

## Report to the Future Melbourne Committee

Agenda item 6.4

### The Greenline Project Quarterly Report

21 November 2023

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#### Purpose and background

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Future Melbourne Committee (FMC) with a progress update on the Greenline Project program of works for the period ending 30 September 2023.

#### Key issues

2. As at 30 September 2023, the total Greenline Project program expenditure since 2021 is \$10.2 million and the total expenditure for financial year 2023–24 is \$796,403.
3. Delivery of the \$17 million 2023–24 budget is on track, with a significant portion of the Greenline Project Professional Consultancy Services contract, and Birrarung Marr Precinct Site 1 works to progress in the 2023–24 financial year.
4. Key project elements of the Greenline Project which are in-progress or complete to September 2023 include:

#### *Background*

- 4.1. **Greenline Implementation Plan** – The Greenline Implementation Plan was developed and delivered throughout 2021. It received very favourable community and stakeholder feedback, and included a 'Joint Opportunity Statement' which was developed in collaboration with stakeholders. The Plan was endorsed by FMC on 7 December 2021.
- 4.2. **Business Case** – The Greenline Project Business Case was developed after a comprehensive Economic Impact Assessment was undertaken, and demonstrated a positive Benefit Cost Ratio for the Greenline Project of 3.29. The Greenline Project Business Case was endorsed by the FMC on 6 September 2022.
- 4.3. **The Greenline Project Professional Consultancy** – The Greenline Project Professional Consultancy Services contract was awarded in December 2022. This consultancy contract includes the development of the Greenline Project Master Plan, Precinct Plans, concept design and detailed documentation packages through a series of individual package contracts which are progressively executed.

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- 4.4. **Draft Master Plan** – The Greenline Project Vision was developed from January to May 2023, with the vision material consulted on with the broader community and stakeholders in May 2023. Following this consultation period, the draft Master Plan was developed and consulted on with the community and stakeholders in August 2023.
- 4.5. **Final Master Plan** – The final Master Plan commenced development in September 2023 and along with an engagement summary report, is scheduled to be presented to FMC on 5 December 2023.
- 4.6. **Funding** – City of Melbourne is continuing to work with the federal government on a \$20 million election pledge for the Greenline Project.
- 4.7. **The Greenline Project Hub** – Community and stakeholder participation is central to the successful development of the Greenline Project, and as such, an on-site presence 'The Greenline Project Hub' will be installed to the south of Federation Square (located on River Terrace) through a lease agreement with MAP Co, and will enable further community participation in the development of the Greenline Project.

- 4.8. **Precinct Plans** – The development of five Precinct Plans for the Greenline Project commenced in September 2023. These Precinct Plans allow for a more detailed level of information to be developed for the five Greenline Project Precincts, and enable further engagement with stakeholders and authorities to ensure agreement on, and the feasibility of the Greenline Project proposals.

**Recommendation from management**

5. That the Future Melbourne Committee accepts the Greenline Project quarterly report which confirms a total program expenditure of \$10.2 million as at 30 September 2023.

**Attachments:**

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## Supporting Attachment

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### Legal

1. Whilst no direct legal issues arise from the recommendation from management, legal advice has and will continue to be provided on all aspects of the Greenline Project.

### Finance

2. Financial implications applicable to the Greenline Project are contained in the body of this report.

### Conflict of interest

3. No member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising on or preparing this report has declared a material or general conflict of interest in relation to the matter of the report.

### Health and Safety

4. In developing this proposal, no occupational health and safety issues or opportunities have been identified.

### Stakeholder consultation

5. Ongoing engagement with community, authorities, stakeholders and agencies has been undertaken throughout this period, notably:
  - 5.1. Engagement on the draft Greenline Project Master Plan, undertaken over a four week period, commencing on 16 August 2023 and concluding on 13 September 2023.
  - 5.2. Stakeholder and community input has been analysed and incorporated in the final Greenline Project Master Plan. This feedback will also inform future Precinct Plans and concept designs as they progress.
6. Consultation with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation is ongoing.
7. Internal consultation with relevant branches of Council has been undertaken in the preparation of this report.

### Relation to Council policy

8. The recommendation from management aligns with aspirations as identified in the Council Plan 2021–25 to Partner with the Victorian Government and other stakeholders to deliver specific components of the Greenline Project along the north bank of the Yarra River (including the implementation of the Yarra River–Birrarung Strategy).
9. The Greenline Project aligns with Aboriginal Melbourne aspirations detailed in the Council Plan. Ongoing engagement is being undertaken throughout this project with the Traditional Owners (the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation), which is consistent with Major Initiative 25.

### Environmental sustainability

10. Development and delivery of the Greenline Project is guided by the Yarra River–Birrarung Strategy, along with a number of other Major Initiatives, and includes targets from a number of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.