

Summary of proposed changes to the Darebin Transport Strategy (2022)



Proposed Amended Policies

DTS Policy No.	DTS (2007) Page ref	Original Policy (2007)	Amended Policy (2015)	Proposed Amended Policy (2022)
Policy 3	Page 7	Integrated Travel Plans (ITPs) will be required as part of planning permit applications for significant developments. ITPs outline how a development is intended to be accessed and, in particular, how it supports access by “sustainable modes” – walking, cycling, and public transport – including targets for each mode.	Sustainable transport will be facilitated in new developments through ITP, or new mechanisms as developed at a State level	Sustainable transport in new developments Policy 3 and 4 merged into a single new Policy: Sustainable transportation to be supported systematically in new multi-residential, commercial, business and mixed-use developments using the current Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) report submission requirements. Council will encourage sustainable transport choices at new developments using the conditioning of planning permits on a site by site basis.
Policy 4	Page 7	Travel Plans will be a condition on relevant planning permits. Travel Plans will be required for commercial, residential, business and mixed-used developments meeting size thresholds and, where appropriate, when car parking waivers are requested.	All planning permit applications must consider sustainable transport options. Consideration of sustainable transport options will be required for commercial, residential, business and mixed-used developments meeting size thresholds and, where appropriate, when car parking waivers are requested.	

Proposed Amended Actions

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Action 3	Page 7	Prepare guidelines for Integrated Transport Plans (ITPs). These will help developers of large sites to provide consistent information and appropriate initiatives and infrastructure. They will also assist Council's planners by providing a framework for assessments and clarifying Councils expectations to developers. See P3 above	<p>Review Council's Travel Plan Guidelines for New Developments and seek a consistent State-wide approach to supporting pedestrian, bicycle and public transport use in new developments.</p> <p>Continue to implement and refine planning policies that support pedestrian, bicycle and public transport use through and in new developments.</p>	<p>Sustainable transport in new developments</p> <p>Action 3 and 4 merged into a single new Action:</p> <p>Support sustainable transportation in new multi-residential, commercial, business and mixed-use developments using Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) policies. Continue to implement and refine planning policies that support pedestrian, bike riding and public transport use in new developments.</p>
Action 4	Page 7	Continue to implement and refine Council's Travel Plan Guidelines for New Developments and other policies that support pedestrian, cycle and public transport use in new developments. Reference to the guidelines should be included in the Planning Scheme where appropriate	Review Council's Travel Plan Guidelines for New Developments and seek a consistent State-wide approach to supporting pedestrian, cycle and public transport use in new developments. Continue to implement and refine planning policies that support pedestrian, cycle and public transport use through and in new developments.	
Action 18	Page 16	Review the Darebin Cycling Strategy following VicRoads' review of the Principal Bicycle Network. Bicycle routes in Darebin are currently divided into the Principal Bicycle Network, managed by VicRoads, and local bicycle routes managed by Council. Areas for review include development of the on-road and off road network, promotion and education, safety, cycle parking and maintenance	Monitor and evaluate the delivery of the Darebin Cycling Strategy annually and review the Strategy in 2018 considering delivery of Actions and State and local planning and policy changes.	<p>Infrastructure planning</p> <p>Progressively develop and update the Strategic Transport Framework Plan to inform bike related infrastructure priorities within Darebin and deliver these changes through local area traffic management projects such as Your Street, Your Say.</p>

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Action 8	Page 7	Prepare parking guidelines for new developments. Techniques that will be promoted in the guidelines may include unbundling of parking requirements from business rentals and housing, shared parking and contributions to sustainable transport measures in lieu of dedicated on-site parking. They will also include design guidelines to minimise the visual impact and enhance the pedestrian amenity of car parks.	Action 8, Action 28 and Action 30 were incorporated into Action 29.	Parking management Continue to manage access to parking in areas where demand is greater than supply with consideration of accessibility, economic development, equity and improving the quality of parking supply in new development.
Action 28	Page 19	Research the effects of parking and investigate the role of parking pricing in Darebin. This may include working with interest groups, such as retailers, to gain better understanding of the dynamics of parking, reviewing the impact of reductions in parking rates on surrounding streets and surveying parking behaviour. Parking issues to be considered include the impact of pricing on parking demand and competitiveness of centres, the potential for diversion of customers to other centres, use of funds generated from parking revenue to support more sustainable travel modes, administrative costs and revenue.		
Action 29	Page 19	Develop a parking policy for Darebin. This will identify procedures for increasing the management of parking in areas where it is in high demand or where there is misuse of long- or short-term parking spaces. Measures may include time restrictions, parking		

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		charges, limiting use of roadside loading zones, providing alternative loading areas, increased enforcement, shared parking, signs and maps		
Action 30	Page 19	Improve parking availability information systems. This may include signs and maps showing motorists where they can park. The aim is to reduce circulating traffic and improve visitor service.		

Proposed New Actions

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N/A	N/A	New Action for 2022	Community safety Promote community safety around public transport, with emphasis on protecting at-risk members of the community. This includes embedding community safety into council's design practices, advocating for safe community travel and developing programs designed to promote safe travel.
N/A	N/A	New Action for 2022	Freight management Investigate and implement options to better manage freight transport. This will take into account the changing nature of freight, the freight industry, the transport network, key stakeholders and regulators.
N/A	N/A	New Action for 2022	COVID-19 transport response Monitor changing transport behaviours and needs arising from COVID and make temporary adjustments if needed during outbreaks to support community safety.
N/A	N/A	New Action for 2022	Future transport changes Monitor long term changes in commuting and transport behaviours and incorporate this into Council's transport improvements planning via its Local Area Place Making programs.
N/A	N/A	New Action for 2022	Electric vehicle charging Develop policies to manage increasing demand for commercial or private Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure.
N/A	N/A	New Action for 2022	Electric vehicle charging Improve access to EV charging in Darebin.