

Road closure considerations

To facilitate receiving prompt road closure consent, before applying, you should consider:

- The impacts the closure will have on the surrounding network and community
- Any conflicting works which may be in the area

We will be able to provide fast approval and not request further consultation or changes to your application if you:

- Provide us sufficient evidence of impact mitigation or removal (where possible)
- Consult appropriately with surrounding properties and projects

The following sections of this document contain:

- Lists of what we consider to have priority and high, medium and low impact works
- Elaboration on impact mitigation and removal
- Elaboration on conflicting works

Note that this serves as a guide only and each application will be considered based on its individual circumstances.

Priority works

The following works may take priority or be given leniency with regards to impact and scheduling considerations:

- Emergency works may occur and take precedence over other works without the prior approval of Infrastructure and Assets under the guidelines of the Emergency Management Act.
- Public works (e.g. Metro and West Gate Tunnel Projects and Essential Utilities Works) may require more leniency with regards to impact consideration and priority.

Impact considerations

High impact considerations:

- **Public transport (major):** Any works deemed to have a significant disruption on train, tram or major bus route services.
- **Pedestrians (high volume):** Full footpath closures (or closures where less than 3m of footpath width is maintained) on a heavily trafficked pedestrian footpath (e.g. Major CBD streets during peak times).
- **Major bike route:** Any works closing the bike path on a major bike route (e.g. physically separated bike lanes, river trails and major shared paths).

- **Cars (network impact):** Full closures on roads with a significant through traffic function at times that will impact on the surrounding network.
- **Premier event:** Any works disrupting vehicle or pedestrian traffic near a major national or international event (e.g. Australian Open, AFL Grand Final, Grand Prix and Spring Racing Carnival).
- **Resident accessibility:** Any works unable to maintain local resident access.
- **Residential night time noise:** Any noisy works in a residential area after 10pm or before 7am.

Medium impact considerations:

- **Public transport (moderate):** Any works deemed to have an impact on tram or major bus routes.
- **Loss of priority parking:** Any works requiring the temporary removal of loading or disabled parking bays.
- **Major event:** Any works disrupting vehicle or pedestrian traffic near major events (e.g. Moomba, Chinese New Year, major fun runs etc.).
- **Commercial businesses:** Any works disrupting commercial business operations such as retail or hotels (especially periods of peak trade e.g. holiday periods).
- **Pedestrian (medium volume):** Full footpath closures (or closures where less than 1.5m of footpath width is maintained) on a footpath with moderate pedestrian volumes.
- **Bikes (moderate):** Full bike path closures on a medium volume bike route (e.g. On-road painted bike lanes).
- **Cars (moderate impact):** Partial closures on roads with a significant through traffic function, or full closures of local roads with a through traffic function, at times that will impact on the surrounding network.

Low impact considerations:

- **Public transport (minor):** Any works disrupting a single bus route service.
- **Pedestrian (low volume):** Full or partial footpath closures on low pedestrian trafficked areas.
- **Bikes (minor):** Any works removing the bike path on a minor bike route (e.g. Low volume bike lanes on local streets) or partial closures of major bike routes outside peak periods, where bicycle movements are maintained past the worksite.
- **Cars (local impact):** Full or partial closures of local roads that will not affect the surrounding network.
- **Loss of paid parking:** Any works requiring the temporary removal of paid parking bays.
- **Local event:** Any works disrupting vehicle or pedestrian traffic near local events (e.g. small festivals, filming works etc.).

Impact mitigation and removal

You will facilitate prompt road closure consent if you have considered the above impacts and provided evidence of impact mitigation or removal where possible.

Example 1: you may intend to fully close a road on a major bus route. Disruption to the major bus route could be mitigated by maintaining bus movements through the worksite under the guidance of traffic controllers, or temporarily relocating a bus stop.

Example 2: you may intend to carry out works on a shared path. Disruption to path users could be removed by carrying out the works outside of peak periods and implementing a suitable on-road bypass for pedestrians and cyclists around the worksite.

Example 3: you may intend to close a major road in the Central Business District to undertake works. Disruption to the surrounding network could be mitigated by implementing staged partial road closures, outside of peak times (i.e. not between 7-9.30am or 3.30-6pm on weekdays). Nighttime works may be considered provided the works are not noisy and in a residential area. Alternatively, noise disruption could be mitigated by undertaking noisy works (i.e. road opening) using partial road closure setups during daytime hours, with less noisy works carried out at night (with a full closure of the road if necessary).

Example 4: you may intend to carry out works on Flinders Street during the Australian Open. Disruption to the premier event could be removed by carrying out the works on a different date.

Conflicting works

You will facilitate prompt road closure consent if you have considered surrounding projects that may conflict with your works and consulted appropriately. The types of works already in place could be commercial developments, utility works or major public works.

Any works already with the City of Melbourne's consent will take priority over new applications. The new applicant will need to consult with the currently scheduled project to ensure safe concurrent traffic management and rationalised detours. If the combined effect of your proposed works and other approved works will cause major increases to disruption, we will request a different date/time for your works.

Some areas may be designated as project areas for utility works or major public works (e.g. Metro Tunnel Project). These projects will take priority in these areas even if specific dates have not yet been scheduled. You will be required to consult with these projects and gain their consent for the period of your work.