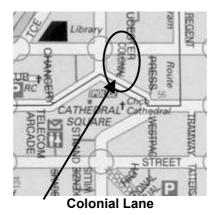
12. COLONIAL LANE UPGRADING

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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.



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

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Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.