



Merri-bek
City Council

Council Resolution Action Memo

Meeting Date: 10/04/2024

Report Heading / Item No. 7.5 **AMENDMENT C231MBEK - INTRODUCTION OF THE MOVING AROUND MERRI-BEK TRANSPORT STRATEGY AND MERRI-BEK OPEN SPACE STRATEGY INTO THE MERRI-BEK PLANNING SCHEME - DECISION GATEWAY 1 (D24/66242)**

Confidential Status: Public

Department: Director Place and Environment

Further Report Required: No

Notes

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Executive Summary

Amendment C231mbek seeks to introduce new policy direction from the endorsed *Moving Around Merri-bek* Transport Strategy and the *Merri-bek Open Space Strategy* into the Merri-bek Planning Scheme.

Moving Around Merri-bek is a long-term strategic document that guides the way Council manages and makes changes to Merri-bek's transport system. It replaces Council's current transport strategy, the *Moreland Integrated Transport Strategy 2019*. Council adopted the *Moving Around Merri-bek* strategy at its meeting of 10 March 2024 (Council Report 7.2).

The *Merri-bek Open Space Strategy* will guide the way Council plans, delivers, and maintains open space in Merri-bek. Once adopted, the strategy will replace Council's current open space strategy, the *Moreland Open Space Strategy 2012-2022*.

The Merri-bek Planning Scheme currently contains high level strategic direction and policies from the *Moreland Integrated Transport Strategy 2019* and the *Moreland Open Space Strategy 2012-2022*. As both strategies will be replaced, the policy content within the Merri-bek Planning Scheme will also need to be updated.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Using its powers as a planning authority under ss8A and 8B of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, seeks authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare Amendment C231mbek to the Merri-bek Planning Scheme as detailed in Section 3 of this report and in Attachment 1 to this report.
2. Following receipt of the Minister's authorisation, exhibits the Amendment in accordance with Section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* as outlined in the Consultation section of this report.
3. Authorises the Director Place and Environment to make changes to the Amendment to ensure consistency with the Council adopted version of the *Merri-bek Open Space*

Strategy.

4. Authorises the Director Place and Environment to make changes to the Amendment based on conditions imposed in any authorisation granted by the Minister for Planning and to make minor changes.

Motion

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Yildiz seconded –

That Council defers the matter to the May 2024 Council meeting to allow for further briefing and consideration by Councillors.

Lost

Resolution

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Riley seconded -

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10.22 pm Cr Conlan left and returned to the meeting during the debate.

10.22 pm Cr Bolton left the meeting during the debate and was absent for the vote.

Carried unanimously