



GREATER DANDENONG CITY COUNCIL

Road Management Plan

Notice of Proposed Amendment to Road Management Plan

In accordance with section 54(6) of the *Road Management Act 2004* (**Act**), the Greater Dandenong City Council, as the relevant road authority (**Council**), gives notice that it intends to amend its existing road management plan which is presently titled the 'Greater Dandenong Road Management Plan 2011-12' (**proposed amendment**).

It is intended that the proposed amendment (following the adoption by Council of the written report summarising the findings and conclusions of the review conducted by Council under section 54(5) of the Act and regulation 9(2) of the *Road Management (General) Regulations 2016* (**Regulations**) of the existing road management plan of Council (**review report**) will result in Council making a substantially new road management plan to be titled the 'Greater Dandenong Road Management Plan 2017-21'.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is –

- To ensure that the standards in relation to and the priorities to be given to the construction, inspection, maintenance and repair of the roads and the classes of roads to which the road management plan applies under section 41 of the Act are safe, efficient and appropriate for the use and needs of Council's community, and the wider public;
- To improve the systems, processes and procedures previously adopted and used by Council in connection with its road management functions and the discharge of its duty to inspect, maintain and repair public roads for which Council is the coordinating road authority or the responsible road authority, based on reasonable policy and operational decisions and the resources available to and the priorities of Council;
- To set more relevant and attainable standards and establish better policies and procedures to enable Council to discharge its duties and perform its road management functions under the Act;
- To make changes arising from roads or parts of roads under the administration of Council being, or having become, roads or parts of roads for which Council is the coordinating road authority or being or having become public roads since the existing road management plan was made by Council; and
- To make other changes to the procedures or responsibilities of Council which are of an administrative, declaratory or machinery nature.

The general purport of the proposed amendment is that –

- It will remove from the road management plan the requirement for Council to inspect, repair and maintain certain 'non-road infrastructure' (such as bus shelters, trees and roadside furniture);
- It will remove the requirement for inspections which relate to the long-term structural condition of road or road-related assets (in line with recommendations from the Municipal Association of Victoria (**MAV**));
- It will remove duplicated statements or information held in other Council documents which it is considered are not required to be included in the road management plan (in line with MAV recommendations);
- It will insert clarifications or glossary items for a variety of terms, inspections and asset types;
- It will simplify some of the technical information in the road management plan, including intervention levels; and
- It will determine revised standards under section 41 of the Act (in the nature of service standards and specifications) in respect to four asset types, resulting in standards which are lower than the standards previously adopted by Council, and being as follows –
 - Pavement Maintenance Minor Patching and Major Repair, resulting in adjustments in the size of a 'Minor Patch' from 20m² to 40m²;
 - Temporary Maintenance of Traffic Management Devices, resulting in removal of temporary maintenance and retention of permanent maintenance on 'Annual Program';
 - Dust Suppressant for Unsealed Roads, resulting in a change from 'Annual Program' to 'As Required'; and
 - Clearing of weepholes and scouring of outlets for Bridge Maintenance, resulting in a change from '20 working days' to 'Annual Program';
- It will, in accordance with the above, establish more appropriate and attainable standards in relation to and the priorities to be given to the inspection, maintenance and repair of the roads and classes of roads to which the road management plan applies;
- It will (in relation to the construction, inspection, maintenance and repair of those public roads within the municipal district for which Council is the road authority (including in relation to suitable prioritisations for the maintenance and repair of road infrastructure on public roads)), as a policy document of Council, better reflect decisions of Council which are otherwise based substantially on financial, economic, political, social or environmental considerations;
- It will better record that the funding provided by Council to implement the road management plan and Council's responsibilities under the Act are and have been substantially influenced by budgetary allocations and the constraints which these entail in terms of the allocation of scarce Council resources; and
- It will generally improve the manner in which Council, utilising the road management plan as a policy document, performs its road management functions.

The road management plan will apply to all of the roads, roadways, pathways, road infrastructure and road-related infrastructure within the municipal district of the Council for which Council is the coordinating or responsible road authority under the Act and which are otherwise listed on Council's register of public roads under section 19 of the Act.

A copy of the proposed amendment which will result in Council making a substantially new road management plan to be titled the 'Greater Dandenong Road Management Plan 2017-21' and the review report (produced in accordance with regulation 9(2) of the Regulations) may be inspected at or obtained at the Council's Offices, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong or accessed online by viewing the Council's Internet website and following the links.

Any person who is aggrieved by the proposed amendment may make a submission on the proposed amendment to Council by **5 pm on 25 September 2017**.

Submissions must be in writing and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer at PO Box 200, Dandenong, Victoria 3175, or delivered to the Council's municipal offices at the address referred to above.

Any enquiries about the proposed amendment or the review report can be directed to Benny Kong, Road Planning Engineer, on 8571 5304 or email: bkong@cgd.vic.gov.au

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