TRANSPORT

The Council shares responsibility for the management, maintenance and development of our road system, ports and airport with the Victorian Government. We will take a strong stand to maintain the efficiency of highways and major roads, ensure new developments do not compromise safety or amenity, and will improve links between towns and major attractions. We will continue to provide residents, commercial operators and visitors with efficient ports services and will vigorously protect our three airports from inappropriate development.

This Clause provides local content to support Clause 18 of the State Planning Policy Framework.

Management of the Road System

Objective 1

To maintain the efficiency and traffic capacity of highways and major roads and to protect and enhance the visual quality of road corridors, especially between towns.

Strategy 1.1

Ensure that improvements to the road system are carried out with maximum regard to maintaining roadside native vegetation.

Strategy 1.2

Improve linkages between towns and major tourist attractions.

Strategy 1.3

Facilitate the development of innovative forms of transport appropriate to the needs and environment of the region.

Strategy 1.4

Minimise the number of access and egress points directly on to highways.

Strategy 1.5

Assess the potential impact of new developments on the efficiency and safety of the road system in the area.

Strategy 1.6

Take into account the potential for noise generated by major roads in planning and in evaluating development proposals.

Strategy 1.7

Restrict commercial development adjoining highways and major roads between towns, where such development has the potential to impact adversely on the efficiency and amenity of the road corridor.

Strategy 1.8

Promote and encourage development of a freight hub in the vicinity of Bairnsdale.

Ports

Objective 1

To provide efficient ports services in East Gippsland
**Strategy 1:1**
Ensure that planning in local ports is integrated with related onshore needs.

**Strategy 1:2**
Facilitate the expansion of the Gippsland Ports site and associated maritime workshops at Slip Road in Paynesville to cater for current and future maritime operations.

**Airports**

**Objective 1**
To protect airports from inappropriate development.

**Strategy 1.1**
Ensure the airports expansion potential is not constrained by inappropriate uses of adjoining land.

**Strategy 1.2**
Support the increased use of the airports for passenger, freight and training purposes.

**Strategy 1.3**
Support the upgrade of at least one of the private airfields at Lakes Entrance.

**Implementation**

The strategies in relation to transport will be implemented through the planning scheme by:

**Application of Zones and Overlays**

Applying the Design and Development Overlay as buffers to protect the integrity of the airports.

**Other Actions**

Consider the development of a fast train service linking Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne through East Gippsland (subject to environmental evaluation).

Implement identified high priority transport system improvements.

Investigate the feasibility of connecting Giles Street with Saleyards Road.

**Further Strategic Work**

Undertake, adopt and implement a Freight, Transport and Logistics Study

Undertake a planning scheme amendment to apply an Airport Environs Overlay over land to protect the airports from high levels of noise.

Undertake a Car Parking Strategy for Bairnsdale CBD.

Undertake a Freight and Logistics Strategy.