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Submission – Integrated Movement Systems Discussion Paper

Council supports the overall intent of the discussion paper as a means to informing the development of the policy direction in the new Planning and Design Code. Having undertaken some internal workshops with some key Council advisory panels the following observations and comments are made.

- Some of the questions being posed within the paper are focussed on a metropolitan/urban setting with higher density residential development along transport corridors. Given changing technologies and access to fibre this opens up opportunities for business and employment to locate where the population is rather than it being centralised in the metropolitan area. There should therefore be a focus on developing our regions and improving access to internet, which is crucial to enabling working people to enjoy liveability benefits of working from home in the regions.
- Walkability was seen as important – get people out of cars, walking and spending money.
- Need to ensure that with an ageing population that pathways accommodate for mobility scooters.
- Rail options should be in the long term planning of the state – particularly to the greater Adelaide region for commuter options.
- The coordination of infrastructure and development is a critical element in growing communities – interest in infrastructure schemes which provide for social as well as basic infrastructure needs is required.
- Impediment to public transport is that it is too slow particularly when coming from regional areas. Speed and comfort critical to uptake by the community. Need to improve efficiencies in order to invoke a cultural shift to utilising public transport – ensure good connections to metro-bound public transport.
- There is a more mobile population now and an increasing tourism population that needs to be accommodated.
- Concern re heavy vehicles having to travel through townships i.e. only way from Mount Barker to Goolwa is through Strathalbyn. Lack of by-pass and passing lanes on these key transport routes.
- With an ageing population we need to be able to accommodate the mobility needs of older people i.e. wide footpaths etc to accommodate mobility scooters. This does pose some issues with how to retrofit in existing town centres?

Please contact Sally Roberts, Manager Planning and Development on [REDACTED] should you have any queries in relation to this submission.