

Guidelines for Public Transport Capable Infrastructure in Greenfield Sites

A guide to delivering public
transport capable road design
in greenfield sites.

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1 Introduction

By 2036 NSW will need homes for an additional 2.2 million residents. Sydney alone will need an extra 725,000 new homes over the next 20 years to keep pace with demand. By 2056 Greater Sydney will have a population of 8 million people and be transformed into a metropolis of three cities – the Western Parkland City, the Central River City and the Eastern Harbour City, with the vision of people living within 30 minutes of their jobs, education and health facilities, services and great places. Many of the homes required to meet this growth will be built in new land release areas, known as greenfield sites. A greenfield describes land not previously developed that is suitable for urban development.

The provision of public transport services at greenfield sites is critical to avoid the economic cost of congestion and a negative impact on the liveability of the city. Public transport services are also key to achieving the Government's customer and network outcomes for NSW: customer focused, successful places, growing the economy, safety and performance, accessible services and sustainable. Transport can enhance the liveability, amenity and economic success of communities and places by managing the road network in a way that enhances the liveability and amenity of places¹. Clear and targeted guidance will ensure that all participants in the development cycle are providing public transport capable infrastructure from the outset in line with the Government's customer and network outcomes.

1.1 Purpose

The Guidelines for Public Transport Capable Infrastructure in Greenfield Sites provide guidance to planners and developers to support good road design in greenfield sites so that public transport can be successfully delivered now and into the future. The guidelines address both the road network design and the road infrastructure requirements.

The guidelines are intended for use by planners including Transport for NSW, the Department of Planning and Environment, local government, road authorities and developers. Appendix 1 is a list of all actions from the Guidelines. Planners are encouraged to use this as a checklist.

¹ Information on the Movement and Place framework is provided at Appendix 2

1.2 Background

Transport for NSW is the transport authority of the NSW Government providing an integrated approach to the planning and delivery of safe, reliable and efficient transport. A key role of Transport for NSW is the planning and procurement of transport services.

As greenfield sites have been developed in Sydney and across NSW a need has emerged for Transport for NSW to clearly document its expectations of the infrastructure required for areas to be public transport capable now and into the future.

These guidelines were written for greenfield sites but the same principles can be applied to brownfield sites or any development site. The principles set out here are considered universal however development in other environments will need to consider further matters such as site contamination in brownfield sites.

1.3 Objectives of the guidelines

This document sets out the components of road network design that will allow for efficient and reliable public transport service delivery that can be integrated into the broader transport network. Road network design refers to the road layout and how this influences the flow of traffic both within and beyond the boundaries of the greenfield site.

This document also sets out the road infrastructure requirements which allow for provision of a safe and sustainable public transport service. Road infrastructure refers to the physical structure of the road, including associated facilities such as footpaths, kerb and guttering and median strips.

The objectives of the guidelines are to:

- define the strategic principles and policy context
- provide guidance on designing and delivering a road network that is public transport capable
- provide guidance on building road infrastructure that is public transport capable
- future proof public transport provision

2 Strategic principles

The guidelines for public transport capable infrastructure include a set of strategic principles that are common across all greenfield sites. Other considerations may need to be made for individual sites. The strategic principles provide an overarching framework for the performance of infrastructure in greenfields with a focus on flexibility and adaptability to cater for future requirements. The policy context that guides the strategic principles can be found at Appendix 3.

2.1 Road network is influenced by public transport network requirements

The requirements of the public transport network need to be considered prior to the design of a road network. Considerations include a network of streets, clearly distinguished by function. The table below outlines the different types of roads and their function. Buses generally operate on collector roads or arterial roads. Therefore a network of collector or arterial roads should be planned to service the whole site.

Austroads Urban Road Functional Classification	
Type of road	Function
Controlled access highways (motorways or freeways)	Motorways and freeways have an exclusive function to carry traffic within cities and to ensure the continuity of the national or regional primary road system. As they are designed to accommodate through traffic, they do not offer pedestrian or frontage access.
Urban arterial roads	Urban arterial roads have a predominant function to carry traffic but also serve other functions. They form the primary road network and link main districts of the urban area. Arterial roads that perform a secondary function are sometimes referred to as sub-arterial roads.
Urban collector / distributor roads	These are local streets that have a greater role than others in connecting contained urban areas (eg residential areas, activity areas) to the arterial road system. Generally, consideration of environment and local life predominate and improved amenity is encouraged over the use of vehicles on these roads.
Urban local roads	These are roads intended exclusively for access with no through traffic function.

Source: Austroads, 2015

2.2 Public transport services are available when residents move in

As greenfield development is often located on the periphery of the urban area it is important to ensure an adequate public transport service in order to develop a public transport culture and avoid a strong reliance on cars.

In urban development areas, public transport services should be available to residents as early as possible after they move in. The early introduction of services provides residents with an alternative to car use and helps to establish public transport use in the area.²

2.3 Changes to public transport services maintain usage by existing customers

Greenfield sites offer some unique challenges when planning public transport service delivery as there may be few or no existing services in the surrounding area. Where services do exist changes to travel should not discourage existing customers away from services. Changes to existing public transport routes need to consider increases in travel time, impacts of changes to origin or destination, changes to service frequency and avoiding circuitous routes. Where new services are introduced consideration should be given to how they connect to the surrounding area and the potential to introduce services to surrounding areas.

2.4 Infrastructure is flexible and adaptable for future requirements

Currently buses operate on collector roads and/or arterial roads. Consideration needs to be given to what the future road requirements will be for transport. This may include increased opportunities for on demand transport services operating on local roads using smaller vehicles or smaller vehicles operating more flexibly. It may also include the need for bus priority measures as both demand for bus travel and road congestion increases. The road network design will need to allow for this. Consideration would include ensuring roads are connecting, limiting the use of cul-de-sacs and ensuring services can stop safely at a greater number of locations.

Alternatively in the future on key routes higher capacity vehicles operating to a fixed route may be used, such as double-decker buses, requiring greater height clearances³. Consideration of the streetscape would include the height of infrastructure along the road, the types of trees planted, the type of street lighting used and built form, such as awnings. Infrastructure should be built in a way that does not limit future public transport delivery options.

³ Vertical clearance of 4.3m is required

3 Planning model

The planning model provides guidance on designing a road network that is public transport friendly and aligned with the movement and place framework.

3.1 Role of Transport for NSW

The role of Transport for NSW is to lead the development of a safe, efficient, integrated transport system that keeps people and goods moving, connects communities and shapes the future of our cities, centres and regions.

In greenfield sites Transport for NSW needs to be involved during the master planning stage or during the development of the indicative land use plan. During this stage Transport for NSW looks at the road layout to ensure that an appropriate road network is being provided along potential future public transport routes. It is important to note that this planning process is separate from the funding process for public transport services and does not guarantee the delivery of a service along the identified roads.

Transport for NSW is responsible for planning, approving and funding public transport services. Once road infrastructure is in place and building work is scheduled, consideration is given to introducing services. It is important that Transport for NSW is informed by local council, the road authority or the developer of infrastructure works well prior to completion to enable appropriate time for consideration of services in the funding process.

In rural and regional NSW where significant growth and infrastructure is being introduced Transport for NSW may need to review the contract type under which services will be operated. As the timing of contract changes may be dependent on the contract cycle Transport for NSW needs to be involved from the master planning stage to allow sufficient time for this to occur.

3.2 Working with Transport for NSW

Transport for NSW needs to be involved in all stages of planning and construction, including

- strategic planning
- planning proposal
- DA stage, including any modifications
- construction
- residents and employees move in

It is strongly recommended that the relevant planner, local government, road authority or developer contact Transport for NSW at each stage to ensure the alignment of road design with transport needs.

3.3 Road network design

The layout of the road network needs to reflect the requirements of the public transport network:

- collector and arterial roads need to support direct routes and connectivity both within the greenfield site and to the surrounding area.
- the road and verge width need to be appropriate to allow roads to perform their designated functions in the road network (see section 4 for road infrastructure requirements)

The layout of the road network also needs to consider land use:

- key trip generators, such as schools and hospitals, are adequately supported by the road network

The road network needs to balance the capability of a direct route with the requirement to minimise the walking distance to stops. This can be achieved by:

- creating shorter block lengths to increase neighbourhood permeability
- collector roads support direct routes and are not circuitous
- balancing directness of routes with minimisation of walking distance
- providing connected roads rather than cul-de-sacs

Consideration needs to be given to how the greenfield road network interacts with the existing surrounding road network:

- collector roads in greenfield sites should, at a minimum, connect with a collector road in the surrounding road network

The design of the road network needs to consider the comfort of customers, the efficiency of the route and bus swept path movements. Where the introduction of a direct road may encourage unwanted general traffic, consideration should be given to bus only facilities.

3.4 Road release planning

During greenfield development, land may be released in stages. It is important that public transport services can be delivered throughout the various build stages with public transport services remaining attractive to both existing and new customers and as close as possible to the final offering. This can be achieved by:

- considering the order in which roads are built and land is released to ensure transport services can be provided during all stages
- ensuring there is access for existing services where they are disrupted by development activity
- ensuring multiple points of entry and exit to the site during construction
- considering opening through routes from the earliest possible stage, even if these are only accessible to public transport

3.5 Public transport route plan

When designing the road network it is recommended to work with Transport for NSW to devise a draft route plan to ensure that the road network meets the public transport route planning requirements. A route plan shows the network of routes that may be offered in an area and the roads on which these would operate.

In metropolitan Sydney, outer metropolitan Sydney, regional cities and urban areas service coverage guidelines are in place to support the provision of a minimum service level to the majority of households. The guidelines are to be considered as a starting point when determining service coverage. The service coverage guidelines are at Appendix 4.

Issues to consider when developing a public transport route plan include:

- applying the Transport for NSW service coverage guidelines for the area in which the greenfield is located
- avoiding circuitous or overly long routes that are unattractive to customers
- avoiding loop routes, which require customers to travel additional distances
- how will the proposed routes connect with patronage generators, both within the local area and surrounding areas
- how will the proposed routes connect with existing or known future public transport

Additional information on how service planning is undertaken can be found in the Transport for NSW Service Planning Guidelines.

3.6 Interchange and precinct planning

Public transport needs to link to an interchange, allowing customers to access the broader transport network. An interchange may be developed in a greenfield site or an existing interchange, external to the site, may be the focus for transport services. An interchange is a facility that allows for transfer from one mode of transport, or one transport service, to another. An interchange may be a single bus stop or a major train station.

Where an interchange is developed in a greenfield site the following should be considered:

- how does the interchange integrate with the surrounding urban area to create a precinct, reinforcing transport's civic and social role as a focal point in centres
- develop a road network that allows entry and exit from multiple points within the precinct
- where are stops located, to allow for infiltration into the centre of the precinct
- is layover space required for buses

Where an existing interchange, external to the greenfield site, is to be the focus for transport services the following factors should be considered:

- is the road network from the greenfield site to the interchange direct

Interchanges in rural and regional areas are of particular significance as they provide a gateway to the rail and coach networks, providing access to intra- and inter-regional travel.

3.7 Green travel plans

Walking and cycling are the preferred transport choice for short trips. Facilitating these modes, along with other sustainable modes of transport, reduces congestion on the road network and maximises the value of public transport when walking and cycling are integrated into public transport service planning.

A green travel plan identifies and promotes ways to encourage a range of sustainable or less environmentally damaging transport modes, usually with the emphasis on reducing single user private car travel.

A green travel plan should be developed for the greenfield site. The total door-to-door journey needs to be considered. Information on what should be included in a green travel plan is available at Appendix 5.

3.8 Active transport

Road network design in greenfield sites needs to consider the requirements of all road users, including cyclists, pedestrians and other non-motorised traffic of all age groups.

Cyclists and pedestrians are particularly vulnerable road users. Road network design for such users will seek to facilitate their movements by separating them from motor vehicles in time and space. It is not always possible, or desirable, to clearly separate vehicular and pedestrian activity. In some instances where traffic flow and speed are low the provision of shared areas is a preferred approach, utilising facilities such as 'shared zones' and 'shared spaces'.

Streets and suburbs should be planned so that residents can comfortably walk to the shops for their daily needs and to key facilities such as schools. For longer journeys the environment should encourage walking and cycling for part of the journey. In order to promote active transport the following needs to be considered:

- positive experience when walking and cycling
- shade and amenity along walking and cycling paths
- safety
- what facilities are required where active transport meets public transport
- active transport links should be considered and maintained during construction

4 Road infrastructure requirements

The road infrastructure requirements provide guidance on building a road network that is public transport capable and supports a safe and sustainable public transport service. These guidelines intend to highlight public transport requirements in greenfield sites and do not replace existing guidelines. Road infrastructure requirements differ depending on the function of the road, the lane arrangement, single or multilane, and the road speed.

While these road infrastructure requirements highlight public transport there is an assumption that if these requirements are met roads will also support other transport types such as trucks and freight movement. Bus fleet specifications can be found at appendix 6.

4.1 Lane widths

The following lane widths are required to allow a bus service to operate safely and efficiently. Traffic lanes are measured from the face of the kerb or to the lane line for multi-lane roads or roads with shoulders.

Traffic lanes

- minimum 3.5m standard traffic lane widths are desirable on all road types
- minimum 3.5m traffic lane width for a 60km zone
- minimum 3.2m traffic lane width for a 50km zone, provided there is no centre median

Kerb side lanes

- minimum width of 3.5m where the kerb side lane operates as a travel lane, to allow buses to use the lane without passing over drainage structures
- minimum width of 3.0m where the kerb side lane operates as a parking lane, to allow for bus stops and allow the bus to move out of the through traffic lane
- minimum width of 3.5m where the kerb side lane operates as both a travel lane and a parking lane

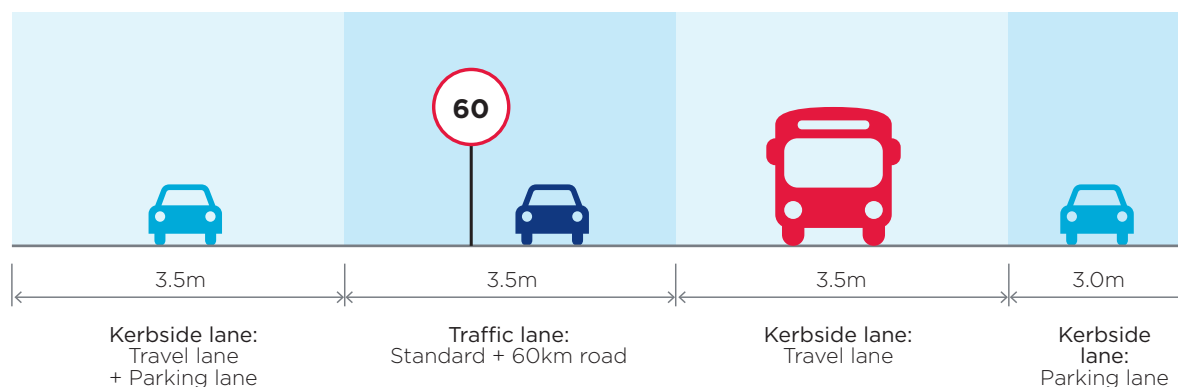
The provision of standard lane widths allows for larger vehicles to pass or overtake, without either vehicle having to move sideways towards the outer edge of the lane. The provision of standard lane widths also allows for some degree of road camber.

Median strips

- medians should not be included on roads that may be used by buses

This allows for buses to continue providing services in the event of a vehicle being inappropriately parked. Where median strips must be included in the road design they should be bus mountable.

Figure 4.1: Lane Widths



4.2 Traffic calming devices

The layout of the road network needs to reflect the requirements of the public transport network and the road function hierarchy. This will avoid the need for traffic calming devices, which cause discomfort to public transport customers. Where traffic calming devices are required on roads to be used by public transport, bus swept path templates should be used to ensure access is maintained and services can be provided safely.

- prior to construction of a traffic calming device the footprint of the device should be marked out on site to allow Transport for NSW and the bus company to conduct a field assessment.

Turning templates

- minimum 14.5m bus template turning at 5 – 15km/h is to be used
- a turning diameter of 30m to be used when designing public transport infrastructure

Roundabouts

- central island constructed to a height no greater than 50mm
- central island clear of obstructions such as traffic signage or plantings in the swept path
- central island and kerb side island be designed to a height such that the front of a bus can overhang the face of the kerb

Traffic slow point

- slow points that constrain traffic flow into a single lane are not to be installed on public transport routes
- speed humps are not to be constructed on public transport routes, with the exception of raised pedestrian crossings
- raised pedestrian crossings should not exceed 75mm height with ramp grades no greater than 1 in 16 (6.25%), central platform no longer than 5.5m and 3.5m travel lanes in each direction
- speed cushions can be used provided they do not exceed 75mm height, are not greater than 1.6m wide and a 1m wide wheel path is provided from the speed cushion to any kerb face or median
- chicanes or angled slow points are only to be used where a bus can mount the device, with a height not exceeding 50mm

4.3 Access ramps

The following are required to deploy an access ramp fitted to a bus:

- a 150mm barrier kerb
- sealed area clear of obstructions

4.4 Bus stop placement

Bus stop locations should be consistent with the movement and place function of the street. The location and spacing of bus stops should seek to balance pedestrian access to stops with journey times for on-board customers, taking into account topography, land use, access, customer demand and DDA requirements. Bus stop locations should be considered in the context of pedestrian safety and traffic movement. Key considerations for bus stop placement:

- spacing of around 400 metre between stops or spacing that reflects the local context and location in order to achieve a reasonable level of customer access to bus services
- safe pedestrian access, including road crossings
- generally it is preferable to place stops on the departure side of a pedestrian crossing to reduce the risk of customers crossing the road in front of a stopped bus
- minimise walking distance between interchange stops
- bus stops are generally paired, such that the bus stop one side of a road is in close proximity to a partner stop in the other direction
- adequate kerb and roadway space for safe and efficient public transport operations
- buses should stop in the roadway rather than in bus indent bays, ensuring the bus has priority in traffic
- generally it is preferable to locate stops on the far side of intersections to allow a bus to clear the intersection before stopping for customers
- no part of a structure is to be within 800mm of the road edge to allow for safe bus operation

The following are specific considerations for bus stop placement in greenfield sites:

- proposed bus stops should be marked on lot plans so that residents know the possible location when buying off the plan
- bus stops should be located between houses or outside non-residential facilities, such as parks

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6 Glossary

brownfield	Describes land previously used for industrial or commercial purposes which may be polluted or contaminated with hazardous waste.
green travel plan	An environmentally acceptable travel plan. See travel plan.
greenfield	Describes land not previously developed that is unpolluted and suitable for urban development.
greyfield	Describes sites used for retail or commercial purposes that are now old, obsolete and unprofitable.
on-demand transport or demand-responsive transport	A flexible service that operates within a defined service area, which can be booked or scheduled by customers when required.
travel plan	A package of site-specific measures implemented to promote and maximise the use of more sustainable modes of travel, such as walking, cycling, public transport and car sharing, usually with the emphasis being on reducing single user private car travel.

Appendix 1 – Checklist of Action – Guidelines for Public Transport Infrastructure in Greenfield Sites

This checklist is a list of all the actions contained in the Guidelines for Public Transport Infrastructure in Greenfield Sites.

Working with Transport for NSW

Has Transport for NSW been included at the following stages of planning and construction:

strategic planning

planning proposal

DA stage, including any modifications

construction

residents and employees move in

Road network design

Does the layout of the road network reflect the requirements of the public transport network:

collector and arterial roads need to support direct routes and connectivity both within the greenfield site and to the surrounding area.

Does the layout of the road network consider land use:

key trip generators, such as schools and hospitals, are adequately supported by the road network

Does the road network balance the capability of a direct route with the requirement to minimise the walking distance to stops by:

creating shorter block lengths to increase neighbourhood permeability

collector roads support direct routes and are not circuitous

balancing directness of routes with minimisation of walking distance

providing connected roads rather than cul-de-sacs

How does the greenfield road network interact with the existing surrounding road network:

collector roads in greenfield sites should, at a minimum, connect with a collector road in the surrounding road network

Road release planning

Can public transport services be delivered throughout the various build stages with public transport services remaining attractive to both existing and new customers and as close as possible to the final offering by:

considering the order in which roads are built and land is released to ensure transport services can be provided during all stages

ensuring there is access for existing services where they are disrupted by development activity

ensuring multiple points of entry and exit to the site during construction

considering opening through routes from the earliest possible stage, even if these are only accessible to public transport

Public transport route plan

Issues to consider when developing a public transport route plan include:

applying the Transport for NSW service coverage guidelines for the area in which the greenfield is located

avoiding circuitous or overly long routes that are unattractive to customers

avoiding loop routes, which require customers to travel additional distances

how will the proposed routes connect with patronage generators, both within the local area and surrounding areas

how will the proposed routes connect with existing or known future public transport

Interchange and precinct planning

Where an interchange is developed in a greenfield site has the following been considered:

how does the interchange integrate with the surrounding urban area to create a precinct, reinforcing transport's civic and social role as a focal point in centres

develop a road network that allows entry and exit from multiple points within the precinct

where are stops located, to allow for infiltration into the centre of the precinct

is layover space required for buses

Active transport

Is active transport promoted by consideration of the following:

positive experience when walking and cycling

shade and amenity along walking and cycling paths

safety

what facilities are required where active transport meets public transport

active transport links should be considered and maintained during construction

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minimum width of 3.5m where the kerb side lane operates as both a travel lane and a parking lane

Median strips:

medians should not be included on roads that may be used by buses

Traffic calming devices

Where traffic calming devices are required on roads:

prior to construction of a traffic calming device the footprint of the device should be marked out on site to allow Transport for NSW and the bus company to conduct a field assessment.

Turning templates:

minimum 14.5m bus template turning at 5 – 15km/h is to be used

a turning diameter of 30m to be used when designing public transport infrastructure

Roundabouts:

central island constructed to a height no greater than 50mm

central island clear of obstructions such as traffic signage or plantings in the swept path

central island and kerb side island be designed to a height such that the front of a bus can overhang the face of the kerb

Traffic slow point:

slow points that constrain traffic flow into a single lane are not to be installed on public transport routes

speed humps are not to be constructed on public transport routes, with the exception of raised pedestrian crossings

raised pedestrian crossings should not exceed 75mm height with ramp grades no greater than 1 in 16 (6.25%), central platform no longer than 5.5m and 3.5m travel lanes in each direction

speed cushions can be used provided they do not exceed 75mm height, are not greater than 1.6m wide and a 1m wide wheel path is provided from the speed cushion to any kerb face or median

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Access ramps

The following are required to deploy an access ramp fitted to a bus:

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Bus stop placement

Key considerations for bus stop placement:

spacing of around 400 metre between stops or spacing that reflects the local context and location in order to achieve a reasonable level of customer access to bus services

safe pedestrian access, including road crossings

generally it is preferable to place stops on the departure side of a pedestrian crossing to reduce the risk of customers crossing the road in front of a stopped bus

minimise walking distance between interchange stops

bus stops are generally paired, such that the bus stop one side of a road is in close proximity to a partner stop in the other direction

adequate kerb and roadway space for safe and efficient public transport operations

buses should stop in the roadway rather than in bus indent bays, ensuring the bus has priority in traffic

generally it is preferable to locate stops on the far side of intersections to allow a bus to clear the intersection before stopping for customers

no part of a structure is to be within 800mm of the road edge to allow for safe bus operation

The following are specific considerations for bus stop placement in greenfield sites:

proposed bus stops should be marked on lot plans so that residents know the possible location when buying off the plan

bus stops should be located between houses or outside non-residential facilities, such as parks

Appendix 2 – Movement and Place Framework

The following is an extract from Future Transport Strategy 2056.

Successful Places

The liveability, amenity and economic success of communities and places are enhanced by transport.

Activating centres with a new Movement and Place framework

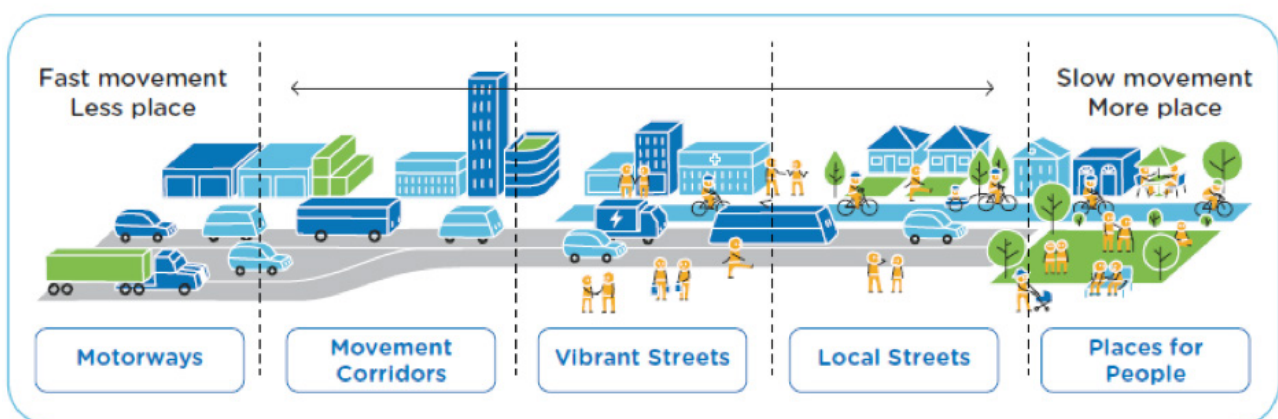
Successful places include attractive spaces where people can meet and enjoy their leisure time, such as town squares, libraries and community centres, parks, sportsgrounds and waterways. Being able to access these spaces easily by active or public transport encourages people to be more physically active and increases social interactions in communities.

Centres, both in metropolitan and regional areas, are the places where the majority of jobs and services are located as well as attractions like shops, restaurants and parks. Roads through and around these centres serve an important movement purpose, allowing people travel to and from the centre and move easily within it. They also serve a place function by operating in a way that allows attractive places for people and strong local economies to develop and thrive.

The Movement and Place framework provides a tool to manage the road network in a way that supports safe, efficient and reliable journeys for people and freight while enhancing the liveability and amenity of places.

The Framework will guide specific corridor and place plans to be developed as supporting plans of Future Transport 2056. A Movement and Place Practitioners Toolkit will be made available to provide guidance to stakeholders involved in planning, designing and operating the road network.

Figure A2: Movement and place



Source: Future Transport Strategy 2056

Appendix 3 – Policy Context

The following policies and guidelines need to be considered in developing public transport capable infrastructure in greenfield sites.

Policies and Guidelines Applicable to Greenfield Sites	
Document	Description
NSW State Priorities	<p>There are 18 state priorities being actioned by the NSW Government. Building infrastructure – Improving road travel reliability is one of these priorities.</p>
Integrated Public Transport Service Planning Guidelines Sydney Metropolitan Area	<p>Provide guidance for service planning activities in the Sydney Metropolitan area to support the implementation of state government policy. The guidelines align with the actions of the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan and individual modal delivery plans for bus, ferry, light rail and train.</p> <p>The Guidelines were published December 2013 and support improvements to services in the area over the short to medium term (up to ten years).</p> <p>Of particular note are the Service Coverage Guidelines that support the development of a connected and integrated public transport network that facilitates travel opportunities to meet the needs of different customer groups.</p>
Integrated Public Transport Service Planning Guidelines Outer Metropolitan Area	<p>Provide guidance for service planning activities in the Outer Metropolitan area to support the implementation of state government policy. The guidelines align with the actions of the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan, individual modal delivery plans for bus, ferry, light rail and train and Regional Transport Plans.</p> <p>The Guidelines were published June 2016 and support improvements to services in the area over the short to medium term (up to ten years).</p> <p>Of particular note are the Service Coverage Guidelines that support the development of a connected and integrated public transport network that facilitates travel opportunities to meet the needs of different customer groups.</p>
Public Transport Service Planning Guidelines Rural and Regional NSW	<p>Provide guidance for service planning activities in Rural and Regional NSW to support the implementation of state government policy. The guidelines align with the actions of the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan and individual modal delivery plans for bus, government funded coach and train and Regional Transport Plans.</p> <p>The Guidelines were published October 2015 and support improvements to services in the area over the short to medium term (up to ten years).</p> <p>Of particular note are the Service Coverage Guidelines that support the development of a connected and integrated public transport network that facilitates travel opportunities to meet the needs of different customer groups and the Rural and Regional Service Planning Process.</p>

Policies and Guidelines Applicable to Greenfield Sites

Future Transport Strategy 2056	The strategy, released March 2018, is the refresh of the Long Term Transport Master Plan. Future Transport will be a suite of policies, strategies and guidelines which will provide an innovative and contemporary guide for the NSW Government's transport response to change over the next 40 years.
TfNSW Disability Action Plan 2012 – 2017 / TfNSW Disability Inclusion Action Plan 20017 – 2021 Consultation Draft	Plans to ensure that the needs of the customer, including those with a disability or limited mobility, are placed at the centre of planning and decision-making for the transport system.
NSW Road Safety Strategy 2012 – 2021	The NSW Road Safety Strategy 2012 – 2021 establishes the direction of road safety in NSW for the next ten years. The strategy sets out the safe system approach with the end goal of no death or serious injury occurring on the road transport network.
Local council guidelines	Greenfield sites should comply with relevant local council guidelines.

Appendix 4 – Service Coverage Guidelines

Sydney Metropolitan Area

Integrated Public Transport Service Planning – Service Coverage Guidelines

Weekday	90% of households to be within 400 metres (as the crow flies) of a bus stop, ferry wharf, light rail station or train station between the hours of 06:00 – 22:00.
Saturday	90% of households to be within 400 metres (as the crow flies) of a bus stop, ferry wharf, light rail station or train station between the hours of 09:00 – 18:00.
Sunday and Public Holiday	90% of households to be within 800 metres (as the crow flies) of a bus stop, ferry wharf, light rail station or train station between the hours of 09:00 – 18:00.

Source: Integrated Public Transport Service Planning Guidelines Sydney Metropolitan Area

Outer Metropolitan Area

Integrated Public Transport Service Planning – Service Coverage Guidelines for Regional Cities and Urban Areas

	Regional Cities	Urban Areas
Weekday	90% of households to be within 400 metres (as the crow flies) of a bus stop, ferry wharf, light rail station or train station between the hours of 06:00 – 22:00.	85% of households to be within 800 metres (as the crow flies) of a bus stop, ferry wharf, light rail station or train station between the hours of 06:00 – 22:00.
Saturday	90% of households to be within 400 metres (as the crow flies) of a bus stop, ferry wharf, light rail station or train station between the hours of 08:00 – 18:00.	85% of households to be within 800 metres (as the crow flies) of a bus stop, ferry wharf, light rail station or train station between the hours of 08:00 – 18:00.
Sunday and Public Holiday	90% of households to be within 800 metres (as the crow flies) of a bus stop, ferry wharf, light rail station or train station between the hours of 09:00 – 18:00	85% of households to be within 800 metres (as the crow flies) of a bus stop, ferry wharf, light rail station or train station between the hours of 09:00 – 18:00.

Source: Integrated Public Transport Service Planning Guidelines Outer Metropolitan Area

Rural and Regional NSW

Public Transport Service Planning – Service Coverage Guidelines

Inter-regional	Needs assessment to determine service coverage to Sydney and major regional centres, based on customer travel profiles, infrastructure capacity and resources availability.
Intra-regional	Needs assessment to determine service coverage between major centres and towns, based on regional and district travel profiles.
Travel in major regional centres and towns	<p>Travel within major regional centres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 85% of households to be within 800 metres (as the crow flies) of a bus stop, train station or coach stop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekday: 07:00 – 18:00 • Saturday: 08:00 – 18:00 • Sunday and Public Holidays: 09:00 – 18:00. <p>Travel within major towns and towns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • needs assessment to determine service coverage, based on local demand and resource availability. <p>Travel between villages, towns, major towns and/or major regional centres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • needs assessment to determine service coverage, based on local demand and resource availability.

Source: Public Transport Service Planning Guidelines Rural and Regional NSW

Appendix 5 – Green Travel Plans

A green travel plan should be produced for the greenfield site, considering the following:

- how to minimise the environmental impact of operations and ensure environmental integrity
- contribute to human health and well-being and encourage more active transport
- aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce congestion and improve travel times and productivity

Possible actions for a green travel plan may include:

Walking

- produce a map showing safe walking routes to and from your site with times, not distances, to local facilities, such as shops and public transport stops
- open-up short cuts for pedestrian access across/along the proposed work site
- ensure pedestrian safety and access is not compromised during construction

Cycling

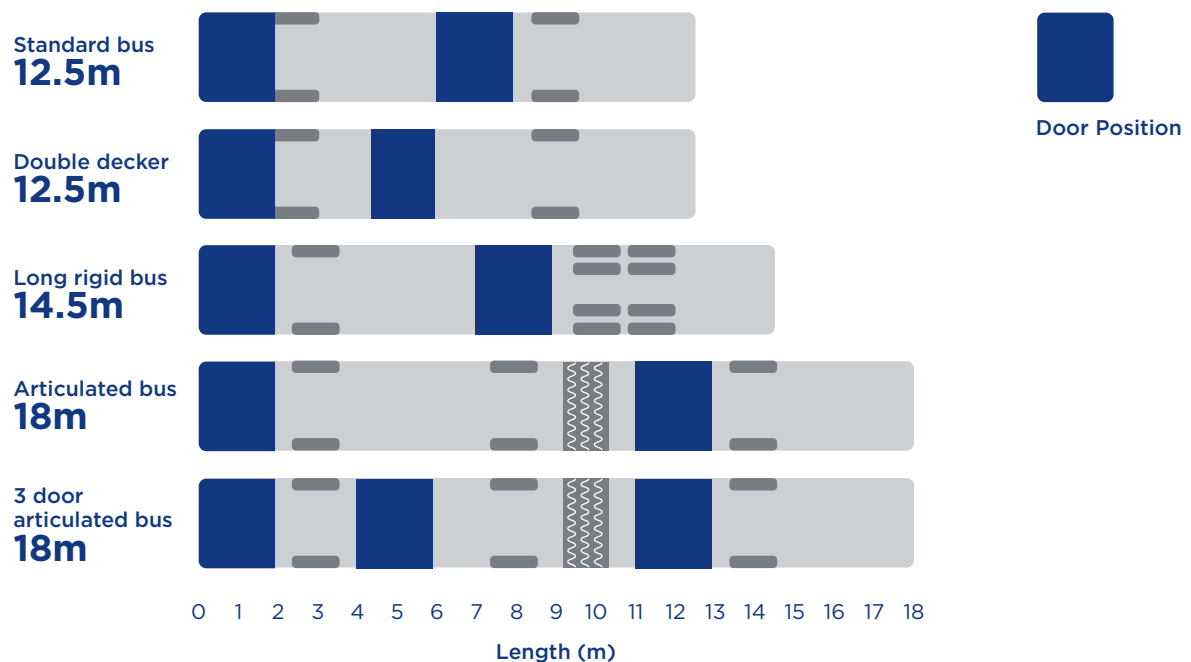
- provide a sufficient number of secure bicycle parking spaces to meet peak needs, which are easily accessible, well-lit and secure
- ensure bike parking is clearly visible or provide signage to direct people to bike parking spaces
- review condition and interconnection opportunities of existing onsite cycle routes / upgrade or provide new onsite cycle routes
- ensure cycle routes are not compromised during construction
- provide new cycle routes and consider the interconnection opportunities with existing cycle route

Appendix 6 – Bus Fleet Specifications

The majority of the bus fleet operating in the Sydney metropolitan and outer metropolitan areas consist of the following. The information provided below is correct at the time of publication.

A6.1 Bus length and door position

Type of Bus	Length (meters)	No. of Doors	Bus Door Locations (meters from the front of bus)		
			Door 1	Door 2	Door 3
Standard rigid	12.5	2	0-2 m	6-8 m	
Double decker	12.5	2	0-2 m	4.5 – 6m	
Long rigid	14.5	2	0-2 m	7-9 m	
2-door Articulated	18	2	0-2 m	11-13 m	
3-door articulated	18	3	0-2 m	4-6 m	11-13 m



A6.2 Bus width and height

