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Dear Sir or Madam,

TRIAL OF SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS – PICKLES STREET/ BRIDGE STREET/ GLOVER STREET, SOUTH MELBOURNE

A letter regarding safety improvements at the intersection of Pickles Street, Bridge Street and Glover Street, South Melbourne was delivered to properties in the week of 6 May 2021. Due to a printing error the letter did not include a map of the proposed works. The plan has been included on the reverse of this letter. The opportunity to provide feedback has been extended **until Friday 11 June 2021**.

The City of Port Phillip will be undertaking a 12-month trial of safety improvements at the intersection of Pickles Street, Bridge Street and Glover Street, South Melbourne. The trial will include the closure of the median along Pickles Street at the intersection of Glover Street and Bridge Street. A plan of the trial works can be found on the back of this letter.

The trial is in response to serious safety concerns identified by Council's Traffic Engineers. Six (6) crashes were recorded on the Victorian Road Crash Statistics at the intersection between July 2015 – June 2020. The crashes resulted in injuries to vehicle occupants and a bicycle rider. The crashes occurred when drivers attempted to perform right turns into and out of Bridge Street from Pickles Street or drive across Pickles Street from Bridge Street to Glover Street. The crashes resulted in eight people sustaining injuries.

Based on this crash information, it is evident that crashes involving drivers failing to select suitable gaps in the Pickles Street traffic flow will continue to occur, unless safety improvements are completed at this intersection.

The trial works will result in the following:

- Restrict access and egress to and from Pickles Street from both Bridge Street and Glover Street to left in and left out only.
- Reduce the volume of non-local traffic on Bridge Street and Glover Street.
- Improved safety for motorists and bicycle riders by reducing the number of conflicting movements.
- Improve safety of pedestrians crossing Pickles Street, Bridge Street and Glover Street by reducing the number of conflicting movements.

It is expected that the treatment will be installed in early August 2021. Should you require any further information or would like to provide feedback on the proposal, please email transport@portphillip.vic.gov.au by **Friday 11 June 2021**. Feedback during the trial can be provided by accessing <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/traffic-and-roads>.

Yours sincerely



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