

On-street car parking

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Road space is a limited resource and all modes are jostling for their share of space



Clearways

- Parking is an inefficient use of on-road space.
- Need to optimise the use of the existing road asset.
- RACV supports the use of clearways.
- Need to consider weekend clearways not just weekdays, and extended hours or 24/7.



What does this mean?

- In local areas Councils to provide more off-street car parking and better alternatives
- In CBD better utilisation of existing off-street parking
- Benefits:
 - More lanes for other modes (bike lanes, bus lanes, tram lanes, general traffic)
 - Reduced dooring risks to passing cyclists
 - Increase efficiency of alternate modes



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RACV wants on-street parking in Melbourne replaced by more car, bike and bus lanes

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Victoria's peak motoring body has called for thousands of on-street car parks around Melbourne to be removed to make way for more car, bus and bike lanes.



PHOTO: The RACV wants car spaces to be removed and more car, bus and bike lanes added to Melbourne's roads. (ABC TV)

RACV roads and traffic manager Dave Jones said on-street parking was an "inefficient use of road space" and that councils should provide more off-street facilities.

"It's probably more of a significant issue in inner-city locations, but we know of places where there should be 24/7 clearways in outer suburban areas."

Mr Jones said such a move would have both economic and safety benefits.



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The RACV calling for permanent clearways on major roads to ease weekend congestion. @martinealpins9 reports #9NewsAt6



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"While RACV has long called for better infrastructure for Victorians, we also understand the need for better use of our existing infrastructure," said Bryce Prosser, RACV's general manager of public policy and corporate affairs. "It is therefore good to see Infrastructure Victoria provide some important points of discussion on how we can improve our road and public transport systems."

"Car parking is the least economic use of valuable road space," Prosser said. "When looking at better ways to transport people along roads, trams, bicycles, and moving cars should always be prioritised over parked cars."

Clearways a winning move to tackle congestion

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The State Government's decision to introduce clearway changes, and enforce them, is the right move to tackle Melbourne's frustrating congestion problems and keep traffic moving, says the Road Users Collaborative (RUC).

The RUC, comprising RACV, Yarra Trams, the Victorian Transport Association, Bicycle Victoria, Metro Trains, the Bus Association Victoria and the Motorcycle Riders Association of Australia (Victoria) has thrown its collective weight behind the State Government's initiative on clearways.

RUC secretary and General Manager Public Policy RACV, Brian Negus, said it was critical that the rollout of extended clearway times continued despite opposition from the Stonnington and Yarra Councils.



Recent advocacy

City of Melbourne Transport Strategy Refresh

RACV recommended:

- Re-purposing on-street car parking to improve walking, bus and cycling networks or providing more dedicated motorcycle parking.
- Some dedicated on-street parking for accessible parking, taxis, deliveries and loading.
- Encouraging greater consideration of impacts of on-demand transport (Uber, Ola etc).



Sydney Rd



Sydney Road proposal

Source: OCULUS Landscape Architecture and Urban Design

OFFSTREET PARKING
AVAILABILITY SIGNAGE

STREET FURNITURE
AND GREENERY

ACCESSIBLE
TRAM STOPS

PROTECTED
BICYCLE LANES



Hoddle Street

- RACV supported changes
- But maintain that 24-hour clearways should have been implemented along Hoddle Street, citing local parking issues.



The future of parking

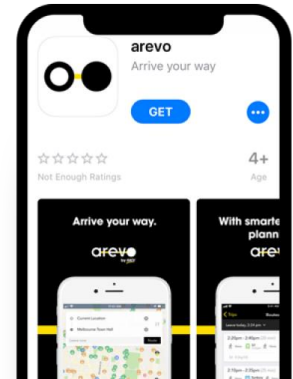
Opportunities



- RACV Mobility Hub
- Opened October 2017
- An architecturally-designed end-of-trip facility to encourage use of healthier, more sustainable and more efficient forms of transport.
- Comprises 170 secure bike parking rails, 400 lockers, showers, a bicycle maintenance stand, ebike charging station, towel service and a cycle-friendly vending machine, charging facilities for electric vehicles and ebikes, and access to an RACV Car Share vehicle.

Changing the way we think about parking

- Currently apps allow you to find off-street parking in advance
 - Could this be extended to booking the park?
 - Link in with smart parking sensors to identify vacant car parking on-street
- Apps allow people to rent out unused spaces – does this reduce demand elsewhere?
- Car share parking – single space benefiting multiple people
- Possible increased acceptance of car pooling i.e. Uber Pool



Who should pay for parking and what is the cost?

Road user charging

- Current system of taxes and charges isn't sustainable.
- Needs to be a fairer system where the user pays like electricity or gas.
- What this looks like needs to be investigated and would include cost of parking.
- May be an access charge and usage charge.
- Charges would consider the type of vehicle being used, the location, distance and times of travel.

