COUNCIL POLICY



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This policy addresses a co-ordinated approach to passenger transport within the District.

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 Acknowledge the diverse needs of residents (both rural and urban) and support a coordinated approach to passenger transport through the facilitation and encouragement of a network of passenger transport programs.
- 2.2 Advocate to significantly improve public transport services and infrastructure and support investment in passenger transport outcomes that deliver regional equity, smart investment and economic growth.

3. POLICY STATEMENT

- 3.1 The Adelaide Hills Council will facilitate ongoing engagement with all stakeholders involved in the passenger transport industry, in order to promote improved services and infrastructure for the Adelaide Hills region
- 3.2 The Adelaide Hills Council will ensure the future planning of new development areas (i.e. neighbourhoods, employment lands etc.) considers connections to and integration with, existing and proposed public transport routes and associated infrastructure.
- 3.3 The Adelaide Hills Council will encourage all passenger transport to be accredited in accordance with the *Passenger Transport Act and Regulations 1994*.
- 3.4 The Adelaide Hills Council recognises the responsibilities that exist under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport* 2002 in relation to transport infrastructure e.g. bus stops, footpaths and bus bays. In addition, Council may prepare guidelines for public transport infrastructure projects to promote consistency and ensure obligations under the relevant act and standards are met.
- 3.5 The Adelaide Hills Council will ensure that any Council action plans take into account the requirements of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* together with the *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002* relating to the movement of passengers.
- 3.6 The Adelaide Hills Council will encourage public passenger transport services that meet the needs of the majority of the Council's residents.
- 3.7 The Adelaide Hills Council will advocate for equity of fare structure and more accessible and connected transport services to key employment hubs in and around the Council area.

- 3.8 The Adelaide Hills Council will support a region wide community passenger network that will respond to the needs of those people who are transport disadvantaged through geographic isolation or mobility problems.
- 3.9 The Adelaide Hills Council will support the provision of transport services for people who are disadvantaged.
- 3.10 The Adelaide Hills Council supports the trialling and use of emerging public transport services enabled through technology advancement that can better serve and assist residents to access public transport.
- 3.11 The Adelaide Hills Council acknowledges the interconnection between freight transport and public transport outcomes and will promote infrastructure investment in freight routes (including rail) that improves the capacity for public transport networks to deliver efficient and effective services.
- 3.12 The Adelaide Hills Council will promote and educate its community on the benefits of public transport, with an aim to reduce commuter traffic on the South Eastern Freeway and promote sustainable passenger and freight transport options.

4. DELEGATION

- 4.1 The Chief Executive Officer has the delegation to:
 - Approve, amend and review any procedures or guidelines that shall be consistent with this Policy; and
 - Make any legislative, formatting, nomenclature or other minor changes to the Policy during the period of its currency.

5. AVAILABILITY OF THE POLICY

5.1 This Policy will be available via the Council's website <u>www.ahc.sa.gov.au</u>