

1 Policy History

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2 Policy Objective

- To provide a systematic method of identification, evaluation and prioritisation of maintenance works on Council's road network, related infrastructure and pathways that will assist Council's decision making process in its annual budget formulation.
- To establish procedures that provide a systematic and a readily usable risk management approach to the maintenance of the road network, related infrastructure and pathways, and also to determine response times and/or risk controls for defects within road reserves under the care and control of Council.

3 Policy Statement

3.1 Background

Due to financial constraints, Council is unable to allocate sufficient funds to allow maintenance on its road network, related infrastructure and pathways without consideration of resource limits.

In order to minimise the potential hazards to road users, Council has developed a risk management approach to maintenance of Council's road network, related infrastructure and pathways.

Council has recognised that potential hazards to road users resulting in public liability claims or injuries, place a significant burden on the community. Council believes it should endeavour to manage the road network, related infrastructure and pathways to assist in minimising these potential hazards.

The procedures developed for this purpose are derived from industry best practice as documented in the Statewide Mutual Best Practice Manuals.

3.2 Scope

This policy and associated operational procedures covers all maintenance and capital works on the road network, road related infrastructure and pathways including, but not limited to, road pavements, road surfaces, bridges, culverts, causeways, footpaths, cycleways, kerb and guttering, stormwater drainage, signage, safety barriers, and any other physical item that has a foreseeable impact on the safety and amenity of road users within the road reserves under the care and control of Council.

3.3 Implementation

This policy, together with the related operational procedures, provides the guidelines for identifying the location, nature (defect), inspection frequency, response times and risk controls of potential hazards to users of the road network, road related infrastructure and pathways.

The implementation of this policy aims to minimise public liability exposure and provide a best value service to the community in relation to provision of road infrastructure services.

3.4 Budgeting

Council will assess when formulating its annual Operational Plan (in the context of its overall budget) the appropriate allocation of funding to maintenance works in such a way as to generally achieve the best possible long term overall condition of the road network, road related infrastructure and pathways.

Council will allocate human and financial resources in order to conduct inspections and assessments for the implementation of the policy and procedures within Council's budget constraints.

4 Definitions

Road Network:	All sealed and unsealed, formed and unformed roads under the care and control of Council.
Related Infrastructure:	Signs, kerb and gutter, bridges, culverts, guideposts, stormwater drainage, line marking, medians, safety barriers and any other physical items within the road reserves under the care and control of Council.

Pathways: Footpaths, shared footpaths and cycleways under the care and control of Council.

5 Exceptions

None

6 Legislation

None

7 Related Documents

Refer to the “Road Maintenance Management Procedure” (14/8874) and “Footpath and Shared Cycleway Pathways Maintenance Management Procedure” (13/10771) which details related documents and the processes and procedures that need to be followed to ensure the principles of this Policy are adhered to in the day to day operation and management of Council’s road network, road related infrastructure and pathways.

Griffith Pedestrian Access & Mobility Plan (PAMP)
Kerb and Guttering Footpath Construction (WO-CP-502)

8 Directorate

Infrastructure & Operations