# **Getting Around – Topic Paper Summary**

## Summary

People travel around Moreland in lots of different ways. They walk, cycle, drive or use public transport. By managing local roads, footpaths and bike lanes, Council works to ensure everyone can get around safely and easily.

Investing in safe and convenient transport makes Moreland’s local areas better to live in. And promoting active transport can improve the health and wellbeing of the community. We also know that the population is growing. Council also needs to look at how to reduce congestion on the road.

Accessibility is also important. The community needs to have multiple options to get around and any special requirements need to be catered for.

Council also needs to work with the state government to build better public transport and safer roads.

## Key Issues

* **Road use:** increasing and improving options for walking, cycling and public transport.
* **Congestion:** identifying ways to reduce traffic congestion on limited road space
* **Parking:** improving parking options for those who need it while encouraging sustainable transport modes.
* **Accessibility:** accommodating people of all abilities and special requirements for getting around.

## What are some opportunities?

Opportunities in this space might include:

* Encourage research and investment into projects that prioritise walking and cycling, including new pedestrian crossings, separated bicycle lanes and shared zones.
* Increase community education, engagement and behaviour change.
* Encourage a shift away from reliance on privately-owned fossil-fuelled vehicles. Support a long-term vision of greater uptake of walking and cycling, public transport and mobility services using shared vehicles powered by 100% renewable energy.
* Encourage the community to use public transport for metropolitan and regional travel (rather than driving).
* Continue to use parking policy to guide parking at a local level. Getting the type, location and amount of parking right can, in combination with other planning policies, significantly contribute to better transport, land use, economic and community outcomes.
* Ensure that everyone has access to a range of transport choices that empower and provide independence, including people living with disability, people with prams and the elderly.
* Increase training for transport operators to better support people with disability.

## What Are Some Challenges?

Challenges in this space might include:

* Moreland requires State or Crown approval to make alterations to most roads, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.
* Public transport is generally better in the south of Moreland than it is in the north. Council does not operate any public transport service, but advocates to the state government and public transport operators on the community’s behalf.
* As Moreland’s population grows, the city will need to facilitate a shift in the way people travel to protect liveability and ensure people can continue to move around efficiently, conveniently and safely.
* Change is needed to how road space is allocated. For example, parking should not detract from the safety of those on cycling routes or around schools.
* Most tram stops in Moreland are not accessible. While all buses and train stations in Moreland are accessible, routes to these services may not be fully accessible. Inaccessible public transport services can limit the mobility and independence of people with disability.