

Update on Transport Plan November 2015

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We are seeking your feedback on Draft Transport Plan 2015
Please return survey by Wednesday 19 August 2015

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Darebin City Council is developing a plan to improve transport in Oakover Village in the area between **Gilbert Road, Miller Street, Bell Street and the South Morang railway line in Preston.**

The draft transport plan aims to address key issues including:

- Traffic speeds and volumes in local streets
- Pedestrian safety on footpaths and crossing roads
- Transport impacts from future development of key sites

This survey features a summary of the plan. The proposals are preliminary, and we want your feedback to help develop the final plan.

The proposals have been considered on an area-wide basis to minimise impacts on nearby streets.

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Developing the Transport Plan

At the community workshop held in May 2014 residents provided about 150 ideas mainly focused on creating a neighbourhood where it's safe to walk, cycle and drive, and easy to walk to local activities and public transport.

To access reports on the workshop and the context of the transport plan visit:

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Your feedback on this survey will contribute to the development of a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for the Oakover Village. The TMP will be mailed to you within a couple of weeks of this survey closing and you will also be invited to a Council meeting if you would like to present your views on those plans before the TMP is considered for adoption by Council.

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The Draft Transport Plan – Main Features

The draft plan shows:

- Treatments completed or in progress.
- Stage 1 treatments to be delivered in 2015/16.
- Stage 2 treatments to be delivered subject to the effectiveness of short term treatments, or with new development, as funding allows.
- Improvements to be considered as new development occurs.



PROPOSED OAKOVER VILLAGE TRANSPORT PLAN

2014/15 financial year

- Shared path on the south side of Oakover Road between rail line and St. Georges Road (complete)
- Tree planting between indented parking on Oakover Road between Erin Street and Austral Avenue (Consultation complete; Installation pending)

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Your Say

Have your say on the proposed plan by completing this survey and either:

- Mail it back to us using the tear off Reply Paid envelope, or
- Scan and email it to us at transport@darebin.vic.gov.au

Need help?

If you would like help completing this survey please call Darebin City council on 8470 8888

Background Information

Council's traffic counts and analysis show traffic volumes are well within the expected range for most streets in the precinct.

Some through-traffic is apparent on Austral Avenue, Davies Street, Newman Street and Stokes Street.

Average speeds are above the current speed limit on Austral Avenue, Davies Street, Stokes Street and Gilbert Road.

Data shows that there were 15 crashes on the streets in the precinct in the last 5 years, but no noticeable pattern to these crashes.

Over 40% of Bell Primary students walk or cycle to school. Counts in the peak hour recorded 206 people crossing Oakover Road, 85 crossing Gilbert Road near Oakover Road and 42 crossing Miller Street at Devon Street.

Parking Issues

Council has a separate process for responding to parking concerns, for more information visit:

www.darebin.vic.gov.au/parking

Further Information

Further information is available on Darebin Council's website at:

<http://yoursaydarebin.com.au/projects/oakover-village-project>

A copy of the study report can also be viewed at the City of Darebin Preston Customer Service Centre at: 274 Gower Street, Preston.
8.30am-5.00pm Monday to Friday

Other projects

Public transport and main road improvements will continue to be discussed with transport agencies. Council will continue to advocate for:

- Improving the intersection of St Georges Road and Miller Street for pedestrian and bike riders as part of tram works
- Improving the pedestrian crossing of Gilbert Road at Oakover Street as part of tram works
- Improving the slip lane off Bell Street onto St Georges Road for pedestrians
- Accessible tram stops on Tram Route 11
- Increased capacity on Tram Route 11

In addition to these works, Council is planning to reduce the speed limit on Miller Street and Gilbert Road to 50 km/h in line with other local roads in Darebin.

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Thank you for your time

Please tick the box if you would like to be kept informed any updates on this study

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