**Transport advocacy**

Councillor talking points

***General:***

* Locals know what locals need
* Local communities have a unique insight into what road and transport needs will suit them best
* Through their elected council, it’s critical their views are at the decision-making table

***Financial sustainability:***

* The Victorian and Australian Governments are both guilty of building big projects that don’t solve local issues.
* Stop and listen to local councils and communities
* Funding must ensure our transport infrastructure keeps pace with our rapidly growing residential and commercial areas

***Walking and bike riding:***

* During the last two years, the joy of exploring our local neighbourhood by walking or bike riding has become routine for many
* Kids tell us they want to walk, scoot or bike ride with friends to school and schools are encouraging them to do so
* Streets belong to everyone. We’re upgrading streets so that whether you walk, bike ride, play and drive, everyone is welcome to enjoy them

***Safer communities***

* Everyone deserves safe travel choices
* Our local communities are growing rapidly, so we are prioritising urgent safety upgrades to ensure that everyone can get to and from home safely
* We want our children to be able to safely walk, scoot or ride to school and not be doing so with a risk of injury of fear of danger

***Freight***

* For everyone’s benefit, we want to ensure trucks stay off local streets
* Strong economic growth is important to our recovery from the pandemic however, we don’t want to see more trucks on our local street
* We want to make sure deliveries can get to businesses, shops, and homes on time, while ensure both truck drivers and other road uses are safe