

2.2 IMPROVE THE PEDESTRIAN NETWORK

Site-specific recommendations include:

- Develop better connections between the Arts Centre Plaza/St Kilda Road and Sturt Street/City Road. Improve the Concert Hall and Princes Bridge undercroft spaces.
- Extend improvements along Yarra north bank for access, safety and recreational amenity. Upgrade Banana Alley, the railway viaducts and Batman Park.
- Redevelop the triangular space at the intersection of Swanston and Victoria Streets, incorporating the historic tram control box. Close Franklin Street to through-traffic between Swanston and Victoria Streets to form a link from RMIT/Bowen Street to the City Baths and redeveloped plaza.
- Create additional active zones adjoining or in close proximity to Bourke Street to reinforce its role as the city's premier east-west pedestrian spine.
- Extend footpaths in Swanston Street outside the City Square and State Library forecourt to the edge of the tram lines to form new tram stops.
- Install pedestrian signals at the intersections of the little streets with Spencer and Spring Streets where they are currently missing to alleviate difficult and dangerous crossing conditions.
- Develop plans and implementation programs for the 'city gateway' at Flemington Road/Royal Parade/Elizabeth & Peel Streets intersection (Haymarket roundabout) and the Domain interchange (Albert Square).



The QV development offers several new retail lanes leading to a central plaza, providing through-block access where previously none existed.