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C134**TRANSPORT AND MOVEMENT POLICY**

This policy applies to all land within the municipality.

MSS Context

Develop an efficient and integrated transport infrastructure that allows people choice about how they move within and through the City.

Policy Basis

Proper transport systems and infrastructure enable residents, workers and businesses to gain access to services, facilities, markets and customers. A sustainable community should aim to provide a range of transportation options - car, bus, train and bicycle. It should also seek to achieve a reduction in the reliance on the private motor vehicle, trip length and frequency.

Policy Objectives

- To provide a transport and movement system which meets the varying needs of the community.
- To provide options for people to use alternative means of travel by maximising access to public transport, pedestrian and cyclist routes.
- To support the integration of transport systems with land use planning, community and economic development.
- To encourage the development of a high quality, public transport system to facilitate movement across the municipality and the region.
- To achieve greater efficiencies in public transport by locating higher density housing around areas with high public transport availability.
- To provide a road network that meets the needs of users at a minimal cost to Council, the community and the environment.

Policy

It is local policy ("T") to:

- Establish an arterial road hierarchy in the Melton township area (as shown on the Physical Framework Plan).
- Lobby for improvements in the frequency of local train services and for the electrification of the Ballarat and Sydenham Rail Lines.
- Investigate the possibility of a bus link between Melton and Hillside.
- Investigate options for connecting the High Street strip shopping precinct with the Coburns Road and Regional Shopping Centres.
- Advocate for improved road connections between Melton, Wyndham and Geelong.
- Continue to lobby for the upgrading of the Melton Highway.
- Investigate the feasibility of linking the bicycle path network with the Werribee River.
- Ensure that road patterns are understandable to users, encourage easy movement into and through developments and integrate with the existing road and bicycle path networks.

- Ensure that all new subdivisions in rural areas are connected to a sealed road that forms part of the municipal sealed road network.
- Discourage heavy vehicle traffic on the Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road.