

PROPOSED ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE WILLIAMSTOWN SCHOOL PRECINCT

Summary of traffic treatments

Shared zone on Cecil Street and changes to school zone speed limit

To facilitate the safe movement of children of these two schools, it is proposed that the traffic on Cecil Street will change from two ways to one way, with entry from Parker Street and exit towards Cole Street.

The maximum speed will be changed to 10km/h and streetscaping works will be done in a way that is conducive to slow traffic down.

Council is further proposing to reduce the speed limit within the school zone to 40km/h permanently as this is not just a school zone, but also a residential zone and an activity area with Robertson Reserve and MacLean Reserve used by the local neighbourhood.

New bicycle lanes

Council is proposing to create shared user paths (3 metres wide where possible) to encourage students, parents and commuters to use bicycles, scooters and public transport as their preferred modes of transport.

The paths will be line-marked and signage will be installed to show these are shared paths for use by both pedestrians and cyclists.

Raised pedestrian crossings

Pedestrian crossings are proposed to be installed or improved in 11 locations within the school zone. These will be raised and will include crossing signs, advisory signage to signal pedestrian right of way to road users, and overhead lights to ensure safety when crossing the roads at night.

Where raised pedestrian crossings are installed or improved, Council will also extend the footpaths to improve drivers' visibility of pedestrians attempting to cross the road.

Safety interventions on the truck route

The route between Melbourne Road, Electra Street and Hanmer Street is a truck route travelling in both traffic directions. Council is proposing to install kerb outstands at the intersection of Electra Street, Hanmer Street and Giffard Street (which is a continuation of Electra Street) to reduce vehicle speeds and the capacity of dangerous driving along this section of the truck route.

The design of these kerb outstands will continue to allow large vehicles to safely turn in or out of Hanmer Street. A road hump will also be installed on Electra Street just prior to the intersection with Hanmer Street to further reduce vehicle speeds.