

## **Local Government Metropolitan Transport Strategy**

This Strategy was an initiative of the Metropolitan CEO's Association Inc., following encouragement from Jane Gascoigne, Executive Officer of the SA Grants Commission and subsequent funding support from the SA Grants Commission. The Metro Group of the LGA subsequently endorsed the project and it has therefore been undertaken under the LGA umbrella, with the LGA providing a Project Manager to manage the project on behalf of the Project Steering Committee. The Project Steering Committee comprises of a number of staff and Elected Members from across the Metropolitan Region and these committee members have shown great resolve to remain with the project for well over 18 months.

The strategy was intended to provide guidance for Local Government responsibilities in a holistic metropolitan system. It was expected that this would have been given a lead by the State Transport Plan and the Metropolitan Planning Strategy. These two State strategies were at one time being integrated but have now been separated. The Metropolitan Planning Strategy has been released but more than 2 years since the Draft Transport Plan was published there is no indication of when the final State Transport Plan will be available.

This lack of state framework caused difficulties for the project, however the recently released Strategic Infrastructure Plan for South Australia has provided a framework for the infrastructure elements in the Metropolitan Transport Strategy.

The purpose of the strategy is for Councils in the Adelaide Metropolitan Region to have agreed approaches to managing and providing for transport throughout the region.

To date the Steering Committee has been provided with two documents in relation to the development of a Local Government Metropolitan Transport Strategy. One contains a collection of strategies that in large relate to the framework of the Strategic Infrastructure Plan, a larger volume titled a Resource Book contains a range of measures that could also be used in managing transport. The Steering Committee now wishes to source the knowledge in both volumes and with input from Metropolitan Councils develop a comprehensive strategy that Local Governments will implement consistently across the Metropolitan Region.

The strategy is intended to identify policies, plans, projects and programs and list priorities for implementation. The strategy will deal with management as well as infrastructure issues. In developing the strategy the Steering Committee will require that the consultant articulate the information contained within the above-mentioned reports into a framework that will enable Metropolitan Councils to clearly conceptualise the holistic construct and be able to make choices as to what should be included in the final strategy. The consultant will be required to lead Councils or groups of Councils (both staff and Elected Members) through understanding the framework, making choices as to what should form the final strategy and in prioritizing action.

The consultant will be required to present the strategy in a document that is readily understood and able to be comprehended by residents, elected members and staff. The document will make use of maps, diagrams and other pictorial presentations to clarify and reinforce the prose. In essence what needs to be produced is a word-picture and conceptualisation of the transport framework and key nature of future cities within the Metropolitan Region.

**If you are involved in Local Government in Metropolitan Adelaide this your chance to create the future, not just extrapolate the past.**

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