



Forbes Shire Council Transport Asset Management Policy

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1. PURPOSE:

The key objective of this policy is to provide Forbes Shire Council to set guidelines for implementing consistent asset management processes for Road Network throughout Forbes and also different components of its Transport systems.

2. OBJECTIVE:

To ensure adequate provision is made for the long-term replacement of major assets by:

- Ensuring that Council's Transport services and infrastructure are provided in a sustainable manner, with the appropriate levels of service to residents, visitors and the environment.
- Safeguarding Council's Transport assets including physical assets and employees by implementing appropriate Transport asset management strategies and appropriate financial resources for those assets.
- Creating an environment where all Council employees take an integral part in overall management of Council's Transport assets by creating and sustaining Transport asset management awareness throughout the Council.
- Meeting legislative requirements for Transport asset management.
- Ensuring resources and operational capabilities are identified and responsibility for Transport asset management is allocated.
- Demonstrating transparent and responsible asset management processes that align with demonstrated best practice.

3. SCOPE:

This policy applies to all Council activities related to Transport assets.

4. POLICY:

4.1 Background:

- 3.1.1 Council is committed to implementing a systematic Transport asset management methodology in order to apply appropriate asset management best practices across all areas of Council. This includes ensuring that assets are planned, created, operated, maintained, renewed and disposed of in accordance with Council's priorities for service delivery.
- 3.1.2 Council owns, manage, maintain and uses non-current Transport assets apart from the maintenance of RTA owned National and State Highways to support its core business of delivery of service to the community.
- 3.1.3 Asset management practices impact directly on the core business of Council and appropriate asset management is required to achieve our strategic service delivery objectives.
- 3.1.4 Asset management relates directly to the Strategic Plan. The following table is an indication of how this plan addresses the plan.

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Goal	Objective	How Goal and Objectives are addressed in SAMP
Economic	Sustained economic development in the shire	Forbes' economic activities are based on agricultural activities. Farms and farmers need a reliable and well managed Transport system for the transportation of the commodities. This plan focused on that issue in implementing the maintenance /up gradation of existing network as well as growing new assets.
Sustainable service facilities	Well planned, developed and maintained Road network facilities that meet the need of the community	Regular planned maintenance program and keeping a desired renewal and upgrade based on this asset management plan will help in developing sustainable facilities.
Services and Infrastructure	Services and infrastructure provided in the most efficient and economical manner	Providing better Transport system through proper management and planning. Up gradation, introducing new assets, renewing existing assets will provide the desired service potential. . It also provides safe and smooth ride within set time frame.
Community needs	Responsive to community needs in the provision of services	Regular feedback from the community regarding requirement and level of services as set out in the plan.
Safe and healthy community	Desirable place to live with public safety and standard hygiene	Regular maintenance based on this plan will provide safe facilities to the community.
Environment management	Sound environment management practices and improved community amenity	Following the guidelines of the environmental policy related to the Transport system will help in managing the environment. Especially in new works and any sort of maintenance work.

3.1.5 A strategic approach to Transport Asset management will ensure that the Council delivers the highest appropriate level of service through its assets. This will provide positive impact on:

- Members of the public and staff;
- Council's financial position;
- The ability of Council to deliver the expected level of service and infrastructure;
- The political environment in which Council operates; and
- The legal liabilities of Council.

4.2 Principles

4.2.1 A consistent Transport Asset Management Strategy must exist for implementing systematic asset management and appropriate asset management best- practice throughout all Departments of Council.

4.2.2 All relevant legislative requirements together with political, social and economic environments are to be taken into account in Transport asset management.

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- 4.2.3 Asset management principles will be integrated within existing planning and operational processes.
- 4.2.4 An inspection regime will be used as part of Transport asset management to ensure agreed service levels are maintained and to identify asset renewal priorities.
- 4.2.5 Asset renewals required to meet agreed service levels and identified in infrastructure and asset management plans and long term financial plans will be fully funded in the annual budget estimates.
- 4.2.6 Service levels agreed through the budget process and defined in Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans will be fully funded in the annual budget estimates.
- 4.2.7 Asset renewal plans will be prioritised and implemented progressively based on agreed service levels and the effectiveness of the current assets to provide that level of service.
- 4.2.8 Systematic and cyclic reviews will be applied to all asset classes and are to ensure that the assets are managed, valued and depreciated in accordance with appropriate best practice and applicable Australian Standards.
- 4.2.9 Future life cycle costs will be reported and considered in all decisions relating to new services and assets and upgrading of existing services and assets.
- 4.2.10 Future service levels will be determined in consultation with the community.

5. LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 and Regulations under the Act.

6. RELATED DOCUMENTS:

Asset Management Strategy and associated Infrastructure and Transport Asset Management Plans.

7. RESPONSIBILITY:

Councillors are responsible for adopting the policy and ensuring that sufficient resources are applied to manage the assets.

The **General Manager** has overall responsibility for developing an asset management strategy, plans and procedures and reporting on the status and effectiveness of Transport asset management within Council.

8. REVIEW DATE:

This policy has a life of 4 (**four**) years. It will be reviewed in every year after the endorsement of this policy.