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Dear Mr Underwood

Draft 2011-12 Business Plan and Budget

Thank you for your recent submission on the draft 2011-12 Business Plan and Budget. Council took into consideration all submissions received in finalising its Business Plan and Budget.

Council formally adopted the 2011-12 Business Plan and Budget, including the recommended responses to submissions on 28 June 2011.

In relation to your submission, Council provides the following response to the specific issues and projects you raised or highlighted.

- Council is committed to the Victoria Square / Tarndanyangga Master Plan and continues to work with the State Government to realise this important and exciting project.
- The draft Rundle Mall Master Plan scheduled for public release in July 2011 has responded to the developments currently under construction or proposed in the future through an appropriate staging recommendation. This staging plan will ensure that synergies with these developments are maximised and disruption minimised. The \$1,700,000 allocation towards Rundle Mall allows some early on the ground works not affected by other projects to occur while also allow the documentation to be undertaken for future stages.
- Council has an on-going initiative to improve the level of accessibility throughout the City and North Adelaide. Existing pedestrian access ramps are regularly upgraded to meet current standards, traffic signalised pedestrian crossings are installed and tactile ground surface indicators

(tiles) are progressively installed at bus stops to ensure safe and dignified mobility for people who are blind or vision impaired.

Further, kerbing protuberances, or footpath widening has been regularly occurring at bus stops where a bus could not be stopped immediately adjacent to a footpath, thus providing dignified accessibility to a bus.

Council will achieve the required target under the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) of being 55% compliant by the end of December 2012 with regard to bus stop accessibility.

Funds will continue to be allocated in future budget cycles to initiatives that improve the level of accessibility throughout the City and North Adelaide.

- The \$50,000 allocation is to allow the realisation of some recommendations from the new Public Spaces Public Life report being prepared by Gehl Architects and due for completion towards the end of 2011. The pending Gehl report has a focus on pedestrian and cyclist access throughout the City including issues of safety.
- As a result of feedback from public consultation, Council has allocated \$250,000 towards undergrounding powerlines in residential streets as per its Undergrounding Residential Streets policy.
- The installation of traffic protuberances is done on the basis of traffic movement/problems in streets as well as for the purpose of beautification. The current placement in the transportation area is the correct location as this is where the possible installation is initiated for the above reasoning.

Nature strips and verges as contained in the Park Lands & Squares program is work done on an Asset Renewal basis and hence is in the correct location. Urban Design work is in line with Strategic Enhancements not asset renewal.

- The creation of a Major Event Space in Tambawodli could be expected to provide another suitable space in the Park Lands to accommodate large festivals and events. In particular the site is expected to cater for music festivals, some of which are currently held in Rymill Park.

Detailed design for Tambawodli is proposed for 2011-12.

- In 2011-12 Council will be reviewing the Residential Owner Occupier Grant (ROOG) as part of a targeted approach to encouraging residential growth in the central city. In the meantime a reduced grant is being offered.

The full report, which includes detailed responses to all submissions, is available online at www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/council/meetings/agendas-and-minutes.html. The final 2011-12 Business Plan and Budget adopted by Council can be accessed online at www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/budget. Copies are also available from our Customer Centre at 25 Pirie Street, Council's libraries at North Terrace, Hutt Street, Tynte Street, Grote Street and our community centres at the Box Factory Community Centre, South West Community Centre and North Adelaide Community Centre.

Thank you for taking the time to make a submission.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. F. Sedgman", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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