



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Next round of Community input sought to develop a new City of Hobart Transport Strategy**

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The City of Hobart is seeking community and key stakeholder input on the third topic area, public transport, for its new Transport Strategy to see the City through to 2030 and beyond.

The Lord Mayor of Hobart, Alderman Sue Hickey said: “We are developing a Transport Strategy to enable us to identify and plan for Hobart’s future transport demands. It will support growth in our population, our economy and improve social and environmental outcomes for the City.”

“The transport space is an incredibly complex one and this engagement process provides an opportunity for the community to help set the transport agenda in Hobart for the next 15 years, so I encourage people to have their say,” said the Lord Mayor.

The Chairman of the Council’s City Infrastructure Committee, Alderman Helen Burnet said the City of Hobart is just one entity involved in the delivery of transport services and transport networks in Hobart.

“Transport also falls within the responsibility of not just the Council but the Tasmanian Government, our neighbouring councils and other organisations, so part of our engagement program has been to create an understanding of who is responsible for what,” Ald Burnet said.

The approach taken in the development of the draft strategy is to engage on a series of four topic areas:

- Freight, port and air – Engagement undertaken
- Private transport – Engagement undertaken
- Public transport – April 2017 (Now underway)
- Local area traffic management – June 2017

The third topic area, *Public Transport* is open now for the community to submit their issues and comments. The *Public Transport* topic area engagement will run until the end of May 2017.

Whilst Metro and private bus companies currently provide the public transport backbone for Greater Hobart, they will in the future require improvements to service a growing population. There would also appear to be a need to further plan and prepare for public transport modes which utilise the River Derwent and the Western shore rail corridor.

Community input will guide the development of the draft Transport Strategy to address the most pressing issues and the community will then have the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft strategy later in 2017.

Members of the public can have their say and get further information from the City of Hobart's community engagement website [www.yoursay.hobarcity.com.au](http://www.yoursay.hobarcity.com.au)

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