



**Merri-bek**  
City Council

# Moving Around Merri-bek

**Action Plan 2025-2029**



# Introduction

## Purpose of this document

The Moving Around Merri-bek Action Plan 2025-2029 is an accompanying document to *Moving Around Merri-bek*, Council's Transport Strategy adopted in 2024. It is also a successor document to 2024-2025 Action Plan.

This new Action Plan sets out how Merri-bek will deliver on the Strategy's vision over the next four years. It moves us from piloting new approaches to scaling up delivery – embedding fairness, sustainability, and sense of place in how we move around and experience life in our city.

The actions in this plan are grouped into three key focus areas:

- **Infrastructure** – designing and delivering transformative streetscape projects
- **Plans & Programs** – building evidence, shaping behaviours, and planning for long-term change
- **Policy & Advocacy** – setting the standards locally and pressing for change from the State and Federal Governments

Each of these three focus areas include actions that deliver on the six values which guide Council's approach to mobility: Safe, Accessible, Sustainable, Healthy, Liveable and Inclusive.

## How this document works

This document follows a similar structure as the *Moving Around Merri-bek Transport Strategy*. This allows the reader to compare between each of the sections in the Strategy and this Action Plan, clearly showing how we are working to achieve the community's transport vision.

The Action Plan begins with a summary of what was achieved in the first year of implementation (2024/25) and then sets out the forward program for 2025–2029. Each action area is introduced with context and rationale, followed by tables detailing the specific actions, the values they deliver, the parts of the transport network they affect, and when and how they will be delivered.

The Action Plan concludes with an overview of how progress will be evaluated and reported, and how the Streets for People approach – introduced in the Transport Strategy – will continue to guide the design and delivery of infrastructure projects across Merri-bek.

## Community Vision 2025-2035

This Action Plan is shaped by the community's aspirations for the future of Merri-bek. In 2025, the Council Plan 2025-2029 was adopted. It formalised a new 10-year Community Vision:

### **"Merri-bek leads, and leaves no one behind."**

This vision guides how we plan, deliver, and advocate for improvements across our community – including improvements to how we move around and experience life in Merri-bek.

As part of defining this vision, community members laid out the following aspirations to describe the Merri-bek they want to see in 2035:

- We are a welcoming, safe and thriving community
- We are sustainable and our environment is respected
- Our community is engaged and informed
- Our streets are full of life
- One community, proudly diverse

### **Transport and the Council Plan**

Transport plays a vital role in achieving the Community Vision. It sits within the 'Beautiful and Liveable City' theme of the Council Plan, which focuses on:

- Keeping public spaces safe, clean and inviting
- Fixing and improving streets and footpaths
- Encouraging walking, bike riding and scooting – especially for school trips
- Supporting safer and more accessible public transport use

This Action Plan helps deliver on that goal – making Merri-bek's streets safer, more inclusive, and easier to use, no matter how you get around.

#### **Access for Elderly and Vulnerable Residents**

An important consideration of the Action Plan will be ensuring sufficient parking to meet the needs of the vulnerable, the elderly, local business and the broader community.



## What We Achieved in 2024-2025

The 2024-2025 financial year marked the first year of delivering the *Moving Around Merri-bek Transport Strategy*, adopted by Council in March 2024. Alongside adoption of the *Streets for People Plan*, Council delivered several major street transformation projects, behaviour change programs, and transport advocacy wins – laying solid foundations for the 2025-2029 Action Plan.

### Highlights of Achievements

#### Streets for People

- Finalised development of the Streets for People Plan, translating high-level transport strategy into practical street-level delivery frameworks and project prioritisation.
- Delivered shared zones on Albert and Victoria Streets, Brunswick – creating safer, more accessible public spaces with widened footpaths, landscaping, seating, and lighting.

#### Public Realm Improvements

- Completed permanent streetscape upgrades on Carlisle Street, Coburg, including tree planting, traffic calming, shared zones, improved footpaths and drainage. The corridor now supports vibrant walking and cycling connections and contributes to local greening.



#### Concept Design and Community Consultation

- Co-designed concept plans for Harding-Munro Street, Coburg with the community, improving accessibility, safety and greening for walking, cycling and public transport.
- Advanced design of bike lane extension and crossings on O'Hea Street, which will strengthen a key east-west active transport link in Coburg.

#### Roll out of Safer Speed Zones

- Council completed the roll-out of 40 km/h safer speed limits on all local roads across Merri-bek, reducing crash risk and making streets safer for walking and cycling.
- Approval was secured for 30 km/h speed limit trials in parts of Brunswick and Coburg, to test even safer conditions in busy local centres and work to make them more vibrant places.

## **Sustainable Transport**

- Launched the Merri-bek E-Bike Library – giving residents the chance to borrow e-bikes and e-cargo bikes free for two weeks. The program makes sustainable transport more affordable and accessible, helping people try e-biking for commuting, shopping, and family trips while building confidence to adopt low-carbon travel.
- Continued roll-out of publicly accessible EV charging infrastructure, aligned with Council's climate targets and zero-carbon ambitions.

## **Strengthening Local Community Programs**

- Scaled up the Ride & Stride program with local schools, delivering innovative behaviour-change activities to support walking and riding for children and their families.
- Expanded the Wheel Sisters program from Fawkner to Glenroy, enabling women – particularly from culturally diverse backgrounds – to gain cycling confidence, independence and new social connections.



## **Advocacy and Collaboration**

- Council partnered with the Northern Councils Alliance to launch the Connect Melbourne's North campaign – a united call for better transport investment across Melbourne's north.
- The campaign highlights urgent needs such as more frequent and reliable public transport, safer walking and cycling links, and improved connections between jobs, education and homes.
- By working together with neighbouring councils, Merri-bek amplified its voice and pushed for the State Government to prioritise transport equity and investment in Melbourne's fastest-growing region.

## A New Structure for 2025-2029

The 2024-2025 Action Plan grouped actions under twelve categories drawn from our values, network layers and the Streets for People program. While comprehensive, this approach proved difficult to track and sometimes duplicated work across categories. It also listed more actions than could reasonably be delivered in a single year, which made it harder for the community to see where Council's biggest moves were being made.

For 2025-29, we are taking a future-focused, strategic approach. Actions are now grouped by what they deliver:

1. **Infrastructure**
2. **Plans & Programs**
3. **Policy & Advocacy**

Within each category, actions are organised as either

- **Flagship Actions** – strategic, high-level initiatives that set direction and drive major change
- **Supporting Actions** – targeted initiatives that underpin and enable the flagship work

This sharper structure is designed to make it easier for the average community member to understand where we are focusing effort, while leaving space for new opportunities over the next four years. It also makes accountability clearer, as progress can be reported meaningfully and publicly, beyond simply counting numbers of projects or kilometres of upgrades delivered.

Importantly, if a specific project or program isn't explicitly listed in an action, it does not mean Council isn't doing it. Many ongoing priorities – such as routine road safety upgrades, footpath improvements, and other smaller-scale works – continue to be delivered through Council's Capital Works Program, Customer Request System and other business-as-usual programs, each with their own governance and reporting processes. This Action Plan is deliberately high-level and strategic: it sets our direction for the future while ensuring that our current commitments remain firmly on track.

Overall, the new structure in this Action Plan provides:

- **Clarity** – the community can see and easily understand the big moves Council is making
- **Transparency** – reporting that focuses on meaningful outcomes, not just lists of projects
- **Flexibility** – space to add new priorities as they emerge across the plan's four-year horizon
- **Impact** – resources targeted to initiatives that truly change how people move around and experience life in Merri-bek

By reshaping how we define and group actions, this Action Plan sets Merri-bek up for the years ahead – delivering streets and surrounding spaces that are easier to move through, more inviting to spend time in, and central to the vibrancy and fairness of everyday life.

## Actions for 2025-2029

### Infrastructure

We will transform our streets and surrounding spaces into places that are safe, green, and enjoyable. Infrastructure actions are about delivering physical improvements to the spaces our community sees and uses every day.

|                  | Action Number | Action Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Values                                                                                                                                                            | Network Focus                                                                                                          | Timeframe                 | Commencing Year | Capital Cost | Operational Cost |
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| Flagship Actions | 1.1           | Design and deliver Streets for People high priority corridors, as outlined in Council's Streets for People Plan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe</li> <li>• Accessible</li> <li>• Healthy</li> <li>• Liveable</li> <li>• Sustainable</li> <li>• Inclusive</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedestrian</li> <li>• Cycle</li> <li>• Land Use</li> </ul>                    | Core Program - Continuous | 25/26           | High         | High             |
|                  | 1.2           | Deliver safer school zone infrastructure through a new school precincts program, in collaboration with Ride & Stride schools and their school communities. This will include interventions around schools and along routes to school such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved and/or increased pedestrian crossings</li> <li>• Safer speeds in school zones</li> <li>• Traffic calming and placemaking infrastructure</li> <li>• School zone asphalt treatments</li> <li>• Modal filters</li> <li>• Tree planting to create cool routes</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe</li> <li>• Accessible</li> <li>• Healthy</li> <li>• Liveable</li> <li>• Sustainable</li> <li>• Inclusive</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedestrian</li> <li>• Cycle</li> <li>• Land Use</li> <li>• Driving</li> </ul> | Core Program - Continuous | 25/26           | Medium       | High             |
|                  | 1.3           | Deliver road safety infrastructure improvements alongside safer speed limits on local streets, guided by Council's forthcoming Road Safety Plan. This will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rolling out 30 km/h speed limits in priority areas such as on or around school</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe</li> <li>• Liveable</li> </ul>                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedestrian</li> <li>• Cycle</li> <li>• Land Use</li> <li>• Driving</li> </ul> | Core Program - Continuous | 25/26           | Medium       | High             |

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|                    |     | <p>and childcare precincts, Streets for People corridors, aged care facilities, local shopping strips, and community venues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progressively introducing safer speed limits and supporting traffic calming infrastructure on all council-managed roads</li> <li>Continue delivering road safety infrastructure such as new pedestrian crossings, improved street lighting, improved visibility at junctions, slip lane closures, and more in priority areas</li> <li>Continue to prioritise road safety infrastructure in areas of high need</li> </ul>                             |                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                |                           |       |        |        |
| Supporting Actions | 1.4 | <p>Improve walking facilities and amenity through infrastructure upgrades, such as pram ramps and new or improved crossings, focused on or around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Streets for People corridors</li> <li>Principle Pedestrian Network corridors</li> <li>Streets that carry higher numbers of vulnerable road users, such as those near childcare centres, schools, or aged care facilities</li> <li>Activity centres, neighbourhood centres and local shopping strips</li> <li>Train stations and public transport stops</li> <li>Parks, leisure centres, and other key destinations</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe</li> <li>Accessible</li> <li>Healthy</li> <li>Liveable</li> <li>Sustainable</li> <li>Inclusive</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pedestrian</li> <li>Land Use</li> </ul> | Core Program - Continuous | 25/26 | Medium | Medium |
|                    | 1.5 | <p>Improve cycling facilities and amenity through small scale infrastructure upgrades, focused on or around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Streets for People corridors</li> <li>The State Government's Strategic Cycling Corridors network</li> <li>Streets that carry higher numbers of vulnerable road users, such as those near childcare centres, schools, or aged care facilities</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe</li> <li>Accessible</li> <li>Healthy</li> <li>Liveable</li> <li>Sustainable</li> <li>Inclusive</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cycle</li> <li>Land Use</li> </ul>      | Core Program - Continuous | 25/26 | Medium | Medium |

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|  |     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity centres, neighbourhood centres and local shopping strips</li> <li>• Train stations and public transport stops</li> <li>• Parks, leisure centres, and other key destinations</li> </ul>                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                 |                           |       |        |        |
|  | 1.6 | Deliver improvements to existing shared paths across Merri-bek, addressing issues with surface quality, safety, and accessibility gaps.                                                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe</li> <li>• Accessible</li> <li>• Healthy</li> <li>• Liveable</li> <li>• Sustainable</li> <li>• Inclusive</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cycle</li> <li>• Pedestrian</li> </ul> | Core Program - Continuous | 25/26 | Medium | Medium |
|  | 1.7 | Trial and evaluate on-street secure bike parking in select locations, with a focus on areas with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High density</li> <li>• High mix of apartments</li> <li>• Council owned community facilities</li> <li>• Limited access to secure off-street parking</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy</li> <li>• Liveable</li> <li>• Sustainable</li> </ul>                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cycle</li> <li>• Land Use</li> </ul>   | Short Term: 1-2 Years     | 25/26 | Low    | High   |

## Plans & Programs

We will shape long-term outcomes through evidence, partnerships and behaviour change. These initiatives build the knowledge, habits and planning frameworks for the future.

|                  | Action Number | Action Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Values                                                                                                                  | Network Focus                                                                                                          | Timeframe                 | Commencing Year | Capital Cost | Operational Cost |
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| Flagship Actions | 2.1           | Develop a Road Safety Plan that outlines Council's priorities for addressing road safety across the municipality and informs future capital works planning. The Plan will identify priority locations for interventions such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safer speed limits</li> <li>• Traffic calming infrastructure</li> <li>• Traffic management measures</li> <li>• Safer crossings</li> <li>• Safer intersections</li> </ul>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe</li> <li>• Liveable</li> </ul>                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Driving</li> <li>• Pedestrian</li> <li>• Cycle</li> <li>• Land Use</li> </ul> | Short Term: 1-2 Years     | 25/26           | Low          | Medium           |
|                  | 2.2           | Deliver annual community campaigns and/or outreach programs to encourage active and sustainable travel, prioritising initiatives that target: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short, local trips</li> <li>• Areas with existing or planned walking or riding infrastructure</li> <li>• Demographic groups with low levels of active travel equity or uptake</li> <li>• Schools, kindergartens, and childcare centres not involved in Ride &amp; Stride</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe</li> <li>• Healthy</li> <li>• Sustainable</li> <li>• Inclusive</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedestrian</li> <li>• Cycle</li> <li>• Public Transport</li> </ul>            | Core Program - Continuous | 25/26           | Low          | Medium           |
|                  | 2.3           | Expand and strengthen Council's flagship Ride & Stride program, focusing on increasing the number of schools participating. Continue to scale our innovative, holistic and collaborative interventions with engaged Ride & Stride primary schools.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe</li> <li>• Healthy</li> <li>• Sustainable</li> <li>• Inclusive</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedestrian</li> <li>• Cycle</li> </ul>                                        | Core Program - Continuous | 25/26           | Low          | Low              |

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| Supporting Actions | 2.4 | Review how Council manages kerbside space and parking, and develop a strategic planning approach to kerbside allocation and management that balances access, movement, and place priorities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessible</li> <li>• Liveable</li> <li>• Sustainable</li> <li>• Inclusive</li> </ul>                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedestrian</li> <li>• Cycle</li> <li>• Public Transport</li> <li>• Driving</li> <li>• Land Use</li> </ul> | Medium Term: 2-4 Years    | 27/28 | Low    | High   |
|                    | 2.5 | Embed the Healthy Streets Framework across relevant Council works, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using Healthy Streets Design Checks for identification and delivery of all street related projects - including road reconstruction and streetscape improvement programs</li> <li>• Upskilling Council staff in application of Healthy Streets through Healthy Streets training and refreshers</li> <li>• Embed Healthy Streets Principles in relevant strategic documents and plans related to streets and public spaces</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe</li> <li>• Accessible</li> <li>• Healthy</li> <li>• Liveable</li> <li>• Sustainable</li> <li>• Inclusive</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedestrian</li> <li>• Cycle</li> <li>• Public Transport</li> <li>• Land Use</li> </ul>                    | Core Program - Continuous | 25/26 | Low    | Medium |
|                    | 2.6 | Deliver and evaluate a program for shared e-bikes with a designated parking zone approach.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy</li> <li>• Liveable</li> <li>• Sustainable</li> </ul>                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cycle</li> <li>• Land Use</li> </ul>                                                                      | Short Term: 1-2 Years     | 25/26 | Low    | Medium |
|                    | 2.7 | Support the expansion of a renewably-powered Electric Vehicle (EV) charging network across Merri-bek by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helping to facilitate the roll out of on-street EV charging options</li> <li>• Promoting EV charging infrastructure within or adjacent to new private developments through the planning process and advocacy.</li> <li>• Collaborating with 'car share' businesses to accelerate their transition to electric vehicles.</li> </ul>                                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable</li> </ul>                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Driving</li> <li>• Land Use</li> </ul>                                                                    | Core Program - Continuous | 25/26 | Medium | High   |

## Policy & Advocacy

We will set stronger local policy and advocate to higher levels of government for the changes Merri-bek can't achieve alone.

|                  | Action Number | Action Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Values                                                                                                                                                | Network Focus                                                                                                           | Timeframe                 | Commencing Year | Capital Cost | Operational Cost |
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| Flagship Actions | 3.1           | Develop a Transport Advocacy Strategy to formalise Council's continued advocacy to the State Government for the advancement of key transport priorities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved safety on state-managed roads</li> <li>More frequent and accessible public transport</li> <li>Increased investment in active transport, including shared use paths that travel between council areas</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe</li> <li>Accessible</li> <li>Healthy</li> <li>Liveable</li> <li>Sustainable</li> <li>Inclusive</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pedestrian</li> <li>Cycle</li> <li>Land Use</li> </ul>                           | Core Program - Continuous | 25/26           | Low          | High             |
|                  | 3.2           | Work with the State Government to deliver well-designed, place-based transport planning for the Brunswick and Coburg Activity Centres that supports high-quality housing, sustainable mobility, and public realm outcomes. Advocate for improvements in Glenroy – Merri-bek's other designated Activity Centre that was not included in the State Government's current program – that achieve similar outcomes.                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe</li> <li>Accessible</li> <li>Healthy</li> <li>Liveable</li> <li>Sustainable</li> <li>Inclusive</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pedestrian</li> <li>Cycle</li> <li>Public Transport</li> <li>Land Use</li> </ul> | Core Program - Continuous | 25/26           | Low          | Low              |
|                  | 3.3           | Develop a clear and shared community vision for the revitalisation of Sydney Road and other key tram activity corridors across Merri-bek, and advocate to the State Government to fund and deliver that vision.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe</li> <li>Accessible</li> <li>Healthy</li> <li>Liveable</li> <li>Sustainable</li> <li>Inclusive</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pedestrian</li> <li>Cycle</li> <li>Public Transport</li> <li>Land Use</li> </ul> | Core Program - Continuous | 25/26           | Low          | High             |

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| Supporting Actions | 3.4 | Advocate to the State Government to update legislation relating to Council authority to deliver changes supporting safe and sustainable transport outcomes on Council-managed streets, with a focus on regulatory processes related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic management on local roads</li> <li>• Traffic filtering on local roads</li> <li>• Safer speed limit mandates on local roads, particularly in priority areas such as school zones</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe</li> <li>• Healthy</li> <li>• Liveable</li> </ul>                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedestrian</li> <li>• Cycle</li> <li>• Driving</li> <li>• Land Use</li> </ul>                             | Medium Term: 2-4 Years | 25/26 | Low | Medium |
|                    | 3.5 | Update Merri-bek's Public Lighting Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe</li> <li>• Accessible</li> <li>• Inclusive</li> </ul>                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cycle</li> <li>• Pedestrian</li> <li>• Land Use</li> </ul>                                                | Short Term: 1-2 Years  | 25/26 | Low | Low    |
|                    | 3.6 | Prepare a report on the future of bus stop asset ownership and advertising, and implement Council's decision on the bus shelter contract and long-term ownership model.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessible</li> </ul>                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Transport</li> </ul>                                                                               | Short Term: 1-2 Years  | 26/27 | Low | Low    |
|                    | 3.7 | Develop a Streetscape & Public Realm Design Manual to guide design policy for all street improvement projects in Merri-bek, and serve as a companion document to technical notes. Design guidance provided within the manual will be linked to Movement & Place street types, Healthy Streets principles, and support other Council policies.                                                                                                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe</li> <li>• Accessible</li> <li>• Healthy</li> <li>• Liveable</li> <li>• Sustainable</li> <li>• Inclusive</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedestrian</li> <li>• Cycle</li> <li>• Public Transport</li> <li>• Land Use</li> <li>• Driving</li> </ul> | Medium Term: 2-4 Years | 27/28 | Low | High   |

## Monitoring Progress and Building on the Momentum

This Action Plan is not a “set and forget” document. We are committed to annual public reporting throughout 2025-2029.

But reporting won't only be about kilometres of bike lanes or numbers of crossings delivered. Instead, we will measure and communicate outcomes that matter to people, structured around the six values of the Moving Around Merri-bek Transport Strategy:

- **Safe** – are crashes, emissions and noise reducing, and do people feel secure, comfortable and confident when moving around?
- **Accessible** – can everyone in Merri-bek participate fully in public life – reaching the places they need, connecting with others, and enjoying themselves without barriers?
- **Healthy** – are our streets supporting more physical activity, cleaner air, and better mental and social wellbeing?
- **Liveable** – are neighbourhoods becoming more vibrant, green and welcoming, with streets and surrounding spaces that people love to spend time in?
- **Sustainable** – are we rapidly cutting transport emissions and making our streets climate-resilient for the future?
- **Inclusive** – are barriers being dismantled for people with disability, older and younger residents, people on low incomes, and culturally and linguistically diverse communities?

To do this, Council will develop a Measurement and Evaluation Framework that draws on datasets (e.g. VISTA, Census, CrashStats), community surveys, and new tools like equity mapping and the Healthy Streets framework.

By reporting directly against these six values, the community will be able to see not just what has been built, but how our collective efforts are transforming Merri-bek into a safer, healthier, more sustainable and more inclusive city. Each year we will publish a Progress Report that the community can read, use and challenge us on – closing the loop, holding ourselves accountable, and ensuring that the voices of Merri-bek continue to guide our journey.

This approach means the Action Plan will keep evolving with our community, demonstrating year by year how our choices are shaping fairer access, more vibrant streets and surrounding spaces, and healthier, more connected daily lives for everyone.

At its heart, the Moving Around Merri-bek Action Plan 2025–2029 brings the Community Vision to life: Merri-bek leads – and leaves no one behind. Over the next four years, it will help ensure our streets are full of life, and welcome people to move, connect, and thrive.

