



11. Temporary parking: construction and events

Manage parking associated with major construction works

An increase in the number of high-rise developments in the City of Unley is leading to temporary impacts on local residential streets due to ongoing construction activities. Early planning of works and communication are essential to efficiently managing traffic and parking impacts during construction projects, minimising disruptions and enhancing the experience for the construction contractor and the local community.

Council mandates the submission of construction traffic and parking management plans for all major and/or medium- to high-rise developments as a requirement of the Development Planning Approval process. These plans are designed to address construction-related parking impacts. Council has also established a Major Development Coordinator role to facilitate communication between construction contractors and affected residents and businesses.

Key issues and considerations

- It can be challenging to obtain a well-considered construction traffic and parking management plan before or during construction. This hinders the effective management of traffic and parking impacts.
- Council staff frequently receive requests for construction work zones and traffic management road closures only two or three days before the implementation date, which does not allow time for processing or influencing outcomes.
- The existing fees for establishing construction work zones do not appropriately reflect zones' exclusivity and the effort involved in their establishment.
- Council staff often receive complaints from residents about increased parking demand near construction sites. Managing these impacts is challenging due to their temporary nature and the likelihood of displacing the issue to other streets if temporary parking restrictions are installed.
- Council staff's requests for additional information or requirements to improve access and safety for the local community are sometimes perceived as hindering development.

Actions

- ▶ **11.1** Review the process of establishing construction work zones, including the necessary supporting documentation, to enhance efficiency and results.
- ▶ **11.2** Update the publicly available information on the application process for a construction work zone.
- ▶ **11.3** Reevaluate fees for establishing construction work zones to reflect the exclusivity of provided spaces.
- ▶ **11.4** Reevaluate Council's enforcement approach to effectively address parking compliance issues near major construction sites.

Operational directions

- ▶ **Enhance construction-related parking management.** The developer of a medium to major high-rise development must create a traffic and parking management plan in consultation with Council staff before any permit related to the works is approved. The plan should:
 - ▶ Explore options for alternative off-street parking arrangements, including a shuttle bus service for areas beyond walking and/or biking distance
 - ▶ Consider incentives and subsidies to promote active and sustainable travel options, such as bike riding, public transport, and carpooling

- ▶ Consider flexible working hours to encourage off-peak access to the site.
- ▶ **Enhance construction-related communications.** The Major Development Coordinator will be the key contact person, and will be supported by Council's technical staff, to manage all concerns or issues raised by the developer or the local community before or during the construction of a major development.
- ▶ **Construction work zones** will be established adjacent to the development site to support safe and efficient loading and worker activities, for a fee determined by Council and detailed in the annual 'Fees and Charges Schedule'.
- ▶ **Shift the focus to enforcing existing parking restrictions** instead of implementing temporary timed-parking restrictions, to manage the impacts of construction workers' parking.



Manage parking associated with major events

Unley hosts South Australia's largest event space, the Wayville Showgrounds. The Showgrounds holds numerous medium-sized and large events each year, including the Royal Adelaide Show, which draws about 500,000 visitors in late August and early September.

During large events at the Wayville Showgrounds, the local street network is affected. To mitigate impacts on the community during the Royal Adelaide Show, Council has since 2010 implemented event-specific parking controls. These include Royal Adelaide Show exemption permits that enable residents to exceed parking restrictions in their streets (see also direction 10, Parking Permits).

For other medium to large events staged at the Wayville Showgrounds, parking impacts are addressed by permanent parking restrictions and event-specific temporary parking controls that enhance safety and access at the main Showground entrance points.

Apart from the Wayville Showgrounds, Council is responsible for parking controls at Unley Oval and Goodwood Oval, where parking is regulated using a combination of temporary event and permanent parking controls.

Other medium-sized to large events also require temporary event parking controls to ensure safety for participants and road users. These include the Tour Down Under, Unley Gourmet Gala, Cycling Criterium, community and business events. Council staff review and assess the need for temporary event parking controls when associated applications are received.

Actions

- ▶ **11.5** Review the process for requesting temporary event parking controls, including the required supporting documentation.
- ▶ **11.6** Reevaluate the fees for approving temporary event parking controls to align with the time and effort required for installation and removal of the signs.
- ▶ **11.7** Reassess the enforcement approach to effectively address parking compliance issues near major event sites, with a focus on evening and weekend events.
- ▶ **11.8** Identify opportunities to improve event parking communication through online and social media platforms, to better inform the community of the temporary traffic and parking controls related to medium-sized and large events.

Operational directions

- ▶ **Enhance event related parking management.** Organisers of a medium-sized to large event must create a traffic and parking

management plan in consultation with Council staff before a permit is granted. The event parking management plan will be reviewed to:

- ▶ Ensure adequate parking is available for the community during the event
 - ▶ Encourage the use of off-street parking facilities
 - ▶ Promote sustainable transportation options (public transport, cycling, walking, etc.)
 - ▶ Facilitate event safety.
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- ▶ **Install and/or review parking restrictions adjacent to event spaces to support the management of parking.** Except for the Adelaide Royal Show, Council will not install temporary event parking controls around event spaces (e.g., Unley Oval or Goodwood Oval) unless it is necessary to enhance safety and access to and from events. Instead, parking will be managed through permanent parking restrictions adjacent to these spaces. Where resident property access is directly impacted Council may issue temporary parking permits to assist with access to nearby on-street parking during the event.
 - ▶ **Shift the focus to enforcing existing parking restrictions** rather than implementing temporary restrictions to manage event patron parking impacts.