

Submission to Future Melbourne Committee

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City road is a significant road to Southbank. Many would argue this is our main street or town centre, but without that sense of community that you find in many of the suburban main strips. There are a number of reasons why Southbank is lacking that village centre, but this proposed upgrade will do a lot to assist Southbank with establishing that village centre feel.

Firstly Southbank Residents Group would like to thank Council for commissioning the initial review into City road as it was in serious need of attention and moreso as what feels like the neverending conglomeration of super-towers continues unabated.

Secondly we would like to thank and congratulate Leanne Hodyl and her team for such a brilliant document. I have read it from cover to cover and I was impressed with the detail and thought that had gone into this plan. After reading this document I became quite excited about this project and what it will mean for the residents who live in the immediate environs of City road.

We hope the plans for the linking it with the Arts centre don't end up being a pie-in-the-sky vision and that all stakeholders will embrace this and work towards making it a reality.

The transformation of the Kings Way undercroft to potentially accommodate basketball courts or similar amenity is the type of innovation we need to see from the City of Melbourne where available land amenity is scarce for the provision of public amenity.

Now there is a bike plan, although utilising Kavanagh Street, we hope this might be the trigger to get a blue bike share rack either along Kavanagh street or more appropriately at Boyd.

Once again, thank you all for a job well done (so far).

Let the community consultation begin!

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