

13. CENTRAL CITY FORUM AND CENTRAL CITY BOARD FUNDING

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The purpose of this report is to provide information on the development of the Central City Strategy and Concept Plan.

The report updates the planned schedule of Central City Mayoral Forum meetings, Council seminars and reports to the Council on the development of the Central City Strategy and Concept plan. A general schedule is included below.

PLANNED SCHEDULE OF FORUM WORKSHOPS, COUNCIL WORKSHOPS AND COUNCIL REPORTING

Set out below is the schedule of Central City Mayoral Forum workshops, Council seminars and targeted Council reporting periods for the development of our Central City Strategy/Concept Plan. (Note: By the time this report is received some of the seminars and workshops will have already occurred).

The intention of the workshops/seminars before Christmas is to:

- Identify some of the key ideas and strategic components developed to date
- Find out the results from (preliminary) feedback received to date on submissions on the discussion document
- Provide an opportunity for Councillors and the Mayoral Forum to share views/ideas in terms of the development of the first stages of our Central City Strategy (particularly the 11 December workshop), and
- Clarify the next steps in the development of the Central City Strategy/Concept Plan and potential elements/projects for Council annual plan funding.

The overall schedule for seminars/workshops and Council reporting is as follows:

Seminars/Workshop

- 15 November– City Services Committee - Seminar on Central City Transport Strategy (9-11am)
- 16 November– Mayoral Forum Workshop on Strategy/Concept Plan (8.30am-12.30pm)
- 20 November– Public Meeting Convention Centre, 7pm
- 11 December– Combined Councillor and Forum Seminar on Strategy/Concept Plan (2-5pm – Hurst Seagar Room at Arts Centre)

Council Reporting

- 12 February– Report to Strategy and Resources Committee for adoption in principle (report due 1 February)
- 22 February - Council for Adoption in Principle of Strategy/Concept Plan Recommended Priority Projects and Investigations (subject to Annual Plan submissions)
- 26 February– 2 March – Report to Annual Plan Working Party on Central City Strategy/Concept Plan and Funding “Package”
- April/May – Public Consultation on Central City Strategy/Concept Plan and Recommended Priority Projects and Investigations (Annual Plan)
- June/July – Final Strategy/Concept Plan and Recommended Priority Projects and Investigations

Note: The intention for the next stage of public consultation is to include a 6-7 week period during April and May to ensure adequate community input into the ideas included in the Strategy/Concept Plan (note this will be conducted during the normal Annual Plan submissions period, although a bit longer than the planned four week period on the annual plan).

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Recommendation: That the information be received.