

## 12. COLONIAL LANE UPGRADING

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The purpose of this report is to seek retrospective approval to upgrade Colonial Lane.

### BACKGROUND

Colonial Lane is a small utility lane that connects Cathedral Square to Gloucester Street. The lane is on privately owned land, in the north-east corner of the Square, and open to public use.



**Colonial Lane**

During the public consultation processes related to Stage V of the Square redevelopment, the seminar forum of the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee determined to upgrade Colonial Lane, after consultation with the owner of the land and adjoining building owners/occupiers.

Consequently, the City Streets budget line item "Service Lanes/Walkways" was allocated to Colonial Lane upgrade.

Based on this direction from the STU forum, the project work has proceeded and was completed by the end of the 2003/04 financial year.

### CURRENT SITUATION

It appears that there is no formally recorded Committee or Council resolution to commit Council budget to the upgrade of Colonial Lane. While this direction came from a Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee seminar/consultation meeting, this forum did not produce a formal resolution.

Normally, Committee resolutions would not be needed for the allocation of this level of funding (\$35,000), nor for the conversion of capital expenditure to operational expenditure (as this work is on privately owned land). However, it was felt that the combination of a project originating from a consultation seminar, being on privately owned land, and being part of the overall Square upgrade, made it sensible that a formal resolution approving the project be passed by the appropriate Council committee or subcommittee.

It is therefore recommended that the Committee formally approve, retrospectively, the upgrading of Colonial Lane.

#### Staff

**Recommendation:** That the Committee retrospectively approve the upgrade of Colonial Lane.

#### Chairman's

**Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.