

8.1 NOM NO. 17 VICTRACK OWNED LAND TO THE NORTH OF 65A POWER AVENUE, CHADSTONE

Submitting Councillor/s:	Cr Anjalee de Silva, Cr Rebecca Paterson, Cr Brian Little
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MOTION

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Notice of Motion is to seek Council's commitment to exploring a new and compliant shared bicycle path and directing Council officers to write to VicTrack regarding the possibility of a new shared bicycle path being located to the north of Council's land at 65A Power Avenue, Chadstone to the (VicTrack) land, adjacent to the rail line.

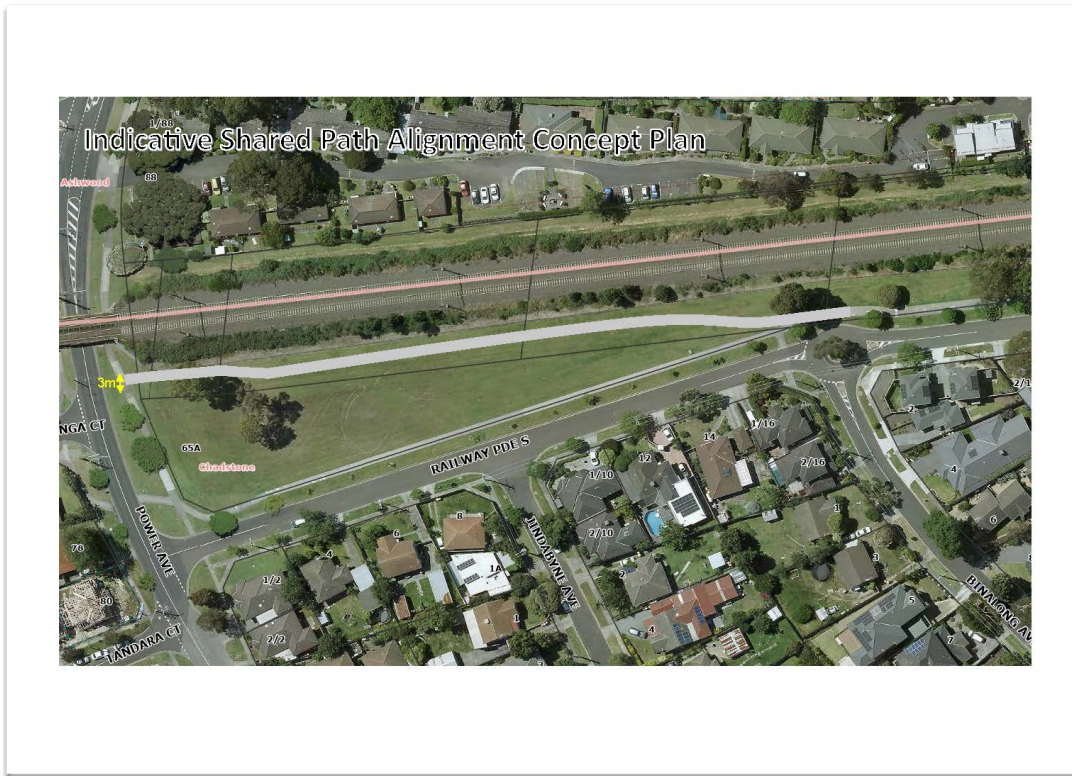
DISCUSSION

Council resolved at its 31 October 2023 meeting (among other things) to direct its CEO or her delegate to negotiate an agreement to lease and lease with HousingFirst Ltd for the provision of Social Housing on part of its land at 65A Power Avenue, Chadstone.

Council also noted that negotiations will include changes and terms and conditions as resolved by Council at Items 5 and 6 of the 25 July 2023 resolution on this matter.

Item 5 of the 25 July 2023 resolution included the following: "The shared bicycle path must be retained along the Railway Parade South frontage, unless other arrangements are made to relocate it onto the Vic Track owned land to the north of the land."

In accordance with Item 5 of Council’s 25 July resolution, officers have created an Indicative Shared Bicycle Path Alignment Concept Plan as shown below and which will be presented to VicTrack for discussion.



CONCLUSION

It is proposed that officers write to VicTrack to understand the possibility of relocating the shared bicycle pathway as shown above.

ATTACHMENT LIST

1. Officers Response to NOM [8.1.1 - 2 pages]

OFFICERS REPORT**VicTrack Owned Land to the North of 65A Power Avenue, Chadstone**

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BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no costs associated with this proposal at this time. Should VicTrack agree to allow the use of its land for the shared bicycle path, Council will incur costs for an occupancy agreement with VicTrack for the use of their land. A request for funding for the design of the shared bicycle path will be made as part of the 2024/25 budget and Council will seek State Government funding to facilitate construction of the path at the appropriate time.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

The proposal can be managed with existing internal resources.

COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

The Notice of Motion relates to a number of Council plans and policies. A summary is below.

Plan / Strategy	Theme	Goals/Objectives
Council Plan – 2021-2025	Enhanced Places	Prioritisation of pedestrians and active transport over vehicles

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A Healthy and Resilient Monash Integrated Plan	Active and Healthy	Accessible public open spaces for sport, play, recreation and active transport in our neighbourhood.
Asset Management Policy	A Liveable & Sustainable City	Ensuring the 'walkability' of our city and linking up our bicycle trails.

RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

This proposal is in accordance with Item 5 of Council's 25 July 2023 resolution on the social housing proposal at 65A Power Avenue, Chadstone.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The final design and layout of the shared pathway will be determined if and when VicTrack agrees to the use of its land by Council. Should agreement not be reached with VicTrack, the existing pathway along Railway Parade South will be widened instead at the appropriate time and subject to funding as part of Council's annual budget process.