

BULMANS ROAD URBANISATION – CONSULTATION REPORT JUNE 2021

Community Consultation:

Council undertook community consultation online via the Melton Conversation website. Council letter dropped 450 houses in the catchment area advertising the consultation period (03 May - 31 May 2021). It was also advertised on social media and Council's website.

Council received 83 responses. A summary of the feedback received is below. Council has commented on each issue raised.

Item	Subject	For	Against	General Comments	Project Working Groups Comments
1	Project Overall Satisfaction	49	9	Respondents were asked to rate the project out of 5. 3 or above is considered was considered "For." 2 or below is considered was "Against." The average rating was 4.4	Overall an average rating of 4.4 out of 5. Showing the community were satisfied with the project as presented.
2	Additional Carparking along Bulmans Roads	14	0		The project has limited capacity to increase car parking provisions on Bulmans Road. The project is improving the bicycle and pedestrian facilities to encourage more active modes of travel to the school. Car parking will be formalised along Bulmans Road meaning vehicles will be parking in an orderly fashion. It is expected that parents would utilise the surrounding road network in the same manner as many schools in Victoria
3	Deliver Freeway Interchange at Bulmans and Western Hwy.	13	0		The design of Bulman's Road and High Street Traffic signals has taken into account a future Freeway Interchange. The future interchange is a project that would be delivered by the State Government as part of the Western Highway improvements project and forms part of Councils Advocacy campaign to the State Government.

4	Duplication of Bulmans Road	7	0	The road reserve width is limited. Duplication of Bulmans Road means there would be insufficient space for other items 'utilities, shared paths, car parking'.	The traffic modelling undertaken informed that further lane capacity in front of the school was not necessary as the current road design would cater for future traffic growth.
5	Additional Disabled Carparking out the front of the school.	4	0		Council is proposing 4 disabled car parks being provided adjacent the schools. Whilst there is no formal rate required to be provided, we have reviewed the number of spaces in accordance with the Building Code of Australia which requires 1-2% of available car parking spaces to be Disabled spaces. We exceed that as we are providing 4 %.
6	Keep clear line marking at certain locations as to not block traffic flow.	3	0		Council will investigate and include this into the detailed design (if required).
7	Relocation of public bus stop on Bulmans Road (corner of Sovereign Blvd)	3	0	This bus stop currently causes traffic disruptions along Bulmans Road including the intersection of Westmelton Drive. Proposed relocation 50m north.	It is understood that the issues raised stem from the informal nature of the intersection of Westmelton Drive. The project includes formalising this intersection arrangement and a turn right lane into Westmelton Drive. As such the traffic disruptions from the bus movements would no longer impact traffic.
8	Increase public bus services	2	0		This scope is not within Councils authority. Council will continue to advocate with Department of Transport on improved bus services for the City of Melton
9	Build car park at Cambrain Way Reserve	2	0		Cambrain Way Reserve already has an existing car park which mostly services Wedge Park Primary School. An additional car park in the reserve opposite CRC is not considered appropriate as the land is

					a recreation reserve serving the wider community.
10	Additional Street Furniture (Pedestrian Fencing , Seating)	2	0	Pedestrian Fencing to keep children safe from road. Seating for elderly located near school entrance or pick up zones.	Council will include this outcome into the detail design.
11	Seal Minns Road between Coburns and Bulmans.	2	0		This location is outside of the projects limit of works and does not satisfy this projects objectives. However it is noted that Council recently improved the road surface on Bulmans Road using recycled asphalt which can be considered for Minns Road as a separate project within Council Capital Works Program
12	Install cameras to stop traffic violations	2	0		This scope is not Councils authority. Incidents can be reported to the Police / Department of Justice.
13	Additional Public Lighting along Bulmans Road at Westlake and Centenary Ave.	2	0		The project includes the provision of street lighting in accordance with Australian Standards 1158 – Public Lighting and will be included in the detail design.
14	Undertake construction earlier than the anticipated timeframes.	2	0		Council has carefully planned out the project timeframes in accordance with realistic timeframes. Planning approvals and service relocations have exceptionally long lead times that are outside of Councils control. If the opportunity arises to deliver the project early Council will do so.
15	Pedestrian crossing at the Arnolds Creek	1	0		Council will include this scope into the detail design.
16	Include a turn right lane into Westlake Drive off Bulmans Road.	1	0		Council will include this scope into the detail design.

17	Increase frequency of parking inspectors.	1	0		This will be referred to Councils Amenity Protection team to investigate increased parking patrols.
18	Extend road widening to Mint Blvd, Harkness	1	0		This location is outside of the projects limit of works. This is not seen as a priority at this stage and does not satisfy the projects objectives.
19	Foot bridge over Bulmans Road	1	0		Pedestrian overpasses are typically used to facilitate pedestrians to cross roads such as Freeways and Railway lines where pedestrian access is otherwise restricted. The project provides appropriate pedestrian facilities to support the wider community.
20	Remove wooden power poles and place it underground.	1	0		The urbanisation of Bulmans Road retains the overhead power due to the extreme excessive costs to underground it. There will be some poles being moved into more appropriate locations to avoid any safety issues with vehicles.
21	Turn Right Lane into first entrance of Piccolotto Drive	1	0		This issue has been addressed in the approved functional design Rev C. A turn right lane has been included in the project scope.
22	Blocking the turn right into the second entrance into Piccolotto Drive.	0	1		Piccolotto Drive has two entrances off Bulmans Road. By removing the northern right turn it allows for safer vehicles movements around the school frontage. A right turn lane located at the southern Piccolotto Drive intersection will cater for all vehicles accessing Piccolotto Drive and the surrounding road network
23	School Crossing Supervisor to cross Sovereign Blvd.	1	0		It is proposed to upgrade the existing pedestrian facility to a raised zebra crossing giving pedestrians priority to cross the road at this location. Therefore it will be included into the detail design.

24	Duplication of High Street	1	0		This location is outside of the projects limit of works and does not satisfy this projects objectives. Council will continue to monitor traffic growth in the area in terms of identifying when High Street requires duplication. The proposed signalisation of High Street and Bulmans Road has been designed to avoid any redundant work in the event duplication in the future occurs.
25	Relocate the Southern School Crossing to align the St Catherines Primary School.	1	0	The respondent is asking for the relocation of the Southern School Crossing to align with the Primary School entrance. In the proposed plan it was relocated slightly to align with the closest entrance (This is the Church).	The existing school crossing is being proposed to move 10m North to align with an entrance gate. Relocating it to the south would impact turning lanes and adversely affect safe vehicle movements
26	Ensure planting and trees do not block sight lines	1	0		Council will take this into consideration when undertaking the landscaping design (detailed design).

Catholic Regional College (Including School Bus Company), St Catherines of Sienna Primary School & St Catherines of Sienna Church Consultation: November 2020 - May 2021

Subject	General Comments	Council Comments
Overall Project Satisfaction	Council had several meetings with CRC, St Catherines PM, ST Catherines Church and the School Bus Company. Council has amended the design to suit their requirements. With the above key stakeholders supporting the project based on the approved Rev C functional design.	The relocation and improved bus interchange design has provided an additional bus space to satisfy the increased demand to travel by bus.

Happy Feet Learning Centre Consultation: June 2021

Subject	General Comments	Council Comments
Overall Project Satisfaction	Council contacted Happy Feet Learning Centre via emails and phone calls.	Overall Happy Feet Learning Centre have no objections with the project. They have a couple of requests.
Add a U turn so visitors existing the Learning Centre do not have to travel up toward Centenary Ave Roundabout		A U-turn facility would have marginal benefit given that the roundabout at Centenary Ave located 400m north of the site provides the ability to u-turn and travel south. It is also noted a u-turn facility would have significant impacts to Underground Services and Power Poles on the West side of Bulmans Road, as well as significant trees on the East side of Bulmans Road.
Keep Clear Linemarking at Entrance		The access is located away for the intersection and as such the "keep clear" line marking would not offer any benefit.
Improvements to the gravel On Street Parking area located out the front of the Learning Centre		Council is exploring options to facilitate improvements to formalise the parking in this area. Council will replace the existing 8 spaces in an appropriate and safe manner.

		Note: Future parking on the nature strips post project completion will be enforced.
Crossing at Sovereign Blvd	Parents often drop of children at the Learning Centre and another child to the nearby schools.	It is proposed to upgrade the existing pedestrian facility to a zebra crossing giving pedestrians priority to cross the road at this location. Therefore it will be included into the detail design.

Key Decisions

Subject	Comments	Council Decision
Additional parking along Bulmans Road added into the project scope.	The top concern from the community is the reduced car parking along Bulmans Road. In order to deliver the project scope (bus zone, bike lanes, shared path and centre median islands) to make the area safer, some existing car parking located directly out the front of the school had to be reduced. It is Councils view that there is sufficient parking in the area within 400m of the schools.	Councils Traffic Team to prepare a parking brochure to assist the school community as to where available car parking can be found within a short walk of the schools.
Formalising Parking for Learning Centre (Happy Feet)	The current arrangement of parking on the nature strip is not in accordance with Councils Local Laws. Currently 8 vehicles park on the nature strip to access the Learning Centre. There is available space to include formalised on-street parking arrangement (underground services can be avoided). Council to consider including this into the scope of works and explore design options.	Council to explore design options and if budget permits implement/deliver formalised on-street parking out the front of the Learning Centre. Include preferred design as a Tender Option and assess when tender pricing is receipted.

Summary

Overall, the majority of the user groups / community are supportive of the project. Council has considered all feedback and responded in an appropriate manner. The Project Working Group (PWG) have addressed the key concerns above and made decisions accordingly. Council will continue to liaise with the project stakeholders via direct contact or by Councils Melton Conversation website.