

**Road system****Objective**

To manage the road system to achieve integration, choice and balance by developing an efficient and safe network and making the most of existing infrastructure.

**Strategies**

Plan and regulate the design of transport routes and nearby areas to achieve visual standards appropriate to the importance of the route with particular reference to landscaping, the control of outdoor advertising and, where appropriate, the provision of buffer zones and resting places.

Provide for grade separation at railway crossings except with the approval of the Minister for Transport.

Make better use of roads for all road users through the provision of wider footpaths, bicycle lanes, transit lanes (for buses and taxis) and specific freight routes.

Selectively expand and upgrade the road network to provide for:

- High-quality connections between Metropolitan Melbourne and regional cities, and between regional cities.
- Upgrading of key freight routes.
- Ongoing development in outer suburban areas.
- Higher standards of on-road public transport.
- Improved key cross-town arterial links in the outer suburbs including circumferential and radial movement.

Ensure access to jobs and services in growth areas and outer suburban areas by improving roads for all road users.

Improve the management of key freight routes to make freight operations more efficient while reducing their external impacts.

Ensure that road space complements land use and is managed to meet community and business needs.