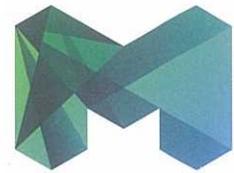


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Dear Mr Butcher

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MILLSWYN, DOMAIN AND HOPE STREETS, SOUTH YARRA PROPOSED TRUCK BAN SIGNAGE

Engineering Services writes to advise the Association of a traffic management proposal designed to improve general amenity and pedestrian safety in Millswyn Street, Domain Street and Hope Street to alleviate the unnecessary infiltration of truck trips into the local street network. This has been prompted by a complaint from a local resident regarding the need for:

1. Traffic measures to reduce the level of through truck traffic using Millswyn Street as a bypass route between Toorak Road and Domain Road in order to access arterial roads, i.e. St Kilda Road; and
2. A full-time truck ban to alleviate this problem, impacting on road safety and general amenity; and
3. The possibility of truck movements being displaced to nearby local streets and consideration for similar measures on neighbouring north-south running streets connecting Toorak Road and Domain Road in South Yarra.

Truck Volumes in Millswyn Street

Although traffic surveys undertaken in May 2014 show that the number of trucks using Millswyn Street has decreased by approximately 30 per day from volumes recorded in February 2013, which is positive, it appears that there is a trend for trucks on Toorak Road to unnecessarily use Millswyn Street as a bypass route. Toorak Road and St Kilda Road are Arterial Roads that provide a viable alternate route that should be used by trucks travelling in this inner city area.

It is therefore proposed to install 'No Trucks' signage at either end of Millswyn Street. This signage applies to trucks greater than 4.5 tonnes in weight that do not have a local destination in the street or adjoining streets.

Displacement of Truck Traffic

The installation of Truck Ban signage in Millswyn Street has the potential to displace some truck trips on to the neighbouring north-south running streets that provide a connection between Toorak Road and Domain Road. Notably, Hope Street and Domain Street, both of which are already treated with some form of traffic calming measure.

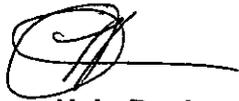
In order to ensure that truck traffic is not simply displaced to the nearby parallel north-south running streets, it is proposed to install 'No Trucks' signage at either end of Domain Street and at the Hope Street/Domain Road intersection, noting that it is illegal to enter Hope Street from Toorak Road.

Formal consent will be sought from VicRoads as the City of Melbourne does not have delegated authority to install the 'No Trucks' signage that forms this proposal. Preliminary discussion with VicRoads' indicates that this Major Traffic Control item will be assessed against its criteria. It is anticipated that the control will be approved in this case having consideration for the land uses in the area and the configuration of the road network, trends that may have formed during recent road works at the Domain Road interchange and the availability of an alternate viable arterial road routes that trucks can travel along without any major detour or increase in travel distance.

Pending approval from VicRoads, which is not guaranteed, arrangements would be made to notify residents of Millswyn, Hope and Domain Streets and have the 'No Trucks' signage installed as soon as is practicable. The Truck Bans would be trialled and monitored over a 6 to 12 month period to determine their effectiveness and assess any associated impacts.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding these matters, please contact Ms Veronica Skrzyniarz on 9658 9848.

Yours sincerely



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