

THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL'S ROADS & TRAFFIC BLUEPRINT

Traffic concerns are often raised by residents and the business community. Generally, people ask about the future of main arterial roads like Showground Road, Windsor Road, and Norwest Boulevard. A Key priority of Council's community strategy is to improve road and traffic facilities to make using our roads safer and more efficient. Council has a number of plans proposed and these form the traffic and transport blueprint. Key projects are shown on the map.

Planning for traffic improvements can often depend on which level of government maintains the road and whether developers of new housing estates are required to make a contribution. In general terms, major and arterial roads are maintained by the State Government, while local roads are maintained by Council. New roads often require a contribution of funds by developers.

Some of the proposed plans in the blueprint are short-term, some are medium-term and some will extend into the future. Often, Council will do the planning necessary to improve an area, while making representations to the State Government for the funding needed to carry out the job.

The blueprint looks towards the future, and takes into account the Shire's predicted growth in jobs, population and housing. Ongoing representation to State Government, and consultation with the community about strategic road priorities will form a major part of the work Council does in traffic and transport planning.

