**Review of the 2017 Road Management Plan – City of Darebin**

**Report of Findings and Conclusions of Review**

**Statutory requirement of review**

The Darebin City Council Road Management Plan (RMP) has been reviewed in accordance with section 54 (5) of the Road Management Act 2004 and regulations 8 and 9 of the Road Management (General) Regulations 2016.

Under section 54 (5) of the Road Management Act 2004, Council as a road authority must in accordance with the regulations conduct a review of its road management plan at prescribed intervals. Council must ensure that it has conducted and completed the required statutory review of the current Road Management Plan.

As per regulation 9 of Road Management (General) Regulations 2016, in conducting a review of its road management plan, Council must ensure that the standards in relation to, and the priorities to be given to, the inspection, maintenance and repair of the roads and classes of road to which the plan applies are appropriate.

**What we have done**

Internally through Council’s City Works, Asset Planning, Transport Management and Risk Management teams, the teams were invited to analyse the existing Plan and provide input towards any areas that they considered required updating or improving. All observations were compiled, and discussed, where appropriate.

**What feedback we have had**

As a result of the review process, Council has identified minor improvements that can be made to existing Road Management Plan. These minor improvements to the Plan primarily include administrative matters such as minor editorial corrections, clarifications made to ensure accuracy and improve readability and understanding. Also, a minor decrease in the level of some service inspection frequencies was considered appropriate.

**Findings and Conclusions**

In conducting a review of its Road Management Plan, the review team of Council is satisfied that the standards in relation to, and the priorities to be given to, the inspection, maintenance and repair of the roads and classes of road to which the Plan applies are appropriate.

Despite this, the review team of Council considers that some further minor improvements can be made to the existing Road Management Plan, having regard to and taking into account budget, resources and benchmarking of comparable Councils, and other economic, budgetary, social, environmental or policy factors, objectives or constraints which apply to Council. These improvements essentially relate to minor housekeeping and administrative changes as well as a inspection changes where officers will inspect bike lanes concurrently with other parts of the road assets, addition of emergency works (e.g. flooding) and inspections including inspections for tree obstructions from private and Council owned trees being added to the plan.

Further details of these changes involving what will be are requirement to formally amend the Road Management Plan, will be provided to the Council in a separate report.