



Merri-bek
City Council

Council Resolution Action Memo

Meeting Date:	9/04/2025
Report Heading / Item No.	7.2 RAINBOW CROSSINGS - SITES FOR CONSULTATION (D25/112178)
Confidential Status:	Public
Department:	Director City Infrastructure
Further Report Required:	No
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7.2 RAINBOW CROSSINGS - SITES FOR CONSULTATION

Executive Summary

At the February 2025 Council meeting, Council resolved to investigate locations for painting a progressive pride flag on two roads or footpaths in Merri-bek – one in the north and one in the south of Merri-bek. A further report was requested to provide estimated costs, and recommend a community engagement approach for site and design selection.

Rainbow and progressive pride flags have been incorporated into infrastructure throughout many cities and serve as a symbol of LGBTIQA+ pride in the community.

To help identify suitable locations, selection criteria were developed consisting of three main themes: transport, placemaking, and maintenance. In total eight suitable locations have been identified, three in the municipal area north of Bell Street, and five in the municipal area south of Bell Street.

It is proposed that community engagement will take place in July and August 2025 to help select the final two sites and designs, with a Council decision on the final two sites later in the year.

The installation at a cost of \$45,000 will be referred to the 2025/26 Council budget process for consideration.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the eight identified locations listed below for community engagement to help select two sites and designs for the installation of pride flags on Council roads or footpaths:
 - CB Smith Reserve (outside Fawkner Leisure Centre)
 - Victoria Street, Coburg (outside Coburg Library)
 - Glenroy Community Hub (in forecourt)
 - Waterloo Road and Snell Grove intersection, Oak Park
 - Brunswick Town Hall
 - West Street, Brunswick (adjacent to Bulleke-bek Park)
 - Howarth Street, Brunswick (adjacent to Yubup Park)
 - Piera Street, Brunswick East
2. Acknowledges that of the two sites to be selected, one is to be in the municipal area north of Bell Street and one in the municipal area south of Bell Street.

3. Refers the installation of two rainbow crossings (progressive pride flags) on Council roads or footpaths at a total cost of \$45,000 to the 2025/2026 Council budget process for consideration.

Resolution

Cr Svensson moved, Cr Miles seconded -

That Council:

1. **Endorses the eight identified locations listed below for community engagement to help select two sites and designs for the installation of pride flags on Council roads or footpaths:**
 - **Piera Street, Brunswick East**
 - **Howarth Street, Brunswick (adjacent to Yubup Park)**
 - **West Street, Brunswick (adjacent to Bulleke-bek Park)**
 - **Brunswick Town Hall**
 - **Waterloo Road and Snell Grove intersection, Oak Park**
 - **Glenroy Community Hub (in forecourt)**
 - **Victoria Street, Coburg (outside Coburg Library)**
 - **CB Smith Reserve (outside Fawkner Leisure Centre)**
2. **Notes that any site that is trafficable will be subject to a road safety audit and recommendations from an audit could add to the cost, between \$3,500 and \$20,000 per site. This applies to Piera Street, Howarth Street and Waterloo Road / Snell Grove.**
3. **Includes in the community engagement the following:**
 - **information about the relative environmental impacts of the materials considered in the report for the application of the rainbow crossings**
 - **information about sites where additional costs may arise resulting from road safety audits and the range of possible costs**
 - **specific consideration of the needs of vision-impaired people in the design of the rainbow crossings.**
4. **Acknowledges that of the two sites to be selected, one is to be in the municipal area north of Bell Street and one in the municipal area south of Bell Street.**
5. **Refers the installation of two rainbow crossings (progressive pride flags) on Council roads or footpaths at a total cost of \$45,000 to the 2025/2026 Council budget process for consideration, noting that if the selected site/s require additional investment resulting from a road safety audit, that these additional costs will be referred to the final budget before adoption or a quarterly budget update.**

Carried

Cr Pulford called for a division.

For

Cr Bolton
Cr Davidson
Cr Pulford
Cr Miles
Cr Svensson
Cr Iwasaki

Against

Cr Yildiz

Cr Abboud
Cr Irvin
Cr Theodosis
Total For (9)

Total Against (1)