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Dear Mike

**Re: Ferrars Street Education and Community Precinct –
Planning for streetscape upgrades and Montague Community Park**

The Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) has reviewed the City of Port Phillip's recent proposal for changes to local streets and parking in the Ferrars Street Education and Community Precinct.

With the new state-of-the-art South Melbourne Primary School (interim name) due to open for Term 1, 2018, and as a key stakeholder in the precinct, we appreciate the opportunity to contribute to your ongoing planning process by providing the following feedback on your proposal.

The VSBA is committed to delivering facilities that maximise accessibility to all members of the community, in locations that are easily and safely accessed by the greatest number of students, with preference towards the use of sustainable modes of transport. With this in mind we provide our full support for the upgraded tram stop and direct access to the stop via the pedestrian crossing proposed for Railway Place.

We understand Council are pursuing options for closure of Railway Place adjacent to the school and fully support this endeavour to provide safe access to public transport and an extension to the forecourt in front of the school, which could provide valuable additional outdoor space for students and the community.

Given the mixed use nature of the area, we support the measures that have been proposed to manage vehicle movement and speeds. The reduced speed limit of 40km/h on the roads surrounding the school site, along with pedestrian crossings on Buckhurst Street and Ferrars Street, will help to increase road safety for children and ensure safe pedestrian access to the school site.

We believe that the inclusion of drop-off zones at a variety of locations will meet parent needs and help to distribute school traffic at peak times. We also support the incorporation of

dedicated bus parking which will help to facilitate school operations as bus parking could not be included within the constrained school site.

Further, we note our understanding of Council's inclusion of additional parking on Douglas Street as a compromise to local businesses who believed they would be negatively impacted if parking had been removed.

The VSBA wishes to express our full support for Council in moving forward with the delivery of parking and streetscape upgrades to the Ferrars Street Education and Community Precinct, along with Montague Community Park which will provide valuable additional open space for students at the new school and members of the local community.

Yours sincerely



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