

## 2.5 UPGRADE STREETS ABUTTING MAJOR TRANSPORT AND RETAIL CORRIDORS



*While the requirements for through-traffic in the city are clearly understood, there are still opportunities to upgrade Elizabeth, Spencer and Flinders Streets.*

### Elizabeth Street

Elizabeth Street has for many decades been overshadowed by Swanston Street. The opportunity is long overdue to realise the potential of Elizabeth to complement the north-south retail spine and expand the heart of the city.

- Link Queen Victoria Market to the city's concentrated and vibrant retail heart by a higher quality pedestrian route and areas of greater shopper interest.
- Strengthen Elizabeth Street's role within the network of pedestrian-friendly 'main streets' of the city.
- Improve the standards of retail and commercial mix along Elizabeth Street (and Swanston Street).
- Reduce the impact of kerbside parking via street tree planting and widened footpaths.
- Introduce cycle lanes in both directions.
- Create standards for ground floor retail frontages and encourage openings and activities at above ground levels.



### Spencer Street

With the expansion of Docklands to the west, Spencer Street is now positioned to take on a new role as the integrating spine between Docklands and the CBD. Transforming Spencer Street into an attractive and pedestrian-friendly city street will be one of the most important ways to integrate Docklands with the CBD.

- Develop a framework, with initiatives and priorities, for the incremental improvement of Spencer Street to achieve similar status to Swanston Street as the major north-south spine in the city's west end.
- Improve pedestrian connections from all directions to the new Southern Cross Station at Spencer Street.



### Flinders Street

The proposed removal of the King Street overpass opens up opportunities for creating a strong interface between Flinders Street and the Yarra River that has previously been unavailable.

- Incorporate the railway viaducts and develop commercial frontages onto both Flinders Street and Batman Park.
- Reinforce the links, physically and visually, to Flinders Street Station.
- Provide incentives to reactivate the commercial tenancies along Banana Alley, with high quality active frontages to Flinders Street and reconstructing the promenade and ramps to the wharf along the river.

In all streets, introduce high quality lighting, strengthen tree planting, widen footpaths where possible and pave with bluestone, upgrade the amenity and functions of tram stops, improve pedestrian crossings, and implement standards for street furnishings and signage.