



FACT SHEET 5

MOVEMENT

The movement function of a road is determined by the role it plays within the transport network and is measured by its ability to enable convenient, efficient, affordable and safe movement of people, goods and services.

At a strategic, regional level the road network provides for the easy movement of people and freight. At a more local level it links activity centres to residential areas, connects people to jobs and recreational activities, and allows goods to be transported to their intended destination.

We often associate the road network with just private cars and freight use, but in fact many forms of transport use roads. Buses, cyclists and pedestrians also travel along roads.

This can result in competing demands for road space from different user groups. When planning for the movement role, we need to remember we are moving people and goods, rather than vehicles. Some modes, such as public transport, use the road space more efficiently, so we may give greater priority to this mode as one way to help address demand for road space. Ultimately, the need is to ensure the various modes of transport complement the place function.

