholder feedback following the installation of 38kms of temporary pop up bike treatments in the municipality. DoT is proposing to make the following changes to pop-up bike route treatments within the City of Port Phillip:

- Reinstate the left turn traffic lane into Williamstown Road from Bridge Street in Port Melbourne
- End the trial of the central bike lanes at Bridge Street and reinstate the original road condition. DoT will work with Council Officers to explore alternate designs to address bicycle safety

- End the trial and reinstate the left turn traffic lane at the intersection of Bridge Street and Bay Street
- Improve visual amenity at Lyons Street, between Bridge Street and Esplanade West, with a focus on kerb and bollard removal
- Improve visual amenity at the intersection of Dickens Street and Glen Huntly Road on Marine Parade
- End the trial on Armstrong Street and reinstate to the original road configuration
- End the trial on Nelson Road and reinstate to the original road configuration

In relation to other requests raised, the following is proposed:

- DoT will monitor the current trial treatments in place on Westbury Street and work with Council Officers to explore alternative designs
- DoT will carry out reviews across all routes to assess speed cushions and other infrastructure placement. DoT will work collaboratively with Council Officers on this and share review outcomes
- DoT will continue to engage with the community in the City of Port Phillip about the Pop-up Bike Lanes Program. Going forward, all communication material will be co-branded to reinforce the partnership between DoT and CoPP
- DoT will continue to work in partnership with CoPP for the duration of the Pop-up Bike Lanes Program.

Any changes made by DoT will be dependent on weather and contractor availability. It is imperative we receive Council position and approvals in a prompt manner and would appreciate a response by 8 September 2022.

Subject to receiving Council approval, DOT will commence planning the implementation of the proposed changes and will work with council officers to ensure the community are informed of when the change activity will occur on their streets.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions. We look forward to continuing to partner with the City of Port Phillip to deliver improvements to the cycling network.

Yours sincerely



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