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The Committee for Rochester (C4R) Moore Street Committee has created a concept plan for the development of the median strip in Moore Street between Fraser and Pascoe Streets, Rochester.

Committee Chairperson, John Foster, said the concept was presented to the Shire of Campaspe in June this year outlining ideas to develop this location as a gateway to the shire and to enhance economic opportunities for Rochester.

"To assess whether the concept plan will help to increase economic activity in Rochester, the C4R/Moore Street Committee and council are now undertaking local consultation to gain community comment," Mr Foster said.

The concept plan proposes to develop the median strip into a wayside stop and community park, with public amenities for travellers and the community.

The plan envisages a number of potential benefits such as increased visitors, a new town entrance and new public amenities for Rochester. It also proposes new infrastructure including landscaping, amenities such as toilets, a BBQ and shelter, footpaths, roadside parking and mural boards. The committee suggests that the area could be used to run community events, such as a mural festival.

Rochester Ward Councillor, Cr Leigh Wilson said the concept plan has been presented to Council but has not yet been discussed in detail.

"Council will need to weigh-up a range of issues, with the upfront and ongoing maintenance costs a key factor," he said.

"The new infrastructure may also influence planning around existing infrastructure in the town, along with modified traffic flow and parking. The establishment of a community park in this area of Moore Street may also see changes to the commercial focal point in Rochester in the future."

A number of opportunities will be available over the coming weeks for community input. A street stall will be set up in front of Major’s Supermarket on 2 and 3 October between 9:30am and noon. A stall will also be set up at the Rochester Market on 27 September. Residents will be able to ask questions and provide feedback on the concept plan.

The survey is also available on the Rochester community and Shire of Campaspe websites with comments closing on 31 October.

Following the community consultation process, the committee and council will review the feedback as part of the further analysis of the concept proposal.

Residents can also contact committee members John Foster (C4R/Moore Street Committee) on 5484 2233 or David Gilbert on 5484 1415 (C4R/Moore Street Committee) or Shane Stacey (Shire of Campaspe) on 5481 2200.

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