

**REPORT ON TRIAL BY YARRA CITY COUNCIL  
FOR THE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE OF STATION STREET, AT THE  
INTERSECTION WITH PRINCES STREET  
IN CARLTON NORTH  
19 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**1. PROPOSAL:**

This report concerns a proposal by Yarra City Council for the temporary road closure of Station Street at the intersection with Princes Street in Carlton North. The purpose of this closure is to facilitate placemaking and local amenity improvements which have been developed in consultation with the community.

**2. EXISTING CONDITIONS AND TRAFFIC PATTERNS/HISTORY:**

Station Street is a local road and is a two-way two-lane road, with a dedicated bicycle lane northbound and a shared bicycle and traffic lane southbound. Parallel parking is allowed on the west side of the roadway and perpendicular parking is allowed on the east carriageway. Station Street between Lee Street and Princes Street carries approximately 452 vehicles a day and about 100 vehicles in the AM peak period.

**3. EFFECT OF CLOSURE:**

The effect of closing Station Street for a 12 month trial period is expected to have negligible impacts on the arterial road network. The closure of Station Street will force local motorists to filter out onto Princes Street primarily via Canning Street or Rathdowne Street and will add to the short queues currently experienced within the local road network when exiting onto Princes Street.

Whilst the proposed trial closure should not have any major impacts on the arterial road network it is important to factor in the impacts this closure will have on the local community. It is noted to address this council has begun a community consultation process for the trial road closure in order to gauge interest levels from the community, alleviate any concerns and take on-board any feedback regarding the closure.

**4. IMPACT ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT & EMERGENCY VEHICLES:**

Public transport operators will not be affected by these closures and the impact to emergency vehicles is expected to be negligible.

**5. CONCLUSIONS:**

Based on the information provided, VicRoads has no objections to the proposed trial closure of Station Street for a 12-month period subject to the proposal being supported by the community. As this is intended as a trial it might also be worth completing a shorter trial for say a 6-month period, this should still highlight the impacts of the closure and show the change in traffic patterns as a result.



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