



Response to the Draft Greater Adelaide Regional Plan

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About AITPM

AITPM (the Australian Institute of Traffic Planning & Management) is the leading national membership body representing all Australian Transport Community professionals and practitioners. AITPM members and stakeholders work in fields including transport planning, transport and traffic engineering, transport modelling, active travel, travel demand management and travel behaviour change.

AITPM members and stakeholders work together to ensure multimodal transport systems are designed, built and operated in ways that support healthy people, communities and economies in all parts of Australia. To set a strong foundation for this mission, AITPM has adopted a Policy and Principles Platform that addresses how AITPM will advocate on behalf of the broader Transport Community for the creation of successful transport systems. The AITPM Policy and Principles Platform is provided as Attachment 1 to this submission. See www.aitpm.com.au/policy/policy-platform for further information.

Introduction

The *Draft Greater Adelaide Regional Plan* (GARP) lays a strong foundation for the region's sustainable growth, with a vision closely aligned to AITPM's policy priorities in transport and land use planning. The draft plan considers integrated transport and land use, climate resilience, and sustainable development, using a data-driven, digital approach that enhances transparency and public engagement.

The plan promotes transit-focused developments around selected train stations to encourage public transport usage. This aligns with AITPM's goals of promoting passenger transport and active travel, which are supported by strategies within the plan to prioritise sustainable mobility and infrastructure resilience. Additionally, the plan's approach to employment land to encourage employment centres near bus and train interchanges shows a commitment to balanced, economically resilient urban development.

While the plan is well-aligned with AITPM's objectives, further specificity in areas like goals for reduced car dependency, active transport benchmarks, and climate resilience targets, would strengthen its support for sustainable transport outcomes.

Feedback on the Draft Greater Adelaide Regional Plan

AITPM advocates for a regional planning framework that drives economic, social, and environmental sustainability, particularly when integrating transport into housing and development targets. We understand that the State's Transport Strategy is currently in development and would foresee significant integration between this Strategy and the GARP.

Based on our representation, we commend the GARP's foundations and encourage it to also align with AITPM's purpose and principles. AITPM's recently developed a policy and principles platform to provide a collective voice of the Transport Community and what represents a successful transport system.

We encourage the GARP to support this platform through the consideration of the following:

Vision for Integrated Transport and Land Use Planning

AITPM supports a balanced approach that integrates land use with safe and efficient transport systems. For the GARP, this means fostering interconnected urban spaces where people can access employment, education, and essential services without relying on private vehicles. We encourage GARP to strengthen this vision by reinforcing actions and policies that prioritise transit focused communities.

Sustainable Mobility and Reduced Car Dependency

AITPM advocates for a focus on sustainable mobility and the potential impacts of infill development in the inner urban suburbs. These inner suburbs are impacted by more on-street parking on local streets and inadequate local footpaths and cycling network infrastructure. GARP could further aspire to reduce car dependency by making mode shift to public transport, cycling, and pedestrian infrastructure integral to its growth strategy. Establishing measurable targets to increase the share of active and public transport would be a powerful way to emphasise this commitment.

Housing Accessibility and Transit Focused Development

With exception to Bowden and St Clair stations on the Outer Harbor rail line, Adelaide does currently not have any transit focused locations where residential development is built around and over the stations on the train or O-Bahn bus network.

AITPM encourages development that links housing affordability with transport access, ensuring that all communities benefit from connected infrastructure. GARP has the potential to lead in this regard by setting a clear vision for transit focused development and housing that offers affordable, diverse, and accessible options near major public transport routes.

Targets and Performance Metrics

The draft plan has measurable targets for land supply, housing, employment, and tree canopy coverage. Inclusion of explicit targets for increasing active travel and public transport mode shares would be advantageous to support greater of integrated land use and transport planning. This could involve setting concrete ridership goals or establishing benchmarks for network expansion. AITPM understands that targets could be considered in the State-wide Transport Strategy that is under development.

With the plan's commitment to climate resilience, it could incorporate carbon and other emissions targets or benchmarks for reduced private vehicle dependency, aligned with AITPM's sustainability objectives.

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Attachment 1: AITPM Policy and Principles Platform

AITPM POLICY AND PRINCIPLES PLATFORM

WHY ARE TRANSPORT SYSTEMS IMPORTANT?

The impact of a successful transport system shows up as healthy people, communities and economies. Transport links and activates places, enabling people and businesses to access:

- Goods and services
- Jobs
- Education and training
- Health services
- Entertainment, sport and recreation
- Friend and family networks

AITPM is committed to educating governments and the community on the importance of successful transport systems – and, in turn, a properly resourced Transport Community – in ensuring healthy and prosperous outcomes for Australians.



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OUR PURPOSE

AITPM's purpose is to raise the profile of the Transport Community. The community's practitioners and stakeholders are critical participants in delivering a sustainable, efficient, accessible and safe transport system.

Every day people across Australia's Transport Community identify, investigate, plan, develop and implement solutions to achieve this. In doing its work, the aims of the Transport Community include:

- Supporting a switch to sustainable transport choices, to help reduce Australia's emissions and lessen transport's impact on the environment
- Growing national and community prosperity by enabling the safe and efficient movement of people, goods and services
- Delivering inclusive transport services that provide access to opportunities for all users
- Building the resilience of communities and businesses by ensuring transport networks remain safe and connected under changing external conditions, including natural disasters
- Integrating the movement of people and vehicles within flourishing places in different geographic settings, from cities and towns to rural and regional areas.

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SUCCESSFUL TRANSPORT SYSTEMS ARE CREATED THROUGH

1. Integrated transport and land use planning at all levels, from future-focused strategic planning to the implementation of site-specific developments
 2. The application of sound, long-term, non-partisan and evidence-based public policy, with cross-sectoral support
 3. The systematic collection, monitoring and evaluation of transport data to support decision-making
 4. The consistent application of a range of appropriate contemporary modelling tools by suitably resourced professionals
 5. A culture of research and innovation that is collaborative across sectors and disciplines
 6. Genuine, inclusive engagement, collaboration and co-design activities encompassing all communities and stakeholders
 7. A holistic 'Safe Systems' approach covering all transport infrastructure and operations, and the interactions between people, vehicles and the transport environment
 8. Sustainable and transparent funding and pricing models that support desired strategic transport outcomes
 9. A diverse and welcoming community of transport professionals that has the capacity to handle the demands placed on it
 10. Capable transport practitioners with the qualifications, skills and experience to plan, design, engineer, deliver, operate and manage Australia's transport systems
 11. The commitment of governments and industry to educate and support the next generation of transport professionals.
- As the national association for transport professionals, AITPM leads the Transport Community in connecting, collaborating and delivering, developing industry skills, capability and knowledge as we create successful transport systems together.

We are the collective voice of the Transport Community, and we advocate for delivering sustainable, efficient, accessible and safe transport systems

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WHO IS PART OF THE TRANSPORT COMMUNITY?

The Australian Transport Community is made up of professionals from a wide range of disciplines and backgrounds, including:

- Transport planners
- Traffic and transport engineers
- Land use, transport and traffic modellers
- Road safety practitioners
- Transport economists
- Road and public transport infrastructure designers
- Active transport specialists
- Travel behaviour change specialists
- Transport researchers, educators and engagement professionals
- Transport policy specialists.



To design, deliver and manage transport systems, this community of transport professionals connects to a broader network of professions and suppliers covering these areas of focus

- Urban and regional planning
- Transport and traffic data collection and analysis
- Modelling programs and resources
- Traffic management and control
- Intelligent transport systems
- Infrastructure supply, engineering and construction
- Transport service operations – from rail through to micromobility.