**Frequently asked questions**

Shrine to Sea Masterplan



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The following document has been created to help answer any questions that may arise following the public release of the final Shrine to Sea Masterplan.

**Q.** **Who has approved the final masterplan for public release?**

A. The final Shrine to Sea masterplan has been approved by the Minister for Environment, Steve Dimopoulous. The final masterplan was reviewed and endorsed by project partners the City of Port Phillip, Parks Victoria and the Department of Transport and Planning prior to submission to the Minister for final approval.

**Q.** **What are the main changes from the draft masterplan following review of community and stakeholder feedback?**

A. In December 2023, the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) released a summary of the 362 submissions feedback received by the community to the draft plan. The summary report outlines that overall, the feedback received on the draft was positive. This includes positive responses to the improvements to landscaping and greening and the quality of open spaces, and safety at key intersections. The main concerns raised by the community related to the safety of shared paths and bike lanes, the majority of which was out of scope.

There were varied opinions on whether the Montague/Herbert Road intersection at the Kerferd Road median should be reopened or permanently closed as shown in the draft and now final masterplan. Kerferd Road is owned and managed by the City of Port Phillip which endorsed the median remaining closed.

Overall, the changes made between the draft and final plan were minor and focused on:

* greater clarity that road names would not change,
* clearer references to accessibility improvements in the design
* notations that the Kerferd Road Pier forecourt detailed design would need to resolve issues of circulation and any impacts on views created by additional vegetation

**Q. What are the next steps now the masterplan has been approved?**

A. DEECA is working with project partners City of Port Phillip, Parks Victoria and the Department of Transport and Planning to finalise transfer of funds to enable these respective public land managers to progress to the next stage of the planning process.

DEECA will remain involved to help coordinate delivery with project partners. Project partners will be responsible for delivering works on their areas of land management. The partners will soon progress to completing detailed designs for prioritised works.

Prioritised works were negotiated with the partners and, ***subject to available funding*** include:

* Improved pedestrian and active transport crossings at Kings Way and Moray Street intersections with Albert Road and Albert Park
* Woody meadows and open space improvements near the South Melbourne Park Primary School
* Woody meadows and creation of new resting area within Kerferd Road median, including closure of the median at the Montague and Herbert intersection
* An upgrade to the Kerferd Road Pier forecourt, and
* The creation of a Yannawatpanhanna interpretation trail along the length of the boulevard.

**Q. How much money is available to deliver the actions in the plan?**

A. Following a comprehensive planning and engagement process, including extensive community engagement, approximately $10m is available to allocate to the delivery of works. These funds will also cover costs associated with detailed design and project management by the partners.

**Q. When will works be delivered?**

A. City of Port Phillip, Parks Victoria and the Department of Transport and Planning will soon progress to the next stage of planning which includes detailed design, planning permits as required and tender of works for delivery. The prioritised works will be progressively delivered over the next 3 years and will be coordinated to minimise disruptions at peak periods such as summer and major events.

**Q. Who should I contact for further information?**

A. Please email Shrine.To.Sea@deeca.vic.gov.au

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