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C80**TRANSPORT****Transport****Overview**

It is important to maintain a safe and efficient transport network across the Shire. Many of the roads within the Shire are facing increased usage by large transport vehicles associated with agriculture, timber haulage and other industries. The ongoing development of freight transport opportunities is required for the future economic prosperity of the Shire. Future opportunities such as the reopening of the South Gippsland railway for freight transport and the development of a deepwater port and industrial precinct at Barry Point will improve access to national and international markets.

The current lack of public transport facilities within the Shire restricts the movement of residents within the municipality and impedes visitors to the region who do not have access to a vehicle. Additional public transport facilities, such as rail and bus, are required to improve accessibility for both the resident population and the wider community. There is a need to ensure sustainable pedestrian and car parking facilities are provided across the Shire, in accordance with the needs of a regional area.

The Leongatha aerodrome is the only commercially operating airfield within the Shire, and has recently been subdivided to facilitate future aviation related development opportunities. The area surrounding the aerodrome needs to be protected to ensure that incompatible development does not restrict its future expansion.

Objectives and strategies**Objective 1**

To maintain a safe and efficient road network across the Shire

Strategy 1.1	Ensure that the use and development of land does not prejudice the safety and efficiency of roads
Strategy 1.2	Encourage the development of road underpasses for the movement of stock
Strategy 1.3	Encourage improvements to the South Gippsland and Strzelecki Highways
Strategy 1.4	Ensure that the road network is capable of serving the transport needs of the farming community on an equitable basis
Strategy 1.5	Ensure that the design and siting of advertising signs does not interfere with the safety or efficiency of a road or public way
Strategy 2.1	Develop the region as a strategic base for transport and logistics companies for State and interstate activities
Strategy 2.2	Ensure that adequate provision is made for transport interchange facilities in appropriate locations
Strategy 2.3	Promote and encourage the development of transport and logistic enterprises
Strategy 2.4	Facilitate and promote the development of a deep-water port at Barry Point to open up opportunities for linkages to national and international markets
Strategy 2.5	Facilitate the use and expansion of the terminal facility at Port Welshpool for recreation, passenger and freight activities
Strategy 2.6	Ensure that the future expansion of the Leongatha aerodrome is not prejudiced by the encroachment of incompatible land use and development
Strategy 2.7	Encourage aviation-related industrial and commercial activities including the provision of regular freight and passenger services from Leongatha aerodrome

Objective 3

To deliver sustainable public transport, pedestrian and car parking facilities across the Shire

Strategy 3.1	Provide interconnected pedestrian, bicycle and bridle paths throughout the Shire
Strategy 3.2	Ensure that adequate car parking facilities are provided to support land use and development and are suitable to a rural and regional area
Strategy 3.3	Provide additional public transport facilities, including rail and bus, to improve accessibility for both the resident population and the wider community

Implementation

Strategies relating to transport will be implemented by:

Policy guidelines

- Applying Clause 52.06 Car Parking for applications that require a reduction or waiver or car parking requirements
- Applying the guidelines of the South Gippsland Paths and Trails Strategy 2010 (as amended)
- Applying the Tourism Victoria and VicRoads Tourist Signing Guidelines for tourism signage on road reserves
- Applying the requirements of the Infrastructure Design Manual (vers 4, March 2013, as amended)

Application of zones and overlays

Applying appropriate zones and overlays in the South Gippsland Planning Scheme, including:

- the Parking Overlay at Clause 45.09 to ensure sustainable car parking facilities in Leongatha Central Business District.
- the Airport Environs Overlay in the vicinity of the Leongatha aerodrome to restrict land uses that are sensitive to aircraft noise and to require appropriate noise attenuation measures in noise sensitive buildings
- the Public Acquisition Overlay to land identified for future road infrastructure development
- Road Zones – Category 1 & Category 2 according to the function of the road

Further strategic work

- Developing and implementing a development contributions policy to finance improvements and additions to physical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, carparking and footpaths, where new development is likely to impact on the capacity of existing infrastructure
- Reviewing the significance of the Melbourne to Leongatha railway line
- Developing a master plan for the Leongatha aerodrome

Further actions

- In consultation with relevant government agencies, formally closing unmade road reserves within the Shire that are no longer required to provide access and facilitate the sale and consolidation of the land to adjoining owners.