

# VMC Policy Position: Motorcycle Access to Bus Lanes

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### **Position Statement:**

#### **Bus Lane Usage:**

***SUMMARY:*** Following the long standing example from NSW and the successful Hoddle Street motorcycle bus lane access trial ( ongoing since , a section west bound on the Eastern Freeway and on Victoria Street CBD, were opened up for motorcycle access. Such road use is consistent with the principles of traffic separation for vulnerable road users. There are many other main road bus lanes that should be opened up - eg Springvale road, Ferntree Gully road, North road.

***DETAIL:*** This proposal is similar to the “edge filtering” proposal, in that in dense traffic, filtering is safer than not filtering, and exercising traffic separation by riding in a parallel bus lane should be safer again. The long standing Hoddle street trial has been a success, with only one poorly designed intersection found to have been a hot spot producing the bulk of bus lane crash statistics. This has since been engineered out and Hoddle street now has bus lane access in both directions. Bus lane access has also been provide in bound on the Eastern Freeway and west bound on Victoria Road, with east bound on Victoria Road still being deliberated on. At this point in time, there are no indications of concerns at all bus lane access locations.

There are other bus lanes in Metropolitan Melbourne which should be made available during peak hour traffic: Springvale road, Wellington road, Ferntree gully road, North road, to name but a few.

Motorcycle bus lane access has been a long standing practice in NSW and it is not questioned.

Bus lanes currently operating within the City of Melbourne are as follows:

- **Queen Street (east side)**, between Flinders Lane and Lonsdale Street: operates Monday to Friday, 4.30pm to 6.30pm
- **Lonsdale Street (north side)**, between Spencer and Exhibition streets: operates Monday to Friday, 4pm to 6.30pm
- **Lonsdale Street (south side)**, between Spencer and Spring streets: operates Monday to Friday, 7am to 9.30am

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- **Spring Street (east and west sides)**, between Lonsdale Street and Victoria Parade
- **City Road (inbound)**, between Boundary Road and Montague Street, South Melbourne (within the City of Port Phillip): operates Monday to Friday, 6.30am to 10am
- **City Road (inbound)**, between Clarendon and Queens Bridge streets, Southbank (within the City of Melbourne): operates Monday to Friday, 6.30am to 10am.

### References:

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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

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