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**SUBMISSION TO THE CITY OF STIRLING**

**SAFETY OF WALKING AND RIDING TO INGLEWOOD  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Inglewood Primary School P&C, October 2018**

## **PRIORITISED ACTIONS**

### **1. Pedestrian Crossings and Slowing Vehicle Speed**

The survey included two questions related to the safety of streets for vulnerable road users. It asked respondents to identify locations where it was dangerous to cross streets, and furthermore, where the speed of vehicles was considered too high. The responses to these two questions have been assessed together to determine priority actions for the City to consider.

#### Short term actions

1. Place mobile speed display signs on streets identified where concerns have been raised with speeding drivers. This includes, Robinson St, Clifton Cres, Dundas Rd, Wood St and Stuart St.

2. Raised plateaus on the three streets adjacent to the school site (Robinson, Crawford and Normanby) are considered a priority. This will cater for the high number of students that cross these streets to access the school site. It is suggested that these are placed adjacent to the school entrances. If these plateaus are constructed, the P&C will then be in a position to progress the installation of zebra crossings with relevant government agencies.

3. Raised plateaus at the four entry roads of the roundabout on the corner of Dundas Rd and Clifton Cres. Both of these roads have been identified as carrying high levels of fast moving traffic. The roundabout gives priority to vehicles and it is often time consuming and treacherous to cross. Visibility for drivers approaching this roundabout was identified as an area for improvement.

The plateaus will make it safer for pedestrians to cross, as well as reducing driver speed entering the roundabout. If these plateaus are constructed, the P&C will then be in the position to progress the installation of zebra crossings with relevant government agencies.

4. Raised plateau across Arthur St on the western side of Crawford Rd. Crawford Rd is a well used route for students that links with the schooltime pedestrian crossing on adjoining Beaufort St.

#### Longer term actions

A number of other streets were identified as carrying high volumes of fast moving traffic. The P&C requests that the City consider investigating measures to slow traffic speed on these streets. This might include standard traffic management approaches such as road narrowing, pinch points, filtering, raised plateaus and the like. See Attachment 1 for a list of these streets.

### **2. Safe Cycling Infrastructure**

There was strong feedback requesting safe cycling infrastructure on two key routes:

- Clifton Cres/Robinson St (Central to Wood)
- Crawford Rd (Beaufort to Robinson)

These streets were also identified as being risky for pedestrians due to a relatively high volume of fast-moving traffic. As such, if the City were to support the creation of safe cycling infrastructure, this could be part of an integrated approach to introduce traffic calming measures.

In terms of the type of cycling infrastructure, while most supported 'separated bike lanes' some families expressed concerns with younger children riding on the road, and preferred the infrastructure to be on footpaths. If the City ultimately agrees that the provision of safer cycling infrastructure is warranted, the challenge of providing a cycling environment suitable for the needs of all ages and abilities can be addressed at the consultation and design stage. It is worthwhile

noting that the Clifton/Robinson route forms part of the Government's Perth Bicycle Network, which gives further justification to upgrading the present environment.

In addition, Normanby Rd was identified as needing to better accommodate children riding their bikes. The P&C is of the view that this could be resolved through the provision of a wider footpath on the school side of the road.

### **3. Footpaths and kerb ramps**

Site specific feedback was sought from respondents in relation to this topic. The data received has been grouped into the five categories listed below:

- Footpaths not in place.
- Footpaths too narrow.
- Damaged footpaths.
- Obstructed footpaths
- Unsafe kerb ramps.

#### Short term actions

As part of its regular operational activities, it is requested that the City:

- Ensure that footpaths which have been identified as being obstructed are cleared. See Attachment 1 for site locations.

As part of its repair and maintenance program, it is requested that the City:

- Incorporate the locations where damaged footpaths have been identified into its works program. See Attachment 1 for site locations.
- Incorporate the locations where damaged and/or unsafe kerb ramps have been identified into its works program. See Attachment 1 for site locations.

#### Longer term actions

As part of its capital works program, it is requested that the City:

- Incorporate the locations identified where footpaths presently don't exist into its works program. See Attachment 1 for site locations.
- Incorporate the locations identified where footpaths are too narrow and require widening into its works program. See Attachment 1 for site locations.

### **4. Illegal Parking**

Respondents raised concerns with regular illegal parking occurring around the main school site and the impact that this has on the safe use of streets by children walking and on bikes. School staff monitor this issue, but the support of the City would be appreciated. Specific details of contraventions are identified in Attachment 1.

## ATTACHMENT 1 – SITE SPECIFIC DETAILS

### 1. Excessive Vehicle Speed.

Streets that were identified with drivers travelling at excessive speed are as follows:

- Dundas Rd (Beaufort to Clifton)
- Stuart St (Beaufort to Railway)
- York St (Route on Perth Bicycle Network)
- Arthur St
- Salisbury St
- Wood St (Route on Perth Bicycle Network)

### 2. Footpaths

Site specific details on requested footpath improvements.

#### New footpaths/crossovers

The following streets were identified as locations where footpaths are required, but not currently present:

- Arthur Street - North side between Dundas and Crawford.
- Crawford Rd - West side between India and Walter.
- Chatham St - both sides.
- Normanby Road - New crossover required to access school gate. At present people have to cross over the sandy verge to reach the main school entrance.
- Unsealed laneway between Dundas and Normanby – If the laneway was upgraded with better paving this would enable it to become a more popular pedestrian access way and allow pedestrians to avoid the vicinity of the roundabout at the corner of Dundas Rd and Clifton Cres.

#### Footpath widening

- Normanby Rd – adjacent to school site. In addition to being too narrow, it was also noted that it was uneven and often covered in sand, making it dangerous for some users.
- Crawford Rd – adjacent to school site. In addition to being too narrow, it is also obstructed by the vehicles using the angled parking on the street, further narrowing the usable width of the path. Installation of bump-stop devices may be warranted.
- Clifton Cres – Dundas to Central Ave. Paths on both sides were identified as being too narrow - which was further exacerbated by obstruction from plants. It was highlighted that this makes walking side by side difficult, as well as passing people coming from the opposite direction.
- Hamer Pde – south side, between Dundas Rd and the pre-primary site
- To improve safety for pedestrians, that better demarcation is required at the locations where footpaths and laneways intersect. Given the prevalence of rear laneways, the incidence of this issue is relatively high. For example, along Clifton Crescent between Central Ave and Dundas Rd there are six laneways and five roads – a total of 11 crossings.

#### Kerb ramp improvements

- Clifton Crescent:
  - SE corner of 6th Ave – cracked
  - NE corner of 6th – large drop to road surface
- The width of the kerb ramps at the roundabout at Dundas are too narrow and not flush with road surface.
- Robinson/Normanby - NW and SE corners

### Damaged and obstructed footpaths

- Clifton Cres – Between Hollyhock Lane and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, north side – major cracks in several places.
- Crawford Rd between Beaufort and Arthur - uneven footpath surfaces need to be rectified.
- Stuart Street/York Street - vegetation.
- Clifton Crescent
  - South side
    - Near corner of Central - plants
    - Between 6th Ave and laneway between Central and 6th - plants
    - 6th east side - plants
    - Between 7th and 8th – grass
    - Between 9th and 10th - grass
    - Between 10th and Dundas and 10th – grass
  - North side
    - Between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> – plants
    - Between Hollyhock lane and 9<sup>th</sup> avenue – grass
    - Between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> – grass
- Hamer Parade alongside Inglewood Soccer Club - sand regularly on path.

### **3. Illegal Parking**

- Parking in no-standing zone in front of the gates on Crawford Rd.
- Double parking on all roads adjacent to school
- Drivers parking in the bus bay.
- Drivers parking in the disabled bays.
- Drivers parking in 'no parking' areas.
- Robinson/Normanby intersection - Drivers parked on verge.
- Robinson/Crawford intersection - Drivers parked on verge.

## ATTACHMENT 2 – INGLEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL INITIATIVES

Inglewood Primary School has long been supportive of efforts to encourage students to walk and ride to school. It recognises the benefits that walking and riding has on the physical and mental health, and social development of children. It also recognises the benefits to minimising the number of students that are transported to and from school by vehicles. This includes reduced traffic, demand for parking and vehicle emissions. Minimising the requirement for parking reduces the potential for expenditure to provide additional street parking.

The following activities are currently undertaken by the School to encourage walking and riding:

- The school has long been involved with National Ride and Walk to School day. This takes place on a Friday in May and the P&C provides a healthy breakfast for students who participate.
- The faction captains promote "Fit for Friday". This is through the Your Move program, run by the WA Department of Transport. All students have been provided with a Star card which they get stamped by faction captains who wait at the gates on Friday morning. There are prizes provided for students who complete their star card.
- In term 4, the physical education teacher holds bike education lessons with students, encouraging safe riding practices.
- There is a walking school bus that runs between the Pre-Primary and the main school site on various days.
- School staff proactively monitor parking and driving practices before and after school and remind drivers to not park their cars illegally. For example, in no-standing zones, no parking zones, not double parking, not parking on verges, not overstaying 'drop and go' time limits etc.

As a result of this survey the P&C has carried or intends to carry out the following actions:

- Contact relevant government agencies to enquire about the traffic warden start and finish times to be adjusted to accommodate usage by children. This is for the Beaufort St and Grand Prom crossings.
- Contact relevant government agencies to enquire about the possibility of traffic wardens being located on Robinson Ave.
- Contact WA Police to advise of locations where drivers appear to be speeding and to request a Police enforcement presence from time to time.
- Contact relevant government agencies to enquire about extending the area covered by the 40kmh school speed limit around the main school site.
- Distribute '40kmh' bin signs to students.
- Prepare and distribute a flyer to distribute to residents of properties along Crawford Rd, to alert them to the need to be mindful of children using the footpath when exiting their driveways.
- Seek funding, and if successful, organise the repainting of "look for traffic" signs on the footpaths adjacent to the main school site.
- Seek funding, and if successful, organise the preparation of a safe routes to walk and ride to school map and flyer.