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## **Transport strategy to guide Cockburn's transport planning for next decade**

Six objectives to guide future transport and land use planning, including pursuing a future rapid public transport corridor connecting Cockburn and Fremantle, are part of an Integrated Transport Strategy 2020-2030 adopted by Cockburn Council.

The strategy's vision is for the City's various transport plans to facilitate safe, efficient, connected and sustainable movement around the City as it prepares policy and advocacy, and makes infrastructure decisions around transport issues.

The strategy was adopted at the Council's Ordinary Council Meeting on 12 November and includes an addition to acknowledge the significance of Manning Ridge and that it be given priority in planning discussions with Main Roads WA for its Cockburn Coast Drive proposal.

The addition is the result of an alternative recommendation proposed by Cr Phoebe Corke, which was carried unanimously.

The strategy will now include a framework for any future planning of Cockburn Coast Drive including:

- Acknowledging the ecological importance and significant Aboriginal heritage of Manning Ridge
- Protecting the recreational and community infrastructure along the ridgeline
- Protecting the environmental values including significant trees on the ridge
- Considering the European heritage elements and the potential for unidentified sites of significance
- Ensuring that these factors are given priority in any planning processes and that all reasonable options, alternative solutions and outcomes are explored.

City of Cockburn Acting Director, Engineering & Works, Anton Lees, said the City's role in managing traffic congestion, advocating for improved public transport and supporting alternative means of travel other than the car, would be addressed by the strategy.

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“The strategy highlights that traffic management issues are a key priority for the City, demonstrating to the community that these issues are being planned, managed and addressed,” Mr Lees said.

“This overarching strategy is a consolidation of various City operational and action plans, plus the community priorities that are in the Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030.

“It incorporates existing plans that were revised in 2019, like the District Traffic Study, The Bicycle and Walking Network Plan, the Travelsmart Plan, the Parking Plan and the Road Safety Strategy.

The strategy’s objectives are:

- Improving regional connectivity while protecting local needs, like developing east-west links, enhancing existing north-south corridors and planning high/wide load corridors
- Implementing green infrastructure, like preserving and enhancing roadside vegetation
- Transitioning to sustainable transport modes, like providing improved walking and cycling infrastructure
- Improving public transport access, like pursuing a future rapid public transport corridor connecting Cockburn and Fremantle
- Plan transport networks to support where people live and work, like interfacing transport links with Activity Centre plans
- Continue to enable the best outcomes for Cockburn Central and Aubin Grove train stations, like continuing to support density and transit-oriented development outcomes.

Total capital expenditure implications of the strategy to 2030 is \$128.97m, as contained in the City’s current Long Term Financial Plan 2020-21 to 2029-2030.

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