LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (LATM) STUDY

Maribyrnong Council has already received extensive and valuable input from the community, including responses collated by the Maidstone and West Footscray Resident Action Group (MAWFRAG) and consultation through the West Footscray Neighbourhood Plan.

All feedback has been reviewed in detail and an overview of the identified issues are summarised below.

Existing Traffic and Safety Issues

The review indicates that Essex Street and Barkly Street are the streets of most concern to residents, followed by Montgomery Street, Russell Street, Clive Street, Madden Street and Ashley Street.

The key traffic and transport issues identified from the responses received to date include:

- Traffic speed and irresponsible driving
 - Concerns on general speeding, in particular on Essex Street and Barkly Street
 - Dangerous driver behaviour and reckless driving observed on Essex Street and Barkley Street
 - Vehicles observed to not giving way to pedestrians at pedestrian crossings
- Lack of traffic calming devices / infrastructure
 - Inadequate traffic calming treatments on a number of roads including Essex Street and Barkly Street
 - Lack of pedestrian crossings on Barkly Street and Essex Street
- Increased through traffic
 - Increase in traffic volume, especially along Essex Street and Barkly Street
 - Vehicles using Essex Street as shortcut to avoid traffic / traffic lights on Ballarat Road and Sunshine Road
- Pedestrian / cyclist safety
 - Pedestrians not feeling safe crossing Barkly Street due to dangerous driver behaviour
 - Lack of pedestrian crossings on Barkly Street and Essex Street
 - Lack of dedicated bicycle lane in parts of Summerhill Road causing cyclists to avoid cars parked on-street
 - General safety issues at the intersection of Barkly Street and Warleigh Road including vehicles failing to give to pedestrians and vehicles reversing out of the SIMS/IGA parking on Warleigh Street

Heavy vehicles

 Residents observed an increase in the number of heavy vehicles, especially on Montgomery Street.

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