



**10.1 ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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**1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To request endorsement of the draft 2021 City of Port Phillip Road Management Plan (RMP), which has been reviewed in accordance with the *Road Management Act 2004* and the *Road Management (General) Regulations 2016*, to be displayed for the required period of 28 days prior to being adopted by Council.

**2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Road Management Plan (RMP) was first adopted In July 2004 and the existing plan was adopted in July 2017.
- 2.2 Internal review of the current RMP found that Council's 2017 Road Management Plan has been fit for purpose and that the service standards stated in it are reasonable and achievable, meaning that no major changes are required.
- 2.3 Several minor changes have made to update various sections and improve readability, together with the inclusion of additional road and road related infrastructure defects which have been added to align with the new maintenance civil works contract.
- 2.4 A Section has been added to include a process around "Working in the road reserve" strengthening Councils position when protecting Road infrastructure from developers and utility providers who could previously carry out planned works without notifying Council.

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

- 3.1 Approves the Draft Road Management Plan 2021 be displayed on Councils website by close of business on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2021 together with a copy of the existing Road Management Plan 2017 for consultation for a period of 28 days.
- 3.2 Authorises the CEO to make any minor editorial amendments required that do not alter the substantive intent of the policy.
- 3.3 Notes that a further report will be provided to Council at the completion of the consultation period, providing a summary of all feedback received and recommendations regarding any proposed changes to the final Road Management Plan 2021 for adoption by Council.

**4. KEY POINTS/ISSUES**

- 4.1 Council, being a recognised Roads Authority, has a clear responsibility to effectively manage our municipal road network. This Road Management Plan (RMP) aims to provide clear understanding of our Organisations operational objectives to inspect, maintain, repair and replace our public roads network.



- 4.2 The RMP has been developed by the City of Port Phillip Council in accordance with the Road Management Act 2004 (the Act) for this purpose.
- 4.3 The principal object of road management, according to the Act, is to ensure that a network of roads is provided for the movement of persons and goods as part of an integrated transport system and that road reserves are available for other appropriate uses.
- 4.4 The purpose of a road management plan is:
- a) to establish a management system for the road management functions of a road authority which is based on policy and operational objectives and available resources; and
  - b) to set the relevant standard in relation to the discharge of duties in the performance of those road management functions.
- 4.5 In order to meet economic, social, safety and environmental expectations of the community, careful consideration must be taken in setting achievable maintenance operation targets and asset management programs.
- 4.6 The Act gives power to a road authority to determine the standards to which the relevant road authority will construct, inspect, maintain and repair roadways, pathways, road infrastructure and road related infrastructure.
- 4.7 This RMP determines levels of service by taking into consideration the affordability, available resources and risks related to maintenance and ongoing asset performance. Intervention levels have been set in line with current 'industry practices' and reflect Council's ongoing commitment to providing the community with affordable road infrastructure that meets reasonable community expectations.
- 4.8 To align with Council's 'Best Value' & 'Best Practice' approach, this RMP is a dynamic document subject to continuous improvement and review.
- 4.9 Key changes to the RMP include:
- Section 1.4: updated Strategic Alignment to reflect new council plan and relevant policy and strategy
  - Section 1.7 Added Definitions section to assist with understanding the document
  - Section 1.10 Consent to Undertake Works in the Road Reserve section added to address key issue of service authorities and others undertaking works without consent.
  - Section 1.12 Force Majeure section added to deal with an event where the RMP cannot be delivered.
  - Section 2.2 Road Classifications updated to include diagrams and better information
  - Section 3.5.2. Vehicle crossing law updated.
  - Section 3.9 Accessibility section added to address this key issue and reference access and inclusion plan
  - Minor changes to response tables to reflect additional defect activities included in the Civil Works Maintenance contract



## 5. CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDERS

- 5.1 Internal consultation with the Transport Working Group, represented by officers from all Departments, along with the Service and Asset Planning Steering Group and Executive Leadership Team.
- 5.2 Once approved, the 2021 draft RMP will be published on Council's website for a period of 28 days, and feedback will be considered in the preparation of the final version of the RMP for adoption at Council's October meeting.

## 6. LEGAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The RMP has been developed by the City of Port Phillip Council in accordance with the Road Management Act 2004 (the Act) to clearly define Councils, other road authorities and road users responsibilities to ensure the needs of the community are met and risks are appropriately managed.
- 6.2 The RMP service standards align with the funding provided in the forecast budgets for the new Maintenance Civils Works contract and included in Council's Long term Financial Plan.

## 7. FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 7.1 The 10 year Transport Asset Management Plan, reviewed annually, identifies the whole of life costs of operating, maintaining, renewing, upgrading our road network and informs Council annual budget process and long term financial forecasts.
- 7.2 The Service Intervention levels and response times in the RMP have been included in our Civil Infrastructure Maintenance Contract and budgeted for in Council's Long Term Financial Plan.

## 8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 8.1 The operation and function of Council's road network has a direct environmental impact on our community.
- 8.2 Council's 10 Year Transport Asset Management Plan details how sustainable procurement, climate change and asset resilience service objectives will be delivered for Council's Integrated Transport Plan and Greening Port Phillip Strategy.

## 9. COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 9.1 The operation and function of Council's road network has a direct social impact on our community.
- 9.2 The Service Standards and Response times meet industry best practice and are aligned with community expectations, which are monitored through annual community surveys.

## 10. ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICY

- 10.1 Well Governed-Port Phillip- Our community has the opportunity to participate in civic life to inform Council decision making
- 10.2 Liveable- Port Phillip- The city is well connected and easy to move around with options for sustainable and accessible transport
- 10.3 Sustainable Port Phillip- Port Phillip manages waste well, maximises reuse and recycling opportunities and supports the circular economy



## **11. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY**

### **11.1 TIMELINE**

11.1.1 The 2021 Road Management Plan will be advertised and displayed on Councils Website from 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2021 for the period of 28 days.

11.1.2 Members of the Public will be encouraged to comment on the plan. All comments will be collated and responded before the final closing date 30<sup>th</sup> September. The plan will be amended where applicable.

11.1.3 Council will be presented with the final plan for adoption at its meeting on 20 October, 2021.

11.1.4 The adoption of the Road Management Plan 2021 will be advertised in the Government Gazette and a copy will remain on Councils website together with the City of Port Phillip Road Register.

### **11.2 COMMUNICATION**

11.2.1 The adoption of the Road Management Plan 2021 will be advertised in the Government Gazette and a copy will remain on Councils website together with the City of Port Phillip Road Register.

## **12. OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST**

12.1 No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any material or general interest in the matter.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

#### **1. Road Management Plan - Draft**