

## Call for community input on City Road Master Plan

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Thirty years ago City Road ran through an ageing industrial area. Now it is lined with high rise offices and apartments.

The City of Melbourne is in the process of developing a Master Plan for City Road to improve the way it functions, and is looking for input from residents, businesses, road users and other interested parties.

The plan will cover the full length of City Road within the City of Melbourne's boundaries from City Link/Westgate Freeway to St Kilda Road, and also part of Alexandra Avenue from St Kilda Road to the intersection with Linlithgow Avenue.

Chair of the Future Melbourne (Transport) portfolio, Councillor Cathy Oke, said the City of Melbourne is focusing on City Road to ensure it performs its two key roles: as an important traffic link and as a main street in Southbank for decades to come.

"It's a vital road link, but also home to important neighbourhood facilities like the Boyd Community Hub. With the local population expected to more than double to 32,000 by 2036, now is the time to look closely at how we can improve the way the road looks and operates for the benefit of residents and businesses," Cr Oke said.

"It is the aim of the City of Melbourne to make City Road a high quality, lively and active walking and cycling street while still ensuring access for motor vehicles."

A key consideration in developing the plan will be that City Road is used by motorists in the event of a tunnel closure, and as a key alternate route for trucks with placarded loads.

The City of Melbourne is inviting public comment and input on all aspects of the Master Plan - including pedestrian safety, cycling and transport access, as well as tree planting, water management and public transport configuration.

Submissions can be made online through the Participate Melbourne site <http://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/city-road> and will be open until 16 March.

Drop in sessions will be held at the Boyd Community Hub between Monday 24 February and Saturday 1 March.

The City of Melbourne and VicRoads share responsibility for City Road's management and will be working closely together on this project.

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