

How do buses fit in?

The Department of Transport has worked with the Public Transport Authority to ensure buses operating along Railway Street continue as normal.

Will the construction works impact parents picking up or dropping off their children at St Lawrence's Primary School?

Yes, during construction sections of Smith Street and Railway Street will be closed to non-residents. During these closures parents will need to use alternative routes to access the school and park elsewhere.

Will there be big groups of fast cyclists riding down the street?

Not likely. Railway Street is not part of a designated route for established group rides, which typically use more direct major roads. Railway Street is ideal for slow speed riding. The street context and design, including raised plateaus and narrow traffic lanes will not encourage groups of fast moving recreational cyclists.

How is the project being funded?

The \$1.73 million project is jointly funded with the Department of Transport's Safe Active Streets Program contributing \$1.1 million towards the works. More information about this program can be found on the Department of Transport's website.

How does the Safe Active Streets Project fit into the State's transport network?

Geraldton has all the ingredients needed for great walking and bike riding – a warm climate, flat topography and outstanding natural beauty. As our population increases and more people live near centres of activity, walking and cycling can play a big part in helping to reduce congestion, improve air quality, support local business and encourage a healthy, active lifestyle.



Department of Transport



RAILWAY STREET

Safe Active Streets Project

The Department of Transport and the City of Greater Geraldton are transforming Railway Street between Smith Street and Green Street into a Safe Active Street.

Works on the project located in Bluff Point are scheduled to place from September 2021 to February 2022.

Frequently Asked Questions

For more information on the project including the road design visit the City's website

www.cgg.wa.gov.au

Use the QR code to access the project webpage.



What is a Safe Active Street?

Safe active streets are cycle routes on quiet local streets, where speeds have been reduced to 30 km/h to allow for a safer shared street space. With lower traffic speeds, the streets are much safer for pedestrians and riders of all ages and abilities, as well as for people driving.

Why was Railway Street, Bluff Point selected as a Safe Active Street?

Railway Street was selected for its generous width, lower traffic volumes and north-south access, and connection to the existing shared paths north of Spalding Park Reserve, as well as its proximity to local schools. The corridor was identified for improved cycling facilities during public consultation on the Geraldton 2050 Cycling Strategy.

Why change the street for bikes? People can ride if they want now.

International research has shown that more people will ride bikes when they feel safe, and reducing vehicle speeds to 30km/h is recommended to maximise safety and increase bike riding.

How will I know I'm on a safe active street?

Safe Active Streets are often paved in red coloured asphalt. Entry points to safe active streets feature blue-and-white Safe Active Street road patches, 30 km/h speed limit signs and raised platforms help to slow traffic and alert people that they are in a bicycle and pedestrian friendly space. Sometimes, additional

street trees are planted to improve the overall amenity and make the street a more attractive place to walk and cycle.

Where can I park on the safe active street?

Red pavement indicates the bike boulevard where people driving cars or riding bikes will be, while black pavement indicates on street parking. Embayed on street parking has been included and is paved with black asphalt.

How will you make traffic slow down?

Speed along the safe active street is posted at 30km/h. Treatments, including raised plateaus, a narrowed carriage way and on street parking bays that alternates street sides, which reduces sight lines, change the road environment so that motorists are only capable of safely driving at a maximum speed of 30km/h.

Can cars still pass bikes on a Safe Active Street?

Yes, as per WA road rules, a driver may overtake a cyclist if there is enough space to do so safely by observing a minimum of one metre passing distance, a clear view of the road ahead and the 30km/h speed limit is not exceeded.

Will the safe active street discourage rat running?

The Department of Transport recognises that Railway Street is being used as a rat run between the North West Coastal Highway and Chapman Road. While the street provides an important local connection and cannot be closed, the

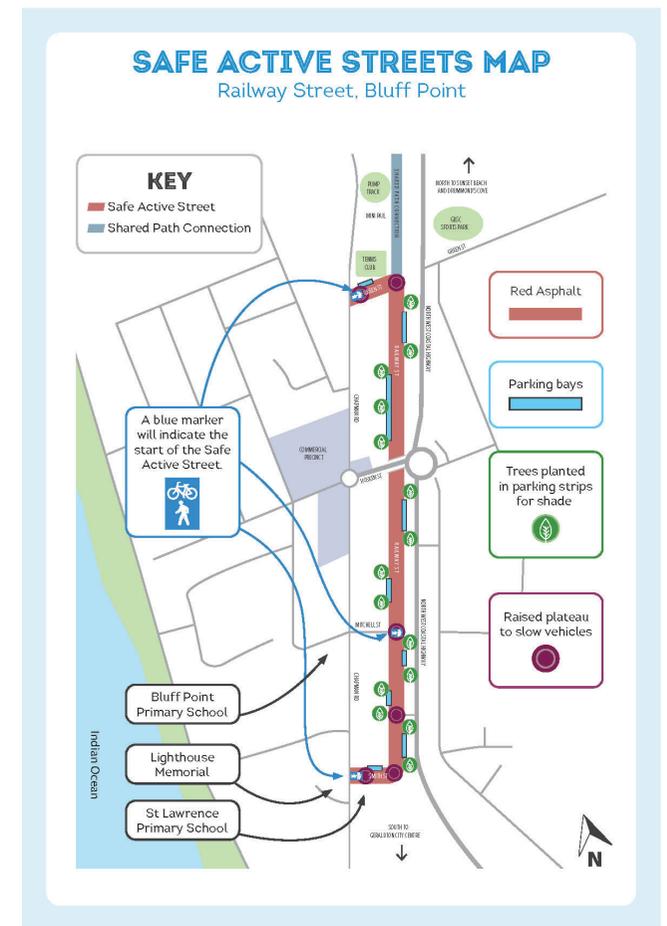
Department and City are working to develop solutions to minimise the level of impact from rat running. While rat running is a broader local area traffic management issue, the traffic calming measures on the safe active street, such as the reduced speed limit, raised plateaus at intersections and in the corners and a reduced road width will discourage rat running as they will help reduce the speed of vehicles on Railway Street.

Will the construction work inconvenience the residents along Railway Street?

Yes, there will be some inconvenience during the construction stages, while the road and parking bays are being resurfaced.

Will there be an impact on parking for St Lawrence's Primary School?

No. The City and Department of Transport are aware of parking issues on Railway Street during school drop-off and pick-up times and has liaised with St Lawrence's



Primary School in order to provide the best possible outcome which includes formalised on street parking bays.

