

MEETING OF THE PORT PHILLIP CITY COUNCIL 15 JUNE 2022



9.1 SOAP DISPENSERS IN PUBLIC TOILETS - UPDATE.

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To respond to Council resolution item 10.4 on 20th October 2021, to provide a report to Council on the reintroduction of soap dispensers in foreshore toilet facilities.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 Council minutes 1st September 2021 item 14.1 in which resolution carried;
Resolution 3- Requests that the CEO:

Provide a report to Council on the costs, and timeline for the reintroduction of soap dispensers to Council's public toilets before the commencement of summer 2021/22, and that the report includes measures to assess the effectiveness of the reintroduction

- 2.2 Council minutes 20th October 2021 item 10.4 Resolution:

That Council:

Subject to the 2021/22 quarterly budget review, Council allocate additional funding of \$21,850 (Ex.GST) in the 2021/22 budget to fund the trial reintroduction of soap dispensers along the foreshore for an approximately four-month period commencing 1 December by providing liquid soap dispensers to Council operated public toilet facilities along the foreshore.

Provide a report to Council in April 2022 alongside the Budget 2022/23 after the trial period and report back on the trial, costs involved, and recommendation to either continue the trial period to include other public toilet facilities, roll-out to the rest of the City or cease liquid soap dispensers along the foreshore and any further roll-out across Council.

3. RECOMMENDATION

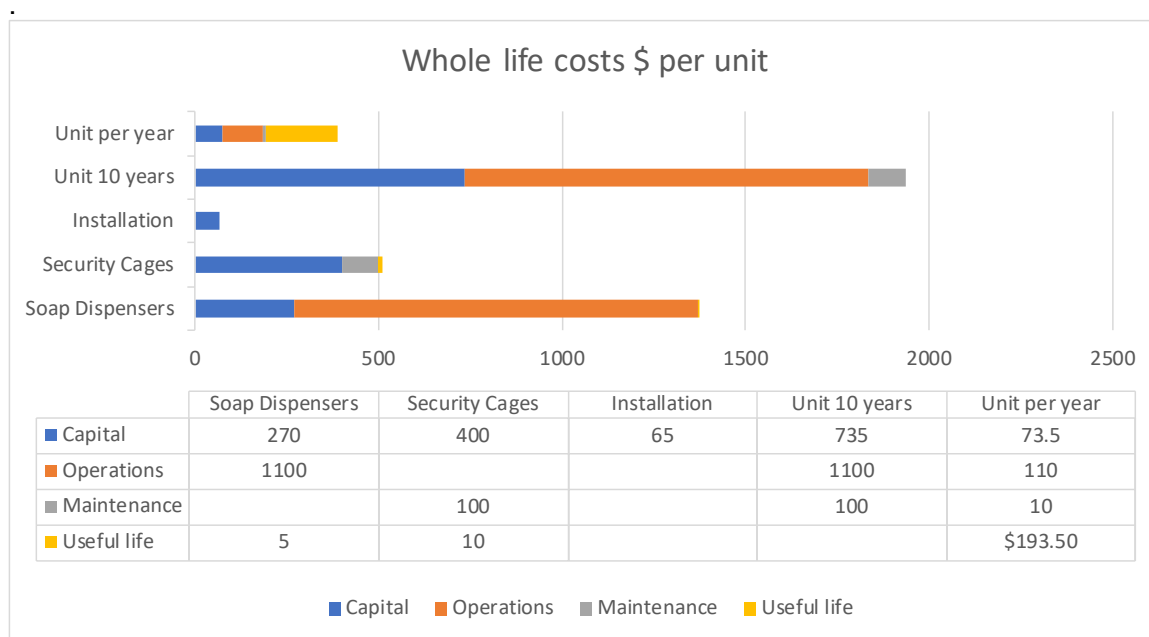
That Council:

- 3.1 Supports the rollout of soap dispenses in all public toilet facilities and note this project and ongoing costs will be funded through costs efficiency savings.



4. KEY POINTS/ISSUES

- 4.1 Council removed soap and paper towel dispensers in 2015 in response to repeated vandalism.
Council currently maintains 50 public amenity sites across the municipality. During the summer period public amenities across the Port Philip Foreshore are cleaned by Council contractors six times a day seven days a week.
- 4.2 Council installed 50 soap dispensers housed in anti-vandalism cages across all 19 foreshore facilities as part of the trial. During the trial we had 1 incident of vandalism at JL Murphy reserve resulting in the replacement of the dispenser at a cost of \$131 plus GST.
- 4.3 The following graph shows the 10year whole of life cost of the asset, which equates to \$193.50 per unit per year.



- 4.4 The Capital purchase to roll this Service out to all of Councils public toilet facilities is \$60,000. This amount can be funded from savings achieved within the Buildings Minor Capital Works budget.
- 4.5 The ongoing Operation costs of filling and cleaning the soap dispenses is \$15,410 per annum. This additional cost has been included in the 2022/23 budget which can be funded from efficiency savings in the Council Cleaning contract.

5. CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDERS

- 5.1 Buildings Minor capital works working group and the Buildings Project Control Group has been consulted on this project.



6. LEGAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no legal implications and risk will be managed through our asset inspection schedules and project management framework

7. FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 7.1 Council is able to fund the Capital, Operation and Maintenance cost of expanding this Service from efficiency savings within existing contracts and programs.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 8.1 The specification used under the cleaning contract stipulates Councils only uses a biodegradable eco-friendly liquid soap. The soap dispensers and the security cages are both able to be fully recycled at the end of their useful life.
- 8.2 Council were unable to source suitable industrial grade products made from recycled material at the time of the trial. Officers will endeavour to source such supplies from the market if a decision is made to expand this Service to all public toilet facilities.

9. COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 9.1 The community has an expectation that Soap dispensers are available in all public toilets facilities an impact from SARS Covid-19 pandemic.

10. ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICY

- 10.1 Liveable Port Phillip- Port Phillip is safer with liveable streets and public spaces for people of all ages and ability to enjoy.
- 10.2 Initiative- We will provide; Delivery of high standard amenity, ensuring compliance with planning and building requirements, legislative and local laws to support public health and community safety

11. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

11.1 TIMELINE

- 11.1.1 The existing Service rolled out in the trial will continue as business as usual.
- 11.1.2 Officers will roll-out the extended Service to all public toilet facilities based on priority of the public toilet hierarchy

11.2 COMMUNICATION

- 11.2.1 The project will be managed through the minor capital works working group reporting to the building PCG.
- 11.2.2 Key messages; we have listened and responded to community needs

12. OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST

- 12.1 No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any material or general interest in the matter.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil