

MORELAND INTEGRATED TRANSPORT STRATEGY – Q AND A



GENERAL

Q What is the Moreland Integrated Transport Strategy (MITS) 2019?

A MITS 2019 is Council's new transport strategy, aiming to achieve a shift towards walking, cycling and public transport use. This will help reduce the impacts of traffic and congestion as Moreland grows, while allowing cars and parking to continue to be used by those who most need to drive.

To ensure MITS 2019 creates benefits for our community, it focuses on what Council can do directly, such as better streets for pedestrians and cyclists, and better management of parking.

However, it also identifies key priorities for advocating to state government for improved public transport, as well as how Council can work together with other councils, local traders and our community.

The objectives of MITS 2019 are a Moreland that is liveable, sustainable, safe, healthy, accessible, equitable for all, and prosperous.

Q Why is Council making changes to transport?

A Like the rest of Melbourne, Moreland's population is growing. By 2036, our population is expected to increase by 43,000 people. If the way we travel doesn't change, we will see an additional 25,000 cars move into Moreland during this time – taking up as much space as 26 Melbourne Cricket Grounds. This would lead to more traffic and congestion, increasingly on residential local streets.

If we can slow the growth of cars into Moreland, protect our local streets from increasing traffic and make significant improvements for walking, cycling and public transport, we can protect and enhance Moreland's liveability as the city grows and changes.

Q How was MITS 2019 developed?

A MITS 2019 is informed by three phases of engagement with the community and other stakeholders across 2017 and 2018. We used a mix of face-to-face, survey and interactive online engagement to talk to as many people as possible. In the final phase of consultation, we also sent almost 40,000 letters to those directly impacted by proposed changes to parking to let them know about the opportunity to give feedback. About 2,400 responses were received across all three phases of consultation.

Q Will I have any future opportunities to be involved?

A Council will consult further with the community and other stakeholder on a number of actions in MITS 2019 before implementation begins.

Upcoming consultation includes the opportunity to provide feedback on the planning scheme amendment to revise parking requirements for new developments, and on road closures. To stay informed as opportunities to get involved come up, join the email list at: moreland.vic.gov.au/transport-strategy or call **9240 1111** to talk to us.



Q What changes are happening to parking in Moreland?

A Council is changing how much parking is required in new developments, to slow the growth of cars into Moreland as the population grows. This includes no longer specifying minimum parking requirements in the Brunswick, Coburg and Glenroy Activity Centres and instead removing the ability of new residents to leave their cars on-street by expanding parking restrictions near these Activity Centres.

While some developments will provide no or very low amounts of car parking, we expect most developments will continue to have some car parking due to demand. Anybody moving into a new development in Moreland will need to carefully consider their transport needs, and ensure their home has an off-street parking space if they need to own a car.

We will also introduce more accessible (disabled) parking bays, and increase parking enforcement so that residents are more easily able to report illegally parked vehicles.

Q Who can get a parking permit?

A The majority of existing residents are eligible for a parking permit that exempts them from timed parking restrictions (e.g. 2P) on their street. This gives them more opportunity to park near their home, particularly in busier areas where there is more demand for parking.

Residents of properties subdivided after August 2011 are not eligible for a residential parking permit. This is to protect residents living in Moreland before this policy came into effect from the impact of population growth on their ability to park on-street.

There is a limit of one permit per household, or two if there is no crossover (driveway) at the property. Residents eligible for residential parking permits can also purchase daily and weekly visitor permits.

Q Does Council charge for parking permits?

A Council charges for parking permits to reflect the administration cost including staff resources needed to run this scheme.

From 2019-20, Council will expand concession eligibility from Pensioner and Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) card holders to include all other Centrelink card holders. In addition, the concession will apply not only to the first residential permit, but to the second (if eligible), as well as visitor permits.

Q Is Council introducing paid parking?

A Council will investigate opportunities to expand the use of paid parking in particularly busy areas from 2020. Paid parking allows for all-day parking in busy areas where unrestricted parking is not appropriate.

Council is also introducing a daily cap for paid parking, which will be \$10.00 per day in 2019-20. This means paid parking will be more affordable for people using it all day, such as local workers.

Paid parking will not be rolled out across broad areas, so there will continue to be free, time-restricted parking available.

You can get more information on parking permit eligibility by visiting:
moreland.vic.gov.au/parking-permits/ or calling **9240 1111**.



SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT (WALKING, CYCLING AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT)

Q What does it mean to give greater priority to sustainable transport modes?

A This can mean giving more space on our roads for walking, cycling and public transport, or other measures such as shorter waiting times at intersections for these modes of transport. For example, giving greater priority for public transport could mean removing some car parking to allow for a dedicated tram lane, and letting trams pass through intersections more quickly even if this increases the time other traffic has to wait.

Q What is Council doing to improve public transport in Moreland?

A Council advocates on behalf of the community to the state government, which is responsible for public transport.

We are focusing on advocating for:

- More frequent bus services for more hours in the day particularly in the north of Moreland and running east-west, including that buses should run from first train and tram to last train and tram in a 24 hour period.
- Improved reliability of bus, tram and train services.
- More capacity on trains and trams, including increased frequency of night time services.
- Improved accessibility for users of all abilities.

Q What is Council doing to improve cycling in Moreland?

A We will continue to provide new, upgraded and extended bike paths that will make cycling safe, comfortable and a preferred mode of travel in Moreland.

Some features of high quality paths include separation from cars and other users wherever possible, avoiding putting bicycle lanes in 'dooring' zones, and reducing the speed and volume of traffic along cycling routes.

We will cater for all types of bicycles, including e-bikes and cargo bikes, and improve bicycle parking options. We will work together with VicRoads to deliver quality bicycle routes on arterial roads and reduce the amount of time cyclists need to wait at intersections on key routes.

Q What is Council doing to improve conditions for pedestrians in Moreland?

A We will continue to provide pedestrian routes that make walking safe, easy and accessible. This includes widening footpaths where possible, improving accessibility for all users regardless of ability, and working with VicRoads to reduce the amount of time it takes pedestrians to cross intersections. We will also make upgrades to streets to make them more pleasant to walk down, including new trees, better seating, and revitalised footpaths.

Q When will the new sustainable transport infrastructure be delivered?

A We are developing a 10-year capital works plan over the next few months, and sustainable transport infrastructure will be delivered during this time.



Q What changes are you making to speed limits?

A We will continue to progressively introduce 40km/h limits on local roads, as we have over the past decade. This process occurs over several years and requires VicRoads approval. Local roads do not include arterial roads and other bigger roads, such as Blyth Street, Lygon Street, Glenroy Road, Hilton Street and Sussex Street. The Road Hierarchy in MITS 2019 shows which roads are collector, major and arterial roads; all roads not shown are local roads. We will also conduct a 12-month trial of 30km/hour speed limits in two selected areas in Moreland's south, where 40km/hour speed limits already exist. We will reduce speed limits on arterial roads near places like schools, hospitals and activity centres.

Q Why are you changing speed limits?

A Lower speed limits reduce injuries and deaths on our roads. Research shows that reducing the speed limit by 10km/h would reduce crashes by about 30 per cent. Lower speed limits also reduce traffic noise and rat-running through residential areas, as well as making people feel safe when they walk and cycle.

Q Won't this significantly increase how long it takes people to drive and cause more congestion?

A Research shows that reducing speed limits by 10km/h delays motorists by less than 12 seconds per kilometre. Many car trips, particularly over longer distances, are mostly along non-local roads, so the total delay to a typical car trip is expected to be minimal.

Q Why is Council doing road closures?

A Road closures can include creating pedestrian areas (such as Victoria Street Mall) or smaller closures that stop cars going through at a point, while still allowing pedestrians and cyclists through. They do not usually mean closing an entire road. There are a number of closures like this in places like Brunswick and Coburg. They reduce rat-running through residential areas, while maintaining car access for residents and visitors.

Q Where will you do road closures?

A We will do road closures where there has been growth in traffic due to rat-running, where this would help complete missing links in the cycling network, or where this would help create quality new places (like Wilson Avenue in Brunswick). The law requires us to consult with the public each time we do a road closure.



For more information and to provide your feedback, please visit www.moreland.vic.gov.au/transport-strategy or contact Council on **(03) 9240 1111**

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Italiano	9280 1911	普通话	9280 0750
Ελληνικά	9280 1912	ਪੰਜਾਬੀ	9280 0751
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