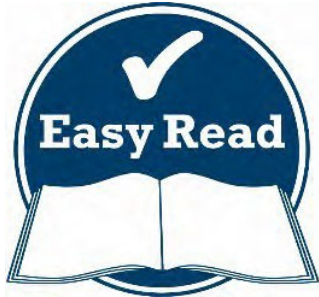


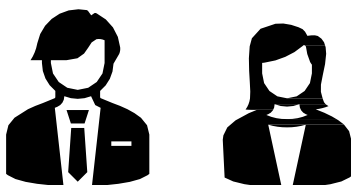
Moving around Merri-bek

Draft Transport Strategy

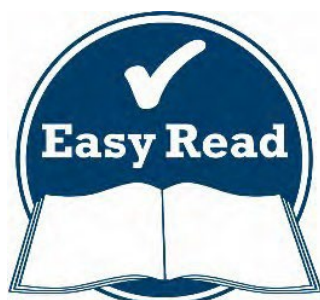
Easy Read Version



How to use this paper



Merri-bek City Council wrote this Draft Transport Strategy. When you see the word 'we', it means Merri-bek City Council.



We have written this paper in an easy-to-read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.



This Easy Read paper is a summary of our new Draft Transport Strategy.



You can find the full Draft Strategy on our [website](#).



You can ask for help to read this paper. A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

What is in this paper?

1. What is this strategy about?
2. Why do we need a new transport strategy?
3. Why is this a draft?
4. How we wrote this strategy
5. How does this strategy work?
6. Our values
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What is this strategy about?



We are working on a new transport strategy.



A **strategy** is a document that includes:

- a list of our goals
- how we are going to reach our goals.



This **transport strategy** will make it easier to get places by

- riding a bike
- driving
- walking
- and other ways to travel.



This is a **draft**. We will write a final version of the strategy in early 2024.

Why do we need a new transport strategy?



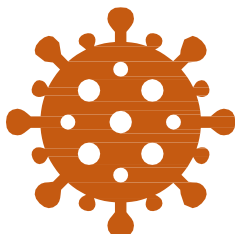
We are making this new strategy because a lot has changed over the last 4 years.



We've changed other Council strategies.



Climate change has gotten worse.



The COVID-19 pandemic has had lasting impacts.

Why is this a draft



This version of the strategy is a **draft**.



We will write a final version of the strategy in early 2024.



We will make changes to the final strategy based on community feedback.



Councillors will decide whether the strategy is finished in March 2024.

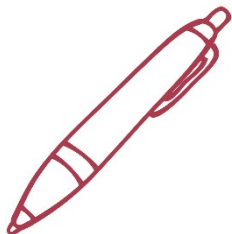
How we wrote this strategy



This year we asked lots of different people from Merri-bek about how they move around.



They told us how we could make it easier to move travel where they need to go.

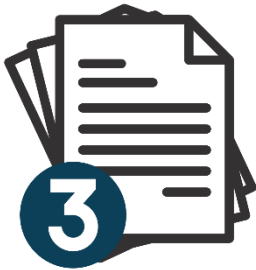


This feedback helped us write our draft strategy.



We also used research and data about transport in Merri-bek.

How does this strategy work?



Our Draft Strategy is made up of **3 parts**.



In the first part, we talk about our **vision and 6 values**. These are the things that are important for our transport system.



The second part **explains our transport system** and the 5 kinds of transport that we work on in Merri-bek.



The third part **explains our new Streets for People system**. This will help us pick streets for new transport projects.



There is also a separate **Action Plan**, which explains the transport projects we have planned for 2024-2025

Our values



Our Draft Strategy talks about **6 main values** for transport in Merri-bek.



We want to make sure that we build a **transport system** that is:

1. safe
2. accessible to everyone
3. good for well-being
4. environment friendly
5. pleasant to live with
6. inclusive and built together



We want our community to feel **safe** while they

- Walk
- Ride a bike
- Ride a scooter
- Drive
- Or catch a bus, train and tram



When something is **accessible**, everyone can use it. This might be

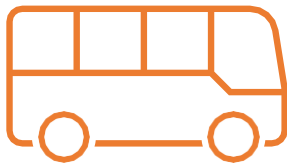
- a public transport
- a car
- a bike
- or a safe road to walk



We want to offer active and enjoyable ways to get around Merri- bek to help people be **healthy**.



We want to help the environment by helping people use **sustainable** transport such as



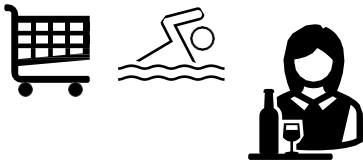
- walking
- riding bikes
- car share
- using public transport



We want Council to **include** everyone and work with our community to improve our transport system.



We want to create vibrant and welcoming spaces for people to come together.



This includes having access to

- shops
- services
- and community facilities.



We want to make sure everyone can

- get where they need to go
- easily use transport
- feel safe when they use our transport network
- feel welcome

Our networks



Our transport system is made up of lots of **networks**. A network is a way to get around your neighborhood.



There are **5 networks** we work on in Merri-bek. They are

- walking network
- bicycle network
- public transport network
- driving network
- how we plan to use land



We want to make these networks better. Some of the ways we will do that are



Walking network

- improving footpaths
- adding more road crossings
- adding seats, lights and trees
- helping kids walk and bike to school



Biking network

- build more bike paths
- improve the bike paths we already have
- make it easier to use scooters, tricycles, electric bikes and other wheeled transport
- add more bike parking



Public transport network

- help with the Level Crossing Removal Project in Brunswick
- work to improve our bus network
- work to make all our trams, trains and busses accessible
- work with the Victorian Government to connect the Upfield Train Line to the Craigieburn Train Line



Driving network

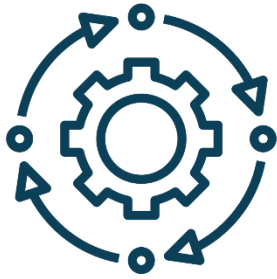
- have safer speed limits
- support electric vehicles
- support car share
- improve our roads
- support deliveries of freight to shops
- balance how we use our kerbside space (the space between the road and footpath or nature strip)



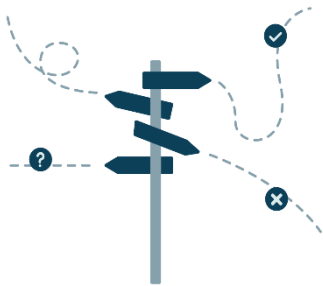
How we use land

- plan our projects so people can get to shops, schools, work, doctors and other places easier
- work with the Victorian Government to create great local spaces
- make travelling around Merri-bek safe, easy and enjoyable

Streets for People



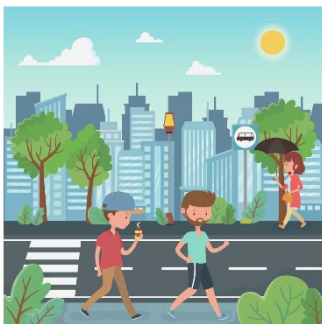
Streets for People is a new system in this draft strategy.



Streets for People helps us pick streets for transport projects.



It also helps us pick what kind of project is good for that street.



Streets for People helps us make a street better for all the people who use it.

Action Plan



We have released a Draft Strategy and a Draft Action Plan.



The Action Plan is a list of actions that we will do over 2024-2025.



These projects will help us achieve our transport goals in the Draft Strategy.



Next year we will release another Action Plan for 2025-2030.

Next steps



We are asking people what they think of the Draft Strategy.



Your feedback will help us write the final strategy.

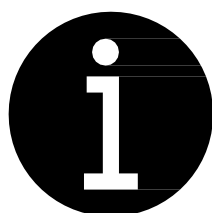


Your thoughts and ideas are important.



You can share your ideas via an online survey on Conversations Merri-bek.

by XX December 2023



You can also attend an online information session and chat with us.

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