

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## Bentleigh and Elsternwick multideck car park consultation

In 2019 the Federal Government made funding commitments under the Urban Congestion Fund for two commuter car parking projects in the City of Glen Eira. Council undertook a phase of engagement to inform the community of the proposals, which included renders with an artist's impression depicting how the new car parks could look.

Overall the feedback from this consultation process raised several concerns with local residents and traders. The uncertainty arising from the COVID-19 pandemic started to impact Council's broader capital works and major projects program with affordability emerging as a key risk. As a result, the commuter car parks project were put on hold.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Esakoff said in 2021 the Federal Government provided a commitment of \$20 million to Council to fully fund the projects, therefore there would be no cost to ratepayers or to Council.

"In response, Council has initiated a new consultation process on the commuter car parks to seek community feedback for the projects at two new site locations in Elsternwick and Bentleigh, both near train stations and activity centres," she said.

"The outcome of this feedback will determine whether Council progresses the project to the feasibility and concept design stage.

"Council also seeks to understand what else the community would like to see as 'congestion busting' initiatives in their local area that we could apply for under a separate fund."

The community can provide input via our Have Your Say page and the Community Voice Panel survey. An online workshop will also be held on Tuesday 16 November. Consultation closes Friday 19 November 2021.

For further information and to register your interest to participate in the online workshop, visit www.haveyoursaygleneira.com.au/glen-eira-multideck-car-parks

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