TRANSPORT AND ACCESS

21.09-1 Overview of Key Issues – Transport and Access

Transport and Access

Vehicular congestion is a key issue in Moonee Valley. A lack of investment in new public transport infrastructure in the surrounding municipalities, combined with their rapid population growth, has resulted in a high reliance on private vehicles. In peak hour, CityLink, Buckley Street and Mt Alexander Road carry high levels of traffic that has originated outside of and is passing through Moonee Valley. This is likely to increase in the coming years due to additional population growth. It is important for Moonee Valley to manage this issue and advocate for alternative transport modes to be made available and easily accessible.

Council has developed a transport plan that is focussed from an integrated perspective, rather than individual modes or users. Council currently participates on significant regional transport projects and the adoption of the Integrated Transport Plan (2008) will assist to integrate these various projects.

The Integrated Transport Plan process examined access and mobility issues and needs in Moonee Valley and resulted in a plan that maximises outcomes from the existing transport system and identifies options for improvements. The Plan is focussed on a 2020 horizon and considers a range of initiatives including public transport, private vehicles, freight, cycling, pedestrian and travel demand management.

21.09-2 Objectives & Strategies– Transport and Access

Objective

- Reduce environmental impact and improve access to sustainable modes of transport.

Strategies

- Improve the amenity and functioning of the Moonee Ponds public transport interchange.
- Improve pedestrian and cycling connections throughout the Racecourse Road Major Activities Area.
- Encourage new development to be located within close proximity to public transport.
- Ensure that developments provide Bicycle Facilities in accordance with the provisions of the planning scheme.

Objective

- To create choices for movement of people and goods while ensuring these choices provide sustainable outcomes.

Strategies

- Improve pedestrian and bicycle links and safety to all Activity Centres and across the municipality.
- Install bicycle parking facilities at every Activity Centre
- Encourage new developments of over 100 residents to produce a Green Travel Plan.

**Objective**

- Develop an efficient and convenient transport network.

**Strategies**

- Support the development of a rail link to Melbourne Airport that provides a station at Airport West.
- Support a hierarchy of road space allocation based on modal efficiency:
  - Pedestrians
  - Cyclists
  - Public Transport
  - Freight
  - Private Vehicles

**Further Strategic Work**

- Develop a parking strategy
- Implement the actions within the Integrated Transport Plan

**Reference Documents**

- Integrated Transport Plan 2008
- Cycling and Walking Strategy 2004
- Resident Permit Parking Policy 2005
- Racecourse Road Major Activities Area Structure Plan (2012)