

‘Detailed Description of Works’

Selwyn Street, Elsternwick: The blocking of vehicles over and on a part of the road by placing and maintaining permanent barriers or other obstructions over the road

Gordon Street, Elsternwick: The regulation of traffic over and on Gordon Street (between Glen Huntly Road and Sinclair Street) by erecting structures over the road to allow one way traffic only

The Elsternwick Cultural Precinct has the vision to create a *Contemporary celebration of a Jewish quarter, with a strong focus on youth and street life.*

The key elements of this Cultural Precinct include the creation of a new civic space to establish a Jewish cultural precinct, a pedestrian plaza area connecting the community hub, museum and strategic sites, providing active cultural or community use frontages and limited retail presentation.

To achieve this vision, Council is planning to reconfigure Selwyn and Gordon Streets by undertaking the following works:

- The physical road width of Selwyn Street will be reduced and on-street parking removed to prioritise the creation of new public spaces, and enhance pedestrian amenity, movement and safety;
- A full closure of part of Selwyn Street will be implemented by placing permanent traffic obstructions and mid-block works. This will prevent any through traffic movements along Selwyn Street. Two-way access will be maintained to all properties via either Glen Huntly Road (south of the closure) or Selwyn Street (north of the road closure); and
- Gordon Street will be made one way between Glen Huntly Road and Sinclair Street.

These changes are aligned with the Precinct’s vision and will provide the following benefits:

- Road space reallocation to enhance the safety of vulnerable road users;
- Allow the activation of public space for events of various sizes and provide public space adjacent to key institutions;
- Increase pedestrian-oriented space, improve pedestrian crossings, and improve the accessibility to the train station; and
- Properly and safely regulate traffic, in particular vehicular traffic.

North Section of Selwyn Street

The footpath in the corner of Selwyn St and Sinclair St will be extended to allow the provision of a 'Cultural Public Space', including the following:

- Removal of on-street car parking on both sides of Selwyn Street;
- Extension of the eastern footpath towards the road reserve, including a kerb separation; and
- A single vehicle lane (two-way) will be maintained to allow access for local users and emergency vehicles from Sinclair Street.

Mid-block 'Closure' of Selwyn Street

The main changes on Selwyn St are related to the implementation of a mid-block closure to create a 'Pedestrian Plaza' and prioritise pedestrian movement and activation of the area.

The mid-block road closure will be located in front of the Jewish Holocaust Centre by including the following treatments:

- Provision of raised pavement on the existing road reserve to connect the footpaths on both sides of Selwyn Street and create a pedestrian plaza;
- Provision of retractable bollards (or similar vehicle mitigating measures) on both south and north sides of the pedestrian plaza to prevent vehicle access, with the exemption of local users and emergency vehicles; and
- Provision of forced protection obstacles (i.e bollards, security barrier planters or street furniture) in key locations around the pedestrian plaza to enhance pedestrian safety and prevent vehicular traffic.

South Section of Selwyn Street

The following changes will be implemented in the southern section of Selwyn Street:

- Removal of on-street car parking on both sides of Selwyn Street;
- Extension of the footpaths on both sides towards the road reserve, retaining kerbs on both sides of the road;
- Two vehicle lanes will be maintained to allow access to and from Glen Huntly Rd;
- A new pedestrian crossing will be provided on Glen Huntly Road to create a continuous link from the train station to the eastern side of Selwyn Street and the pedestrian plaza; and

- Access to the site at '10-16 Selwyn Street' will be via an entrance located to the south of the midblock closure.

Gordon Street

The following changes are proposed to be implemented to Gordon Street (between Glen Huntly Road and Sinclair Street):

- Limiting of vehicular traffic movements on Gordon Street to one-way only in the northbound direction between Glen Huntly Road and Sinclair Street;
- Reallocating some of the road space allowing for the widening of footpaths on either, or both, eastern and western sides of Gordon Street (subject to detail design) to encourage additional activation of these spaces, night time trading activity and overall increased pedestrian amenity and safety; and
- Appropriate local area traffic mitigation treatments to the intersection of Gordon Street and Sinclair Street prohibiting southbound movement from Gordon Street (north of Sinclair Street) and left turn movements from Sinclair Street into Gordon Street.

Staging

Whilst the description of the intended works is Council's ultimate vision for the built form and function of the precinct, Council understands that the works will need to be staged so as not to sever existing access to certain land parcels within the precinct. Full and proper consideration to the design and implementation of the described works will be ensured.

The above description of the proposed works will be subject to a full and proper detail design process and road safety audits and reviews.