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

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Hamilton Airport and surrounds

The Hamilton Airport provides access for general aviation and regular passenger transport aircraft including passenger services to Melbourne and Adelaide. It is an important community, business and tourism asset and there are opportunities to expand the air services to Hamilton and to develop aircraft related industries. It is important that development within the Airport and its general vicinity be in accordance with the Hamilton Airport Masterplan (2011).

Key issues

- Protecting the operation of the Hamilton Airport.
- Providing opportunities for Airport related development.

Objective 1

To protect Hamilton Airport and associated uses from inappropriate land use and development.

Strategies

- Ensure that use and development of the airport and surrounding land are consistent with the Hamilton Airport Master Plan (2011).
- Protect the operational capacity of the airport and the potential for developing businesses and industries related to the aircraft industry.
- Discourage noise sensitive uses from locating within the vicinity of the airport and flight paths.

Objective 2

To take advantage of the opportunities provided by the Hamilton Airport.

Strategies

- Support the development of business and industrial uses at the Hamilton Airport that:
 - complement the use of the airport;
 - are related to the aircraft industry; and
 - can capitalise on a location in the vicinity of the airport.

Implementation

The strategies in relation to heritage will be implemented through the planning scheme by:

Policy guidelines

- Require appropriate noise amelioration measures for noise sensitive uses located within the vicinity of the airport, as appropriate.

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C25**Hamilton Alternate Heavy Vehicle Route**

Located in the centre of South West Victoria, Hamilton is at the confluence of several highways that provide heavy vehicles links to other parts of Victoria and interstate. These highways provide a high capacity link for vehicle and freight haulage. Within urban Hamilton, the road network is under pressure and recent strategic work has identified that further investigations are required to resolve an alternate heavy vehicle route. Central to this investigation is the establishment of an alternate heavy vehicle route which does not include the city centre and discourages the use of these streets by heavy vehicles in order to 'reclaim' these important streets.

Key issues

- Protecting the amenity and safety of the central business district.
- Providing opportunities for heavy-vehicle related development.

Objective 1

To reduce heavy vehicle traffic along Hamilton's key city centre streets, in particular Cox Street and Lonsdale Street.

Strategies

- Investigate and determine a phased plan to develop an alternate heavy vehicle route.
- Investigate usage of traffic calming devices to discourage heavy vehicle traffic from using the central business district as a 'through' route.

Objective 2

To leverage economic opportunities provided by the diversion of heavy vehicle traffic along approved b-double and heavy vehicle transit routes.

Strategies

- Support the development of business and industrial uses on the periphery of Hamilton that capitalise on key locations along existing approved b-double and heavy vehicle transit routes.
- Support removal of heavy vehicle traffic from the central business district to improve pedestrian safety and amenity in the city centre, leading to increased foot traffic and investment and redevelopment of space in the central business district.
- Support efficient heavy vehicle traffic movement to key destination nodes such as the Hamilton Livestock Exchange, Graincorp and Iluka Mineral Sands Processing Plant.

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C25**Rail and Intermodal Freight Facilities**

Southern Grampians Shire is positioned at an important junction of north-south freight traffic. Existing demand (eg. Hamilton Livestock Exchange), coupled with the shift to grain production, mineral sands shipments, wind farm construction and future timber harvesting generates new demand for transport. It is essential that the Shire's major freight transport and infrastructure networks are supported and keep pace with projected demand.

Key Issues

- Growth in demand is creating the need for truck servicing/stopover areas.
- There is a growing opportunity to develop a north-south route through the Southern Grampians Shire.

Objective 1

Assist in the development of an intermodal hub to service a range of industry sectors, including timber, agriculture and mining located adjacent to the railway siding to the southwest of Hamilton.

Strategies

- Support upgrade of existing facilities at the Hamilton Railway Station to generate interest and supply demand for containerised freight services.
- Investigate the development potential for an intermodal transport hub adjacent to the railway siding and industrial land south-west of Hamilton.
- Liaise with regional trucking firms to promote opportunities for servicing the Southern Grampians.
- Liaise with the plantation and transport industry to determine the ideal location for truck parking and a fuel depot in Coleraine to service the timber harvest.
- Preserve heavy rail freight corridors.

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Transport Connections

The provision of sustainable transport connections is an essential component of the Shire's economic prosperity and critical to the achievement of high health status, social inclusivity and livability. It is important for the long term sustainability of the Shire, and for equality of access, that improvements are made to pedestrian and cycle networks, public transport and the quality of facilities associated with public transport.

Key issues

- Safety issues with footpaths and pedestrian access on roads.
- The availability of and accessibility to community and public transport.

Objective 1

Improve transportation options across the Shire including public, emergency and community transportation.

Strategies

- Council to work in partnership with key stakeholders to develop a Connection/Access Plan that focuses on increasing transportation options especially for those from outlying areas in the municipality.
- Council to develop a new Community Safety Plan with a focus on anti-social behaviour, road and pedestrian safety.

- Establish a new 'main' city bus stop in consultation with the Department of Transport and progressively upgrade and improve other bus stops in the city with improved signage, seating and shelter.
- Advocate for the re-establishment and continuation of regional bus services between Hamilton and key settlements.
- Advocate for increased town bus services in Hamilton.
- Advocate for the re-establishment of passenger rail between Hamilton and key regional centres.