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## **Submission to Future Melbourne Committee**

City of Melbourne, Melbourne Town Hall,  
07 June 2022, 5.30pm – Meeting No.35  
Agenda Item FMC 6.9: Implementation Update: City of Melbourne Transport Strategy 2030 and Transport Program to Aid City Recovery and Reactivation

Southbank Residents Association continues to support the City of Melbourne transport strategy and specifically acknowledges the importance of creating a safe environment for bicycle and e-scooter users. Over the last four years there have been significant street upgrades within Southbank incorporating protected bicycle lanes. These have been widely accepted throughout the community with the exception of the recently modified Queens Bridge Street upgrade which has increased congestion and extended travel times for commuters by vehicle. It is noted within the report that this has been noted and further options are being explored for smoothing the traffic.

Specifically, SRA would like to offer the following:

### Recommendation from management

22.6. Endorses the deferral of further installation of new protected bike lanes in the Hoddle Grid during financial year 2022/2023, following two years of accelerated delivery.

In the light of recent media coverage, the Southbank Residents Association supports this recommendation. In particular, the bike lanes in some locations have made it difficult for delivery drivers to find a loading bay at or close to their drop-off. However, the importance of maintaining traffic flow and providing a safe avenue for cyclists remain paramount. So, a workable solution needs to be explored to integrate the network with other stakeholders.

One possible solution is based on the concept of parcel lockers that are being adopted by many residential apartments to handle the increasing number of online purchases.

This solution would obviously require larger lockers. If an enlarged version of a parcel locker was established near a loading bay then delivery drivers would not have far to go to transfer the goods. Each parcel locker could have a coded lock and the retailer will be sent the code by email or SMS and they can then pick up their goods at a time of their choosing.



Finding a location for such a bank of parcel lockers is a challenge, at least in the long term. However, in the short term, there are a large number of shop fronts that are currently vacant and could be quickly converted to parcel locker storage.

SRA looks forward to the completion of the final bike upgrades within our suburb.

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Tony Penna  
President  
Southbank Residents Association