

On-street car parking proposals



The Tasmanian Government recognises that on-street parking within shopping areas is important to local businesses. However, it is equally important to improve public transport.

On the Main Road Transit Corridor, road space is limited and opportunities for widening the road are not available. Where infrastructure changes are required to ensure public transport is reliable in terms of travel time, public transport will need to be given priority.

The proposed bus priority treatments target intersections where all traffic experiences congestion.

Increasing the capacity of intersections by providing an extra lane will require removal of some on-street car parking. These proposed changes will result in improved travel times for both cars and buses.

These treatments have been identified at a concept level. Further planning, design and consultation is required before these measures can be finalised.

Why is public transport important?

Research undertaken by the Heart Foundation (Good for Business 2011) indicates that people who use public transport to visit shopping areas are more likely to stay longer and therefore spend more money, as their main trip purpose is for shopping or work.

Car drivers are often 'drive-through' shoppers, stopping to pick up one item on the way to their final destination. Studies show that local businesses tend to underestimate the importance of public transport.

Evidence indicates that it would be advantageous to local businesses to support measures aimed at attracting more public transport and pedestrians to shopping areas.

Main Road, Moonah Shopping Precinct

Proposed removal of six on-street car parking spaces.

Hopkins St:

- There is currently a short downstream merge lane on the departure side of the Hopkins St intersection travelling from Hobart
- Extension of the merge lane will improve travel time for cars and buses. The lane extension requires removal of three car parking spaces near Subway, Pizza Capers and Noodle House.

Albert Rd:

- There is currently a short downstream merge lane on the departure side of the Albert Rd intersection travelling from Glenorchy
- Extension of the merge lane will improve travel time for cars and buses. The lane extension requires removal of three car parking spaces near Hub Café, Sarah Muir Body Care and Hong Kong Restaurant.

Availability of car parking in Moonah:

- The Glenorchy City Council undertook a parking occupancy survey in December 2012 which indicates there is an adequate supply of car parking in Moonah
- In total there are 992 car parks including 190 on-street spaces
- The average occupancy of on-street parking is 55 percent
- The proposed bus priority measures will result in a 0.6 percent reduction in car parking spaces.

Value of bus passengers to local business:

- Bus passengers are an important market for local Moonah businesses with an average of 509 passengers boarding the bus in Moonah on a daily basis.
- 24 percent of people who use public transport in Glenorchy, use it to go shopping, while 30 percent use it to go to appointments (Glenorchy City Council, Public Transport Survey, June 2012).



New Town Road near Risdon Road, New Town

Proposed parking restrictions approaching Risdon Rd travelling from Hobart:

- The current left lane approaching Risdon Rd could be further extended towards Hobart if parking is restricted on New Town Rd between the New Town bus stop and the Hobart Kitchen Centre for approximately 200 metres
- Extension of the left lane will reduce travel time delays for buses approaching the Risdon Rd intersection from Hobart, which experiences congestion especially during peak travel times
- The number of spaces to be removed represents seven unmarked spaces
- The Tasmanian Government undertook a parking occupancy survey in February 2013 which indicates that the average occupancy of on-street parking at this location is 23 percent.

Proposed parking restrictions near Cross St travelling from Hobart:

- Currently, the road is not wide enough for vehicles travelling from Hobart to pass traffic turning right into Cross St, resulting in queuing and congestion.
- The removal of three car parks near 170 New Town Rd (antique shop) will enable vehicles to safely pass right turning traffic
- The additional road width will reduce travel time delays for both buses and cars travelling from Hobart
- The Tasmanian Government undertook a parking occupancy survey in February 2013 which indicates that the average occupancy of on-street parking at this location is 42 percent.



New Town Road near Creek Road, New Town



Proposed part-time parking restrictions approaching Creek Road from Hobart:

- The current left lane approaching Creek Rd could be extended towards Hobart if parking is restricted on New Town Rd between Aurora Netball Stadium and the Bowls Club for approximately 150 metres (ending opposite Bromby St)
- The parking restrictions could operate on a part-time basis to minimise the impact on the sporting venues
- Extension of the left lane will reduce travel time delays for buses approaching the Creek Rd intersection from Hobart, particularly in the afternoon peak, when the intersection experiences congestion
- The number of parking spaces to be removed represents 12 unmarked spaces
- The Tasmanian Government undertook a parking occupancy survey in February 2013 which indicates that the average occupancy of on-street parking at this location is 6 percent.

Elizabeth Street, North Hobart Shopping Precinct

Changes to on-street car parking within North Hobart:

- Changes to bus stop arrangements and the introduction of bus priority measures will result in some car parking changes in North Hobart, resulting in a net loss of two car parking spaces
- Relocation of the outward bus stop (north of Pitt St) to a location fronting the Swan St park near the Uniting Church will require the removal of five on-street car parking spaces
- Four of these spaces will be transferred to the Pitt St bus stop (stop proposed to be removed) which is more centrally located
- The inward bus stop (Fantasy Flowers) will be relocated to outside the Republic Bar and Café
- Currently the space outside the Republic Bar and Café contains four on-street car parking spaces and an afterhours Taxi Rank
- Five car parking spaces and the Taxi Rank could be accommodated at the previous bus stop location
- Introduction of a downstream merge lane on the departure side of the Burnett St intersection travelling from Hobart, will result in the removal of two car parking spaces and relocation of the loading zone (near Fresco)
- The introduction of an additional lane will improve travel time for buses travelling from Hobart.

