

Swanston and Victoria streets precinct upgrade

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Melbourne's iconic tram network is the largest in the world, connecting over 200 million passengers every year to work, school, healthcare, shops and loved ones. As our population grows, the network must accommodate increasing demands and a variety of travel needs. To prepare for this, we're revitalising Melbourne's tram network and precincts to meet the city's future needs and increased demands on the tram network.

Yarra Trams is working with the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) and City of Melbourne (CoM) to upgrade the Victoria and Swanston streets precinct by creating open public space, improving safety, operations and future proofing the tram network to connect Swanston Street, North Melbourne and the Arden precinct.

What is happening?

Tram track upgrade – We will upgrade the existing tram tracks in Victoria Street and install new left-turning tram tracks at the signalised intersection of Victoria and Swanston streets.

At Elizabeth and Victoria streets we will install tracks to create a new east west connection. (See map overleaf).

Realign traffic lanes – To ensure safe clearance between trams and vehicles, we will realign the traffic lanes in Victoria Street, between Elizabeth and Swanston streets. This will reconfigure the traffic lanes to two eastbound and three westbound lanes.

Parking changes – To maintain capacity and traffic flow, after realigning the lanes, we will need to make changes to the parking along Victoria Street.

- 2 × No Parking (2 min) will be relocated to Therry and Bouverie streets. Location to be confirmed.
- 5 × Loading Zone will be relocated to Therry and Bouverie streets.
- 31 × 2P-Meter will be removed.

Remove tram tracks – We will remove existing tram tracks from the triangle parcel of road opposite Melbourne City Baths.

Project features

Creating open public space – Removing the tram tracks from the triangle parcel creates an opportunity for new public open space, which will be designed and delivered in partnership with City of Melbourne.

Bike rider and pedestrians safety – Bike rider and pedestrian safety, in Swanston Street, will be improved by installing a continuous separated bike lane and footpath.

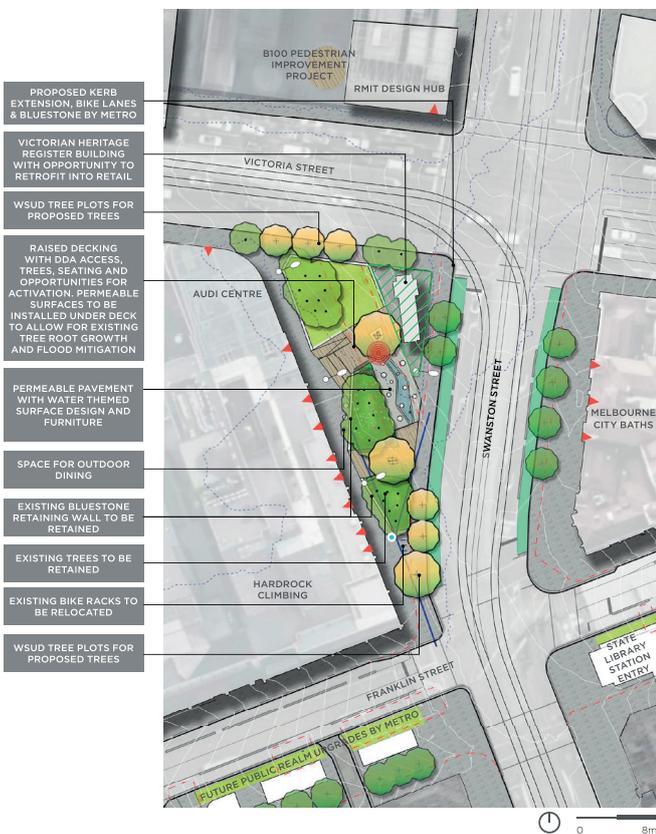
Improved safety and tram operations – This project will improve the safety and operations of trams by separating trams and vehicles, introducing safer left turning tram movement at signalised intersection and separating left and straight tram tracks.

Future proofing – This project will create potential for Swanston Street to be connected to North Melbourne and the Arden precinct, in the future.





City of Melbourne draft open space concept design



Timeline



City of Melbourne's draft design subject to change and approvals. For more information contact City of Melbourne. Phone: 9658 9658 or www.melbourne.vic.gov.au

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