

# VICTORIAN STATE BUDGET 2021-2022

## Putting People First

This is the Budget to repair, recover, and make us stronger than before. This is a Budget that puts people first.



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## Foreword

Streets Alive Yarra is a non-profit, volunteer, resident and ratepayer action group with a [vision](#) for more trees, wider footpaths and vibrant businesses in thriving [neighbourhoods](#). We see our streets being used by people from [all ages](#), irrespective of whether they walk, cycle, use public transport or drive. Residents and shoppers should be able to move safely, comfortably, and conveniently around Yarra; and park near shops.



*Image credit: OCULUS Landscape Architecture and Urban Design*

Streets Alive Yarra was founded in 2017 and now has over 2,600 likes on Facebook. A network of local champions develops concepts and proposals for how to improve their local street or precinct. Streets Alive Yarra is also Yarra's Walkability Action Group (WAG) representative for Victoria Walks.

Further information is available at: [streets-alive-yarra.org/about](https://streets-alive-yarra.org/about).

## Recommendations

Streets Alive Yarra recommends that the Victorian 2021-2022 State Budget:

- Allocate 50% of the state transport budget to walking, cycling, and public transport.
- Allocate 5% of the state health budget to active transport and place making.
- Develop and implement an Integrated Transport Plan for greater Melbourne.
- Construct the Melbourne Rail Plan 2018-2050 and the VicRoads Principal Bicycle Network.
- Revitalise arterial shopping streets with wider footpaths, protected bicycle lanes, protected intersections and level access tram stops.
- Speed up trams by using smart traffic lights to clear intersections as trams approach.
- Manage traffic congestion with demand responsive driving charges.
- Support 30 km/h for local, non-arterial streets.
- Require local government councils to eliminate parking minimums from their planning schemes, for all cities larger than 10,000 people.

Further information is available at:

- <https://streets-alive-yarra.org/actions/>
- <https://streets-alive-yarra.org/business-case/>
- <https://streets-alive-yarra.org/better-for-health/>
- <https://streets-alive-yarra.org/better-for-our-climate/>
- <https://streets-alive-yarra.org/better-for-drivers/>
- <https://streets-alive-yarra.org/30-km-h-superblocks/>
- <https://streets-alive-yarra.org/demand-responsive-parking-charges/>
- <https://streets-alive-yarra.org/demand-responsive-driving-charges/>
- <https://streets-alive-yarra.org/parking-maximums/>

## Concluding remarks

Streets Alive Yarra would be delighted to provide further detail or explanation of the themes raised in this document.

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