

Policy P511 Road Thoroughfare Infrastructure Management

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| Responsible Business Unit/s | Engineering Services |
| Responsible Officer | Manager Engineering Services |
| Affected Business Unit/s | Engineering Services, Development Services |

Policy Objectives

1. Provide a consistent and transparent process for the management of road thoroughfares and roadside verge under the care, control, and management of the City of South Perth; and,
2. Provide supporting information for stakeholders, and certainty in relation to fees and charges imposed for bonds, permits, licences and concessions.
3. To provide clarity and guidance on the application of Part 6 of the Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law 2011, clause 6.2 “Activities allowed with a licence”.

Policy Scope

This policy applies to any private property building and/or development construction works, or contractors working on behalf of third parties, impacting the road thoroughfare and roadside verge that may cross over, dig, use, or damage assets within the road carriageway, verge and/or impact traffic or parking on the road carriageway.

Policy Statement

The City is responsible for the care, control and management of unvested road reserve thoroughfares comprising the roads and roadside verges that support built and natural infrastructure within the thoroughfare.

Roads provide for safe, efficient, and effective transport, and the control and management of traffic movements and parking. Roadside verges provide places where people meet, relax, and recreate making them an integral component of local government infrastructure. Roadside verges provide for the safe provision of footpaths, street furniture, street lighting, and signage, waste and recycle bins and public transport infrastructure. They are also important in retaining vegetation such as the street tree canopy, and supporting landscaping, which improve the aesthetic character and environment values within the community.

Policy Principles

The following policy principles will guide administration in the control and management of thoroughfares, as conferred by the *Local Government Act 1995*, and the City of South Perth Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law, to achieve the policy objectives considered beneficial to the City and its community as follows:

Community Interests

The City is vested with the care, control and management of the road reserve and will strive to ensure that any activity does not, as far as is practicably possible, negatively impact the safety, amenity, accessibility, future use, serviceability, or enjoyment of the thoroughfare for the community. The needs of any individual or commercial organisation shall not take precedence over the interests of the wider community.

The City shall apply the principle of User Pays to provide for a consistent, fair, and equitable approach to any request for an activity or event within the road reserve, to ensure that the community does not incur costs associated with the activity or event. The Road Reserve Management Principles shall be facilitated through the payment, by the Applicant, of a non-returnable fee in accordance with the City's Schedule of Fees and Charges to be reviewed annually and published in the Annual Budget and the City of South Perth's webpage. Where costs to the City exceed the fixed fee, the Applicant shall be responsible for the entire cost.

Activated Places, Amenity and Environment

The City recognises and encourages a sense of ownership, pride and belonging within streets, precincts, activity centres and neighbourhood hubs and will allow owners and occupiers to improve roadside areas to the front and sides of residential and/or commercial properties and undertake commercial activities within the thoroughfare in accordance with the Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law, and the City's Policy and supporting Management Practice. Urban Trees – The City will pursue the objectives of its urban forest strategy, in planting and managing street trees within the road thoroughfare.

Verge Treatments - Residents and commercial premises will be permitted to install an acceptable verge treatment on the adjacent road verge in accordance with the City's Policy for Street Verges.

Events - Applications for events (including street parties) on roads shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the *Road Traffic Act 1974* and the Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Regulations 1991 using the prescribed application form.

Commercial Activities – Applications for permanent or temporary activities or uses within a thoroughfare will only be permitted in accordance with the provisions of the Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law and the City's Policy and Management Practice.

Roadside Infrastructure

The City shall provide roadside infrastructure assets which include footpaths, cycleways, crossovers, furniture, waste and recycle bins, public transport infrastructure, street lighting, signage, and public art for the benefit of the community in accordance with the City's standard specifications. The location, relocation or modified of infrastructure to suit the requirements of any individual or commercial organisation shall not take precedence over community interests.

The City may consider alternative locations, relocation, or modification if such consideration and action does not negatively impact the safety, amenity, convenience or ongoing maintenance of assets and all additional costs incurred by the City are met by the Applicant.

Any individual, commercial entity or organisation carrying out building and/or development on adjacent sites must ensure that damage to the road thoroughfare, roadside infrastructure, trees, vegetation, activated places and or community inconvenience is prevented, minimised or mitigated, through the provision of protective barriers, overhead gantry's, traffic management, and the temporary or permanent removal of parking in accordance with the provisions of the Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law and the City's Policy and supporting Management Practice. The City's published Schedule of Fees and Charges relevant to the imposition of bonds, issue of permits, licence and concessions will be applied to ensure the achievement of the objectives of this policy.

Integrated Transport, Road Safety and Traffic Management

The City's Integrated Transport Plan 2021 shall be used as a guide to manage the growth of the City and to maintain high levels of amenity, safety, accessibility, and efficiency of the road network with appropriate consideration of the locality and functional classification of the road network elements. The Towards Zero road safety strategy of the Road Safety Commission of Western Australia will guide City in working with the community and other stakeholders to promote and encourage safer roads for all users. The City will work with the Department of Transport and other stakeholders to support the installation of public transport infrastructure at appropriate locations and to improve the integration and accessibility of public transport services in accordance with the City's Integrated Transport Plan.

The City in conjunction with Main Roads WA shall maintain a functional road hierarchy to categorise and set acceptable limits for traffic levels within the City. The City will seek to manage and control traffic to maintain acceptable limits and shall apply criteria based on a systematic and rational assessment of factors to establish uniform warrants for intervention.

General principles taken from the Integrated Transport Plan 2006 shall be to:

1. Reduce the need to travel by car and the length of trips undertaken.
2. Provide a choice of sustainable travel options.
3. Make it safe and easy for people to access goods, services, and destinations particularly by public transport, walking and cycling.
4. Encourage an increase in the share of trips by public transport, walking and cycling.

Way Finding

Street nameplates and directional signs shall be used to assist residents and visitors to navigate the City's streets. Residents will be permitted to have house numbers painted on kerbs., in accordance with the City's Information sheet – Street Addressing.

The City will install a system of street nameplates of uniform design, positioned at street intersections throughout the municipality, inclusive of mid-block and intermediate intersections. The City may, on behalf of district sporting clubs and recreational organisations, service clubs, schools, and religious denominations, erect a maximum of two only directional signs, at no cost to the City, at a location approved by the City, subject to the sign being white on blue colour and the prepayment of full costs.

The City will not agree to the erection of single commercial directional signs, or composite hoarding type signs indicating the location of commercial premises unless in accord with approved City contracts. Advertising signage on street furniture, bus shelters and combined street nameplates will only be permitted in accordance with Council approved contracts. All contracts shall include conditions and specifications for the design, content, placement, installation, management and operation of the signage and any remuneration, royalty, or service to be received by the City in return.

Legislation / Local Law Requirements

- Local Government Act 1995 – s.3.53
- Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 - r22(1)(g), r25, r41
- Road Traffic Act 1974 – s.81A, s81B, s81C, s81D, s81E, s81F, s111
- Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Regulations 1991 – r.3, r.4, r.5, r.6, r.7, r.8, r.9, r.10
- City of South Perth Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law 2011.

Other Relevant Policies / Key Documents

City of South Perth Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031

Integrated Transport Plan 2021

Policy P205 Tree Preservation

Policy P210 Street Verges

Policy P402 Alfresco Dining

Policy P501 Paths – Provision and Construction City of South Perth Schedule of Fees and Charges.

Management Practice M355 - Supplemental Charges – Building or Demolition Activities impacting on Public Place Infrastructure. Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA) Local Government Guidelines for Subdivisional Development

Road Traffic (Events on Roads) Regulations 1991, application for an Event on Roads

Road Reserve Access Bond

Application for Licence to Deposit Building Material on Verge

Definitions

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| Applicant | individual or organisation wishing to undertake an activity or requesting service relating to a thoroughfare under the care and management of the City. |
| Bond | refers to the Road Reserve Access Bond (RRAB) required with and Building Licence or Demolition Permit. |
| Concession | a thing that is granted or allowed on a temporary or permanent basis. |
| City | the City of South Perth established as such under the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> . |
| Infrastructure | refers to built structures such as footpaths, cycleways, crossovers, street furniture, waste and recycle bins, public transport infrastructure, street lighting, signage, parking, and parking embayments, and public art etc. |
| Licence | has the same meaning as defined under the Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law 2011. |
| Permit | refers to an official document giving authorisation to do something. |
| Reserve | has the same meaning as defined under the <i>Land Administration Act 1997</i> . |
| Road | has the same meaning as defined under the <i>Land Administration Act 1997</i> . |
| Roadsides | areas (verge) within the road reserve on either side of the road and between carriageways (median). |
| Thoroughfare | has the same meaning as defined under the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> . |
| Towards Zero | the Road Safety Strategy developed by the Road Safety Commission and endorsed by the government of Western Australia to reduce road trauma in Western Australia 2008 – 2020. |
| Verge | has the same meaning as Nature Strip as defined under the Road Traffic Code 2000 and represents an area between a carriageway and the front boundary of adjacent land but does not include a path. |