

21.08 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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This clause provides local content to support Clause 18 (Transport) and Clause 19 (Infrastructure) of the State Planning Policy Framework.

21.08-1 Integrated transport networks

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The layout, structure and connectivity of Ballarat is crucial to its economy, liveability, creativity and ecological footprint. A compact form with well connected and walkable centres has numerous benefits. An efficient road, rail and freight network is crucial to business competitiveness and prosperity.

Frequent public transport corridors between centres enables a more efficient, accessible and sustainable municipality. An excellent walking network is necessary for the functioning of all the other modes. Cycling represents an affordable, enjoyable and efficient mode of transport for commuting or leisure, and has the potential for significant growth as a mainstream transport mode.

Objective 1

To integrate transport and urban growth.

Strategies

- 1.1 Support land use decisions which integrate and value add to major transport infrastructure.
- 1.2 Consolidate development with a mix of uses in areas of Convenience Living, along future high frequency bus corridors, around activity centres, in urban renewal areas and the CBD.
- 1.3 Ensure the development along the established boulevards of Victoria Street and Sturt Street maintains the prominence of their landscape character.

Objective 2

To develop and maintain a comprehensive, safe, comfortable and convenient pedestrian network throughout the municipality.

Strategies

- 2.1 Give priority to pedestrian use in high volume pedestrian areas, particularly in the CBD and around activity centres.
- 2.2 Support the development of accessible pedestrian routes (including shared paths) within 10 minutes of major destinations, including the creation of mid-block and through development connections to enhance permeability.
- 2.3 Ensure pedestrian networks are accessible to all users, including those with wheelchairs and prams.

Objective 3

To develop a comprehensive, safe and convenient cycling network.

Strategies

- 3.1 Establish and encourage ongoing development of a user focussed, safe and legible Ballarat Bicycle Network to link all major parks and commercial centres in Ballarat.
- 3.2 Ensure new development provides bicycle access and high quality, safe and secure end of trip cycle facilities.

Objective 4

To ensure the major water and sewerage assets and treatment plants (including the Ballarat Water Reclamation Plant and Ballarat South Waste Water Treatment Plan) are protected from encroachment by sensitive uses.

Strategies

- 4.1 Provide a buffer around the Ballarat Waste Water Reclamation Plant and Ballarat South Waste Water Treatment Plant to minimise encroachment by sensitive land uses.

Figure 7– Transport and Infrastructure Plan



Objective 4

To encourage more efficient use of the road network.

Strategies

- 4.1 Provide for the use and development of land abutting roads included in the Road Zone and the Ballarat Western Link road in a manner which limits detrimental impact on the efficient operation of the road.
- 4.2 Discourage commercial ribbon development from occurring along main roads.

Objective 5

To enhance Ballarat's role as a key inland freight and intermodal hub.

Strategies

- 5.1 Support the sustainable development and efficient 24-hour operation of the Ballarat West Employment Zone and Ballarat Intermodal Freight Hub.
- 5.2 Facilitate the completion of the Ballarat Western Link Road, and other improvements between Ballarat and Geelong.

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Ballarat Airfield

Ballarat Airfield is an important asset for a growing City and region. The recreational and charter use of the airfield will be maintained with special emphasis placed on promoting the complex's strategic function for police, ambulance and other emergency agencies. The encroachment of land uses and forms of development which could restrict the future use of the Airfield will be prevented. Upgrading the Airfield's main runway has the potential to enhance Ballarat as a tourism destination. A runway with the capacity to take 12,000kg aircraft would enable the airfield to receive small, regular public transport aircraft seating 30 passengers.

Objective 6

To provide for the continued operation and future upgrade of the Ballarat Airfield.

Strategies

- 6.1 Encourage the use of airfield land for airfield compatible purposes.
- 6.2 Discourage the use and development of airfield and surrounding land for purposes that would have a negative impact on the airfield's operation.
- 6.3 Discourage the establishment of residential and other sensitive uses on land under airfield flight paths.

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Development Infrastructure

Transport infrastructure, drainage, reticulated sewerage and water, telephone, electricity and gas distribution networks infrastructure represent a significant public investment. Development must be planned in a way which protects existing infrastructure and recognises that existing infrastructure has a limited capacity.

Objective 7

To ensure new physical, social and economic infrastructure meets the needs of the community during the forecast population growth.

Strategies

- 7.1 Require appropriate development contributions to apply to future greenfield development areas, to assist with funding the required civil and social infrastructure.
- 7.2 Ensure development contributions are specified in Development Contributions Plans.
- 7.3 Strategy Integrate new or renewed community facilities with residential developments in order to provide the appropriate balance and mix of facilities.
- 7.4 Encourage the co-location of complementary facilities.
- 7.5 Ensure all future community facilities can accommodate multipurpose uses where appropriate and can be adapted to suit the needs of the community.

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Implementation

The strategies in relation to Transport and Infrastructure will be implemented through the planning scheme by:

Further strategic work

- Consider applying the Design and Development Overlays to areas requiring specific design solutions.
- Review the Ballarat Car Parking Strategy as relevant to the Ballarat CBD to determine the requirement for a local planning policy or Parking Precinct Plan.
- Explore opportunities for increasing the supply of onstreet and offstreet public car parking within the Ballarat CBD in line with the City of Ballarat Car Parking Strategy.
- Review the buffer applied to the Ballarat North Wastewater Treatment Plant to ensure that it meets current and future needs.