TRANSPORT

Yarra needs to reduce car dependence by promoting walking, cycling and public transport use as viable and preferable alternatives. This is also a key message of Melbourne 2030 and fundamental to the health and well-being of the community.

While the scope of the planning scheme in managing an integrated transport system is limited, Council will work towards improving the quality of walking and cycling infrastructure as a priority. Note that the term “walking” includes people who use wheelchairs.

Parking availability is important for many people, however in Yarra unrestricted car use and parking is neither practical nor achievable. Car parking will be managed to optimise its use and to encourage sustainable transport options.

Walking and cycling

Objective 30 To provide safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle environments.
Strategy 30.1 Improve pedestrian and cycling links in association with new development where possible.
Strategy 30.2 Minimise vehicle crossovers on street frontages.
Strategy 30.3 Use rear laneway access to reduce vehicle crossovers.

Public transport

Objective 31 To facilitate public transport usage.
Strategy 31.1 Require new development that generates high numbers of trips to be easily accessible by public transport.

The road system and parking

Objective 32 To reduce the reliance on the private motor car.
Strategy 32.1 Provide efficient shared parking facilities in activity centres.
Strategy 32.2 Require all new large developments to prepare and implement integrated transport plans to reduce the use of private cars and to encourage walking, cycling and public transport.

Objective 33 To reduce the impact of traffic.
Strategy 33.1 Ensure access arrangements maintain the safety and efficiency of the arterial and local road networks.
Strategy 33.2 Ensure the level of service needed for new industrial and commercial operations does not prejudice the reasonable needs of existing industrial and commercial operations to access Yarra's roads.