

# NORTHERN CENTRAL CITY CORRIDOR STUDY

COMMUNITY UPDATE

NUMBER 2

## HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

Read the *Issues and Trends* report and give us your views. The report is available for download from the study web site (<http://www.doi.vic.gov.au/innernorth>), or by contacting the study team on 9655 6659. Copies are also available at the offices and municipal libraries of the Cities of Melbourne and Yarra, and the main libraries of RMIT (City Campus) and the University of Melbourne (Parkville).

**Visit the information display and/or attend the workshop on Saturday, 15 September 2001 at Melbourne Museum.**

- The information display (10 am to 3 pm in the "free admission" area on the Lower Ground Level) offers a chance to find out more about the study and meet the study team. You are welcome to attend any time to ask questions and comment on the study to date.
- The workshop (1.45–5 pm) will enable more in-depth discussion of the issues and trends, desired outcomes and possible strategies. Space is limited, so please register for the workshop by telephoning 9655 6659, email [innernorth@doi.vic.gov.au](mailto:innernorth@doi.vic.gov.au) or fax 9655 6035.

## HELP US SOLVE TRANSPORT ISSUES

The Northern Central City Corridor Study has entered its next phase, in which we are calling on the community to review the findings from the initial studies and help identify possible solutions to transport and land use issues in the inner northern suburbs:

- the *Issues and Trends* report is now available. The report details current traffic, social, land use and environmental conditions and discusses possible solutions
- an information display and workshop will be held on Saturday, 15 September at Melbourne Museum to discuss the issues that people have identified for the area and how best to tackle them.

The community has clearly identified public transport as a priority issue. Research shows that many of the transport related problems experienced by people in the inner north have their source outside the study area. This widens the scope for possible solutions – an issue that is being taken on board as the study proceeds.

A summary of the *Issues and Trends* report and the outcomes of the community consultation to date are available in this Community Update.

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# THE NORTHERN CENTRAL CITY CORRIDOR STUDY

## Transport and urban solutions for the inner north

The Northern Central City Corridor Study is investigating transport and land use issues in Melbourne's inner northern suburbs of Abbotsford, Carlton and Carlton North, Clifton Hill, Collingwood, Fitzroy and Fitzroy North, North Melbourne, Parkville and Princes Hill.

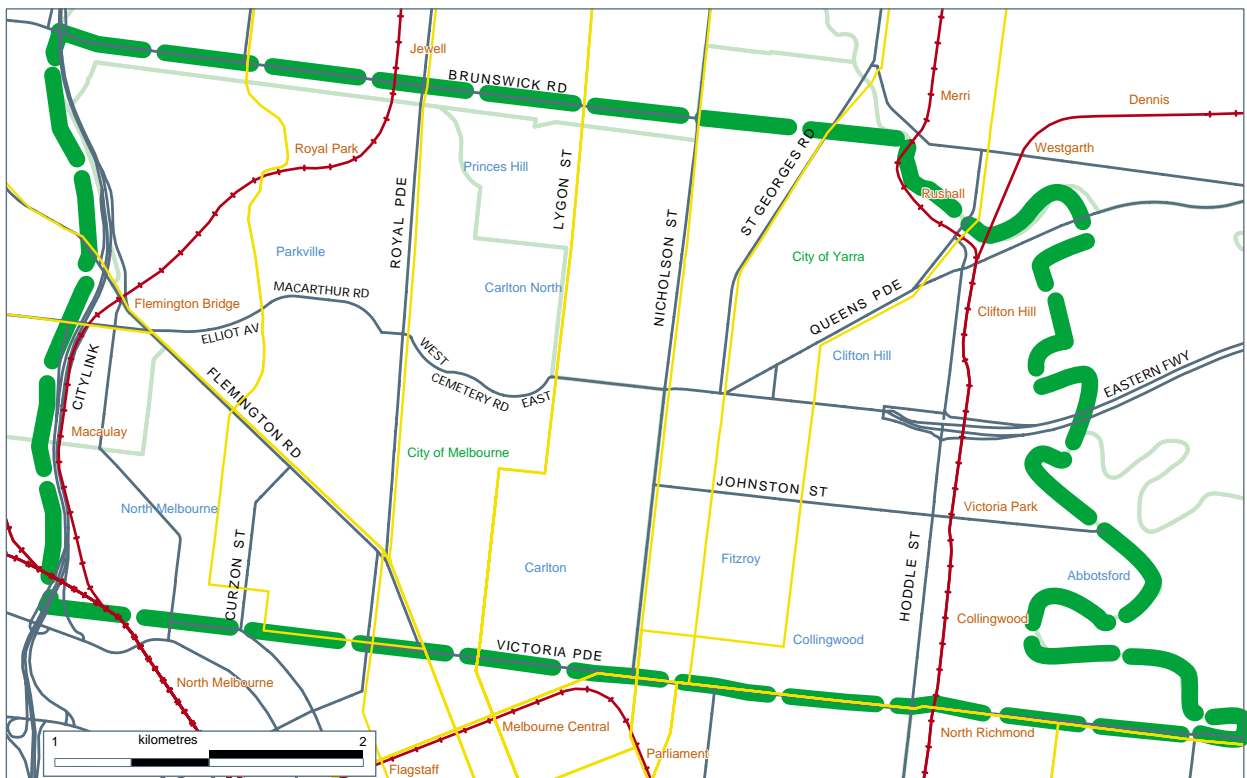
The study is looking at issues in relation to travel demand, public transport services and facilities, traffic congestion, delays, pollution and other problems experienced by residents and users of the inner northern suburbs.

The study will develop strategies covering all forms of transport, including public transport, cycling, walking and road traffic to address these concerns. The study will also examine opportunities for land use, urban design and heritage conservation in the area and will be developed in collaboration with other major government initiatives such as the Metropolitan Strategy.

The Department of Infrastructure is coordinating the study in liaison with Melbourne City Council and Yarra City Council. The study will result in the release of a draft Northern Central City Corridor Strategy in March 2002, before the study is finalised in May 2002.

A description of the study process is available from the web site ([www.doi.vic.gov.au/innernorth](http://www.doi.vic.gov.au/innernorth)). Alternatively, please telephone 9655 6659 or fax 9655 6035 for a copy to be posted, or email [innernorth@doi.vic.gov.au](mailto:innernorth@doi.vic.gov.au) for an electronic copy.

## Northern Central City Corridor Study area.



## WHAT YOU'VE SAID ABOUT TRANSPORT AND FACILITIES IN THE INNER NORTH

As a first step to developing a comprehensive transport and land use strategy for Melbourne's inner northern suburbs, community views were sought to help identify priority concerns.

The views have been gathered from a community forum held in Collingwood in May; from completed copies of surveys that were included in the *Northern Central City Corridor Study Community Update* Number 1; and from general feedback provided to the study team and the Community Reference Group.

The Department of Infrastructure has received well over 1,000 responses from people who live in, visit or own property in the study area. The responses show that the greatest dissatisfaction is clearly with traffic-related issues, including air quality, road congestion, truck traffic, noise and parking. People have said they are most satisfied with café and restaurant facilities, cultural events, open space and parklands, and public transport coverage.

Input from the Community Reference Group indicates a clear preference for improved public transport with diversion of travel from roads as a way of addressing road traffic related problems.

This information has been combined with other data to provide an overview of the current situation, from which options for the future management and development of transport and land use in the area will be developed.

## INFORMATION DISPLAY AND WORKSHOP

**Saturday, 15 September 2001**  
**Melbourne Museum**

The **information display** (10am to 3pm, located in the free admission area, Lower Ground Level) is a chance to find out more about the study and meet the study team. You are welcome to attend at any time during the session to ask questions and comment on the initial findings of the study.

The **workshop** (1.45–5pm in the Treetops Room) will enable more in-depth discussion of the issues and trends, desired outcomes and possible solutions. Space is limited, so please register for the workshop by telephone 9655 6659, email [innernorth@doi.vic.gov.au](mailto:innernorth@doi.vic.gov.au) or fax 9655 6035.

The Museum has kindly offered to give workshop participants the opportunity to visit the Museum's general exhibitions for \$6 instead of \$15 on 15 September 2001.

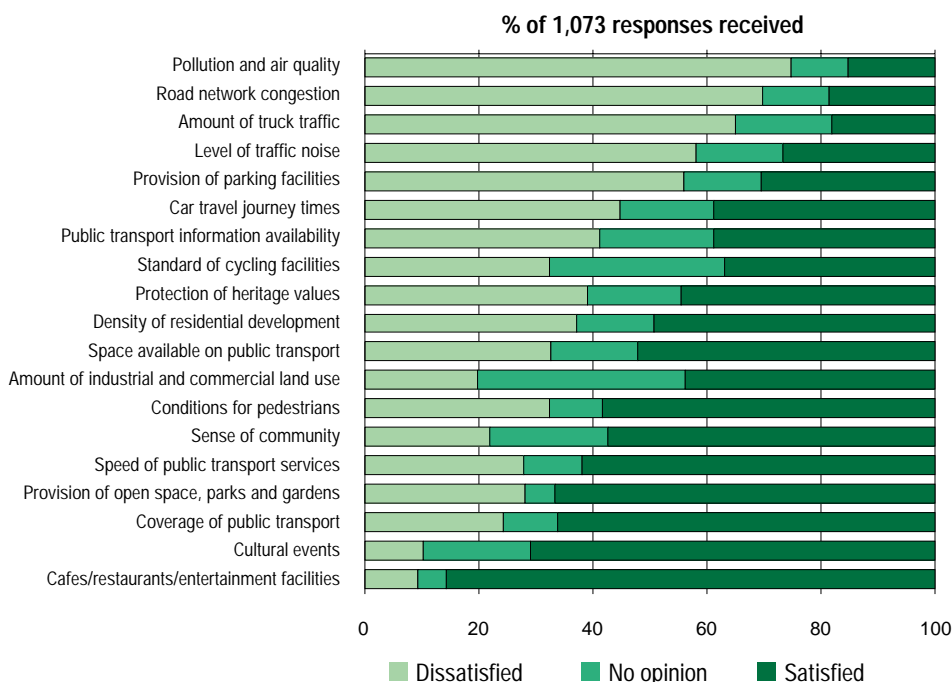
**Melbourne Museum Opening Hours:** 10 am to 6 pm daily, except Good Friday and Christmas Day.

**Getting to Melbourne Museum:** beside the Royal Exhibition Building in Carlton Gardens, between Rathdowne and Nicholson Streets, Carlton.

**Public transport:** Tram 86 or 96 to Nicholson and Gertrude Streets, City Circle Tram to Victoria Street and follow the signs to Carlton Gardens, or the City Loop train to Parliament Station and follow the signs to Carlton Gardens.

**Car:** underground car parking is available (access from Nicholson or Rathdowne Streets).

## COMMUNITY SURVEY OUTCOMES



*Results of questionnaire distributed with NCCCS Community Update Number 1*

## FOCUSING ON THE INNER NORTH

The *Issues and Trends* report provides a snapshot of land use and transport in and around the inner northern suburbs. It is the first stage in the process for preparing a long-term and achievable strategy for the area. It outlines travel patterns as well as major social and environmental issues.

The report has been compiled from independent research commissioned especially for the Northern Central City Corridor Study. It provides valuable background information to help assess a list of options for developing and managing transport and other facilities in the area. Each option will contain a package of integrated measures that would work to improve transport movements in the inner north while maintaining the assets that the community has identified as important to the area. This list of options will be presented to the community for feedback before a short list is developed and presented to the community for further comment.

## OVERVIEW OF INITIAL FINDINGS

### Travel

Seventeen per cent of daily travel is wholly between locations within the area (160,000 trips/day) – most of this is by foot, bike or car with only 3 per cent by public transport

Forty three per cent of travel is to and from the area (400,000 trips/day) – about 18 per cent by public transport and 72 per cent by car

Forty per cent is thought to be through the area (360,000 trips/day) – more than half of this travel is from north to south, about 6 per cent is from east to west (22,000 trips/day).

### Land use

Land use in the inner north is mixed, with an increasing residential population in renovated and converted buildings as well as newly constructed dwellings. The study area currently houses around 64,000 people, and employs nearly 80,000.

### Environment

Local air quality is poor at times and noise levels are high near major roads. This is largely generated by traffic although industrial and commercial land uses make a contribution as well.

### Social

The area has a diverse community that includes many ethnic groups and a wide range of household incomes. Recreational, shopping and cultural facilities – such as the Museum, Zoo, Lygon and Brunswick Streets – attract visitors to the area from all over Melbourne.



### Heritage

The area of the inner northern suburbs has a long history and is important to both indigenous and non-indigenous people. Fitzroy and Collingwood were Melbourne's first developed suburbs, and there are many important buildings and facilities, some of which have been identified for preservation. Developments in the area would need to be sympathetic to the existing heritage.

### Implications for options

Most suggested solutions aim to improve alternatives to car use, especially public transport, walking and cycling:

- improvements to north-south tram and train services
- rapid transit in the Eastern Freeway corridor
- clearly defined arterial road routes
- traffic management in the inner north
- improved cycling and walking conditions
- discouragement of car use – parking charges, awareness campaigns, promotion of alternatives.

## OTHER RELATED INITIATIVES

The State Government is currently coordinating a series of related initiatives designed to improve transport services in Melbourne and to better integrate transport and land use planning in our suburbs. Below is an update on projects relevant to the Northern Central City Corridor Study.

### Metropolitan Strategy

The Metropolitan Strategy will create a blueprint for Melbourne's future to ensure the city and surrounding area develops sustainably and retains its liveability over the next 20 to 30 years.

A significant strength of the strategy is that the various elements of land use, economic development, environmental protection and community development are being brought together in a single set of integrated principles and actions.

Developing an effective transport component will play a key part in achieving all the objectives of the strategy.

In determining what transport priorities should be incorporated into the Metropolitan Strategy, a key concern for the Bracks Government is to maintain or improve accessibility to jobs, schools and shops and enhance opportunities for economic or social growth.

Public transport is a critical issue to be addressed if we are to secure a healthy future for Melbourne. In particular, public transport services are required that allow people to meet their basic social, economic and service needs.

The studies undertaken in developing the strategy clearly indicate that there is scope for substantial changes in our travel behaviour and lessening our dependence on use of the car.

As well as infrastructure improvements and better integration with land use planning, the strategy will address how we manage road space and parking policies.

To achieve this will require major changes both in our behaviour and in our investment priorities, to encourage an increase in the use of public transport, cycling and walking.

These overall directions for Melbourne are echoed strongly in the inner north. People in the area see congestion as a result of over-dependence on cars for travel to, from and through the area, especially to the CBD.

It is expected that a draft Metropolitan Strategy will be released for public comment late this year.

### Eastern Freeway park-and-ride

In a first for Melbourne, a park-and-ride facility will be built alongside the Eastern Freeway at Doncaster. The facility, at the corner of Doncaster Road and High Street, will include 409 free car-parking bays as well as a transit lounge, security and bicycle lockers. More than 200 bus trips a day will operate between the park-and-ride facility and the CBD to encourage commuters to use public transport and reduce congestion on the Eastern Freeway and inner suburbs.

The park-and-ride facility is due to open in mid-2002.

Visit the Department of Infrastructure web site  
**[www.doi.vic.gov.au](http://www.doi.vic.gov.au)**  
or call 9655 6666 for more information on  
these and other initiatives.



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## COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

As part of the consultation process for the Northern Central City Corridor Study, a Community Reference Group is providing advice and feedback to the State Government throughout the process. Members include:

Chairperson	Prof Rodger Eade	9655 6659
3068 Group	Chris Goodman	9482 6200
Bicycle Victoria		9328 3000
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North and West Melbourne Association	Kaye Oddie	9329 0635
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Full contact details for these organisations are available on the study web site [www.doi.vic.gov.au/innernorth](http://www.doi.vic.gov.au/innernorth) or by calling the study team on 9655 6659.

## STUDY TIMETABLE

January to August 2001	Study process established. Community forum held to canvass public views and ideas on how we can better manage transport and land use in the inner north. Specialists appointed and initial studies commenced.
September 2001	<i>Issues and Trends</i> report on existing transport and land use conditions in the area released to provide background material as part of the consultation process. Community information display and workshop on issues and trends.
December 2001	A report with initial appraisals of transport and land use options will be released for public discussion.
March 2002	A draft strategy with a short list of options will be prepared and released for public comment, prior to finalising the strategy in May 2002.

## HOW TO CONTACT US

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Apology: In *NCCC Community Update* Number 1, Councillor Robyn Williams of the City of Yarra was incorrectly listed as representing the City of Melbourne. We apologise for any inconvenience this mistake may have caused.