

Australian Transport Assessment and Planning (ATAP) Guidelines

New Newsletter

This newsletter is a response to feedback that stakeholders want more up-to-date communication on the ATAP guidelines. It will be published several times a year in line with development and the release of new documents.

The Guidelines are published on the ATAP website at: <https://www.atap.gov.au/>.

Release of publications

A series of ATAP projects have recently been completed, resulting in new or updated guidance dated August 2021 being released on the ATAP website. The publications consist of:

Website location	Name	Type
T3	Wider economic benefits	Update
T4	Computable general equilibrium models	New
T7	Probabilistic cost-benefit analysis	New
T9	Urban freight modelling	New
M3	Freight rail guidance and parameter values	New
W3	Freight rail worked examples	New
O8	Land Use Benefits of transport initiatives	New
O9	Bus Rapid Transit and Light Rail Transit options generation and cost-benefit analysis	New
F0.1	Policy choices and system planning	Update
F1	Goals, objectives, KPIs and targets	Update
F2	Problem identification and assessment	Update
F3	Options generation and assessment	Update
T2	Cost-benefit analysis	Update
PV5	Environmental parameter values	Update
M1	Public transport (2 reports — guidance and supporting technical report))	Update

ATAP 2021 Review Findings

Earlier in 2021, the ATAP steering committee completed a review of the Guidelines. It found stakeholders strongly valued and supported ATAP's work and suggested areas for extension and improvement.

Opportunities identified to extend the scope of the Guidelines were:

- Land use impacts, connections between movement and place, integrated planning
- Assessment of wider economic benefits

- Assessment of risk and uncertainty
- Consideration of a wider set of social and environmental impacts
- Improving the usability of the Guidelines and clarity of its recommendations.

The key future needs identified were:

- Better incorporating land use impacts in transport planning and appraisal
- Better understanding transport's interaction with economic, social and environmental systems
- Better understanding the potential impacts of major changes, such as technology changes, COVID type events and climate.

Publications T3, T7 and O8 listed above address some of the opportunities and needs identified in the review.

The review also recommended opportunities to better promote and communicate the ATAP Guidelines and increase engagement with stakeholders.

These findings are being incorporated into the ATAP steering committee's future work program.

On behalf of the ATAP steering committee, I wish to thank all those who participated in the review.

Feedback

If you have any feedback on this newsletter, or any other aspect of the ATAP Guidelines, please send contact us as follows:

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