



RAILWAY STREET

Safe Active Streets

PROJECT UPDATE

Thank you for making a submission on the Railway Street Safe Active Street Project. The City received a number of submissions, with the majority in favour of progressing with the project which will provide safe cycling connection to the bike facilities in Spalding park and cycling paths to the north.

As part of a 30km/h pilot program, some elements of the designs are considered innovative. The alternating of on-street parking is included in the designs to visually narrow the width of the carriageway to 4.5metres which helps slow vehicles down without the loss of on-street parking, should it be required by residents in the future. Alternating which side of the road the parking is situated on reduces the 'forward visibility' which inevitably leads to a lower speed as drivers become more cautious as their view is obstructed

Some other queries were raised as to school consultation, carriageway lane width impacting buses, parking and trees being planted along Railway Street.

We have taken these queries on board and will make some changes to reflect some of the items raised by residents and the broader community.

These include:

- The City has been in discussions with St Lawrence Primary and has identified some changes which will greatly assist the school at peak pick up and drop off times and also improve safety for students;
- The carriageway width will be increased slightly on Railway Street between Smith and Mitchell Streets from 4.5m to 4.8m to accommodate bus movements;
- On-street parking between Smith Street and the NWCH access road will be located on the east side of Railway Street only. This will enable parents to safely park their vehicles and accompany their children into St Lawrence's Primary School;
- Trees planted will be selected by the City's Environmental department and in line with the Million Trees strategy which promotes greening the City. The location and placement of trees will take into account the feedback received.
- The raised plateaus have been proven to reduce the speed of vehicles and are fully trafficable by commercial vehicles including buses.

If you still have any concerns related to parking, trees and buses please contact

Janell Kopplhuber on 9956 6945 no later than 4pm on Friday 29 May 2020.

