

Inner Melbourne Action Plan
Progress Report
Action 3.5 Reduced Through Traffic

Purpose

1. To update the Committee on the conduct of the Project and timing of the final report.

Background

2. Action 3.5 seeks to determine what actions can realistically be undertaken by member Councils to ameliorate the impact of through traffic in the Inner Melbourne area.
3. The project aims to provide a better understanding and knowledge of through traffic movements within Inner Melbourne, however through traffic is defined.
4. Sinclair Knight Merz was appointed to conduct the study and offered a strong traffic modelling focus (using a model they have developed for the State Government).
5. An update report was provided at the IMAP Committee meeting of 31 May, 2012 at which the Committee requested the draft report be discussed with the IMAP Executive Forum before reporting back to the IMAP Implementation Committee.
6. A presentation of the draft report was made to the IMAP Executive Forum on 18 November 2013, at which positive feedback was received on the study outcomes and requests for minor amendments were made to enhance elements of the report.

Discussion

7. Specifically, the Executive Forum requested further work be undertaken on :
 - a. comparison with the Port of Melbourne Strategy,
 - b. percentages of through traffic on Council and VicRoads managed roads
 - c. impact of rate of growth and lack of adequate transport infrastructure
 - d. the actions which should be undertaken on a regional basis and by individual Councils
 - e. how the outcomes of the study can focus on VicRoads dealing with IMAP as a region v. individual Councils.
8. The project team met on 7 February 2014 with the consultant undertaking the study and briefed them to provide further information to alter the report and address the requests of the Executive Forum.
9. A final draft will be considered by the project team prior to submission to the IMAP Implementation Committee.
10. At the project team meeting on 7 February 2014, the opportunity was also taken with the consultant to discuss how the data from this study will be input into the proposed freight study proposed by IMAP. The brief for the freight study is currently being modified as a result of the recommendations of the through traffic study and a proposal is being sought from Sinclair Knight Merz for further IMAP consideration.

Project Timing

11. It is expected the final version of the “Reduced Through Traffic” report will be available for the consideration of the IMAP Implementation Committee at the May meeting.

Project Budget

12. Additional funds will be expended to undertake the further enhancements requested by the Executive Forum, however the project is well within budget which will not be exceeded.

Recommendation

13. That the IMAP Implementation Committee note this update report.
14. That submission of the final report on Action 3.5 be considered at the May 2014 meeting of the IMAP Implementation Committee.