



Feedback Summary

The Hobart Transport Vision seeks to provide Hobart's residents and visitors with a reliable and cost effective alternative transport system with a focus on prioritised rapid passenger transport as a competitive alternative to private car travel.

Projects identified to meet this vision include the creation of a multi-occupancy vehicle transit lane on the Southern Outlet, park and ride facilities in Kingborough, and bus priority measures in Macquarie and Davey Streets.

In November 2019, two focus groups were held to discuss local issues and obtain feedback to contribute to the planning and design processes of the Hobart Transport Vision.

Kingborough Focus Group – 6 November 2019

Key themes:

- Many strengths of public transport throughout Hobart, such as the relaxation of the journey, the environmental and economic benefits it provides the community, and the health benefits raised regarding the social setting of catching public transport.
- Challenges include the high cost, distance, frequency and inconvenience of public transport, safety and security, shelter quality, comfort, the difficulty of changing buses, as well as an overall complicated service.
- Support for park and ride facilities. The site needs to be close to the main corridors, because if the diversion is too great, passengers could drive straight into Hobart in a similar time. The current Huntingfield location has advantages due to its proximity to local schools, allowing parents to drop off children and then transfer onto a CBD bus service.

Hobart Focus Group – 18 November 2019

Key themes:

- Focused on the challenges and opportunities relating to transport within the Hobart local community.
- Bus journeys were identified as convenient, cheap and sociable. However, challenges highlighted included a number of aggressive bus drivers, long travel times, low quality bus shelters and the lack of park and ride and bike and ride options.
- Local opportunities identified included increasing the availability of bus services (“the more buses the better”), the opportunity for upgrades through a tunnel or bypass, park and ride options and bike hire.
- Due to the project’s proximity to local schools, student travel was also raised with a focus on the opportunity to provide free or discounted student travel.
- Local challenges raised included pedestrian and bicycle safety, the dangers of cars giving way when turning right from Davey Street onto Macquarie Street, concerns over the potential reduction of parking on Macquarie and Davey Streets and the lack of communication or education regarding transport changes, integration of bicycle networks, and the uncertainty this gives residents travelling along the Southern Outlet.

Next steps

Feedback from these focus groups has provided a valuable input to help inform the concept design phase of the project.

We anticipate concept designs will be completed mid-2020. Afterwards, we will then seek feedback from stakeholders before progressing to the detailed design of a preferred solution.