



10.1 ADOPTION OF THE ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN 2021

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek endorsement of the City of Port Phillip Road Management Plan 2021, the previous version having been reviewed as required under the Road Management Act 2004 and an opportunity provided to the community for feedback.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The intent of the Road Management Plan (RMP) is to establish a system for managing local roads and to set service standards to which those local roads are maintained.
- 2.2 The Draft 2021 RMP consultation period was advertised in “The Age” newspaper on 2nd September 2021. The 2017 RMP and the Draft 2021 RMP were both made available on Councils website for community to provide feedback for 28 days between 2nd September to 4th October 2021 (32 days).
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 There were no community submissions received.

3. RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 3.1 Adopt the Road Management Plan 2021, notice to be published in the Government Gazette in accordance with Section 55 (1)(b) of the Act.
- 3.2 Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the document and make any minor editorial amendments that do not materially alter the intent of the policy.

4. KEY POINTS/ISSUES

- 4.1 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.



4.2 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.

4.3 The Road Management Plan is not an Asset Management Plan. The Transport Asset Management Portfolio Plan sets out the strategic objectives, asset lifecycle costs and informs Councils 10year financial plan.

4.4 The Transport Portfolio Plan including Sub class asset plans for Roads, Footpaths, Bridges, road edges and traffic control devices will be presented to the community for deliberative engagement as part of the 2022/2023 budget build process.

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.

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6. LEGAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The RMP is a key document used in the assessment of Public Liability claims. The minor modifications to improve readability and road related infrastructure defects which have been added to align with the new maintenance civil works contract will improve Councils legal position.

7. FINANCIAL IMPACT

7.1 The Inspection frequency and defect intervention levels set under the RMP can be met within existing budget forecasts.



8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 8.1 The existing local road network is in good condition and is fully established. Some new road assets will be created over time in the Fishermans Bend Urban Renewal Area (FBURA) but these roads will not have a significant impact to the natural environment as they will be built over current non permeable surfaces.
- 8.2 Council, where possible uses recycled materials to resurface roads to reduce the need for raw materials. Transport Asset Portfolio Plan provides the initiatives and objectives of how we are responding to City of Port Phillips Climate Emergency declaration.

9. COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 9.1 The existing service levels will be maintained under the 2021 RMP. Community expectations and satisfaction levels will be monitored through our community satisfaction 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 Councils endorsement of the RMP 2021 will be advertised in the Victorian Government Gazette.

11.2 COMMUNICATION

- 11.2.1 The 2021 RMP is available on Councils website.

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. Draft Road Management Plan