



8.3 LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME - GRAND PRIX

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors the background of the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix and to advise of a change to the declared arterial roads for the event in 2017 and in future years.

I. RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1.1 Notes the history of the Formula 1 Grand Prix held at the Albert Park Reserve, and the challenges of growth and change the City will experience in years to come.
- 1.2 Notes the changes that will be implemented on state arterial roads during the 2017 and future Formula 1 Grand Prix events held at Albert Park Reserve, and applying generally from late 2017 as determined by the relevant authority (VicRoads) being:
 - (a) the maintenance of through traffic on Canterbury Road and Albert Road during all four event days of each Formula 1 Grand Prix event going forward, to ensure traffic congestion is minimised. Temporary 40km/h speed limits, and additional police presence will be in place on both Canterbury Road and Albert Road to ensure pedestrian safety. During previous events, these roads were open during the first two days and closed on Saturday and Sunday; and
 - (b) the likelihood that through traffic will be maintained on Canterbury Road and Albert Road from late 2017 for the duration of the Melbourne Metro construction period. It is noted that the change to St Kilda Road to one traffic lane in each direction for Melbourne Metro will necessitate a strategic review by Vic Roads of all state declared arterial roads and proposed road closures in the precinct.



2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix event has been held at the Albert Park Reserve since 1996. A local area traffic management scheme (LATMS) is implemented annually to protect local amenity in the areas affected by the events operations. The LATMS has not changed significantly since the first Grand Prix event.
- 2.2 There are mixed views in the Victorian community regarding the event held at the Albert Park Reserve. Many local residents have voiced both support and objections to the event.
- 2.3 The LATMS covers a large proportion of the municipality and includes many temporary road closures and parking changes. The City of Port Phillip (CoPP) reviews the LATMS annually and makes minor tweaks under Council delegation to mitigate negative impacts on local residents and businesses. VicRoads provide approvals for any changes to state declared arterial roads.
- 2.4 In 2016 a five-year funding agreement was set up between the CoPP and Australian Grand Prix Corporation (AGPC) to ensure the LATMS and additional services required to maintain satisfactory amenity are cost neutral for Council.
- 2.5 On 10 December 2013 and 13 October 2015, changes to the LATMS were proposed and in both cases, Council resolved to maintain the status quo.

3. KEY INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix and subsequent LATMS fall within the Domain Precinct. This area will be impacted by Melbourne Metro (MM) works and construction activity from late 2017 for a number of years.
- 3.2 Each year between October and April, the City of Port Phillip permits approximately 12 - 14 externally-produced major events with road closures along the foreshore. These events are approved in line with requirements of the Outdoor Events Policy 2014. The Policy requires road closures to be spread across the season, with no more than two consecutive weekends in a row. Due to this requirement, a limited number of weekends are available to these events.
- 3.3 As a result of both the MM works and population growth, additional travel demand will be placed on State Declared Arterial Roads and VicRoads as the responsible authority will need to respect and adapt to determining any changes to State Declared Arterial Roads.
- 3.4 This year the Gatorade Triathlon Series and 2017 Grand Prix event are occurring simultaneously on Sunday, 26 March 2017. The Grand Prix event runs from Thursday 23 March until Sunday 26 March.
- 3.5 This year marks the 24th year for the Gatorade Triathlon Series in the CoPP. The event attracts 2,000+ competitors from beginners to elite, and includes a children's race. It is part of a five race series, with four of the five races held in Port Phillip. Roads are closed along the foreshore from Head Street (Elwood) to Kerferd Road (Port Melbourne) from 6am to 11.30am.
- 3.6 CoPP sought VicRoads' advice relating to subsequent impacts the two major events and multiple road closures may have on the local community and road network.

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- 3.7 VicRoads has deemed it necessary to maintain through traffic on Canterbury Road and Albert Road during all four event days, to ensure traffic congestion is minimised. Both roads are State Declared Arterial Roads and therefore outside Council's remit as road manager. During previous events, these roads were open during the first two days and closed on Saturday and Sunday.
- 3.8 No changes to the LATMS as it applies to Local (Council) roads are proposed.
- 3.9 Temporary 40km/h speed limits, and additional police presence, will be in place on both Canterbury Road and Albert Road to ensure pedestrian safety is not compromised for event patrons and all road users.
- 3.10 Temporary parking changes will be implemented on the residential side of Canterbury Road. In addition an increased number of parking enforcement officers will be on duty.
- 3.11 Key representatives of the AGPC Traffic and Transport Committee will have live feeds to respond to traffic congestion and safety concerns in real time, during all four event days. Council officers are members of this Committee and will be on duty during the event.
- 3.12 It is noted that from late 2017 and for all future Grand Prix events, the change to St Kilda Road to one traffic lane in each direction due to MM works will necessitate a strategic precinct review of all state declared arterial roads and proposed road closures. It is anticipated that maintain through traffic on Canterbury Road and Albert Road may be required for the duration of the MM construction period.



FURTHER SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4. ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICY

- 4.1 Council is seeking to 'proactively address traffic management and parking issues in the City, and to minimise the impacts of motor vehicles on the liveability of our City'. This is one of the key actions from the Council Plan Objective 4.4: 'Ensure people can travel with ease using a range of convenient, safe, accessible and sustainable travel choices'.

5. CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDERS

- 5.1 Changes to the LATMS have been discussed during scheduled Australian Grand Prix Traffic and Transport committee meetings
- 5.2 Council, Victoria Police, VicRoads, and both external event Traffic Consultants agree that opening Canterbury Road and Albert Road will help to distribute local and through traffic on state arterial roads, whilst protecting local streets from non-local traffic.

6. LEGAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Proposals to amend the LATMS have been consulted with the local community in recent years. There have been mixed political views and a divided community.
- 6.2 The proposed changes to the LATMS are on State Arterial Roads only. The Local Access Zone and Restricted Parking Zone will not change in size. Additional barriers and temporary parking restrictions will be implemented to continue protecting residents and businesses from impacts of the GP related traffic and parking.

7. SUSTAINABILITY – Triple Bottom Line

7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1.1 The overwhelming majority of patrons of the Grand Prix access the event using public transport. Proposed changes to the State Arterial Roads are not expected to result in a noticeable change to traffic volumes, compared to previous years.

7.2 SOCIAL & CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.2.1 Proposed changes to the State Arterial Roads are not expected to result in changes in local activity in areas surrounding the event.

7.3 ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

- 7.3.1 Events in Port Phillip contribute positively to the local economy through the increased visitation generated. Changes to Albert Road and Canterbury Road during the AGP are not expected to have any economic implications.

7.4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.4.1 Costs for the traffic management services for the event are covered by the AGPC under a 5 year financial agreement up until 2020.



8. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

8.1 TIMELINE

- 8.1.1 Changes to the State Arterial Roads will be implemented by the AGPC and their external contractor during the period 23-26 March.
- 8.1.2 Council will continue to work closely with key stakeholders and the Traffic and Transport Committee to assess the effectiveness of the change and ensure a smooth and successful transition.

8.2 COMMUNICATION

- 8.2.1 The Transport Safety Engineering (TSE) team and the Communications Team will develop a communications strategy to inform the community of the changes to the State Arterial Roads for 2017 and future GP events, held at the Albert Park Reserve.
- 8.2.2 Changes to the State Arterial Roads will be communicated by the AGPC via a letter drop to all residents/businesses located within the LAZ (Attachment I). Additionally information will be published on the Community Information Guide which is available for download on the AGPC website.

9. OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST

- 9.1 No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in the matter.