

Caroline Spring Bvd & Rockbank Middle Road Intersection Consultation Summary

Community consultation for the upgrade of Caroline Spring Bvd and Rockbank Middle Rd intersection was carried out between 16 August and 01 October 2021. Letters and postcards were sent to residents with a link and QR code to the webpage set up for the consultation.

A total of 79 responses were received with the project receiving significant support (average 4.2 out of 5) with the main comments in support referring to the increased pedestrian safety, especially school children as well as current traffic congestion at the roundabout.

The major issues raised by respondents mostly related to increased traffic and noise under the belief that signalised intersections invite more traffic.

Further issues raised included concerns lack of parking spaces, need to develop Taylors Road corridor and alternative bypasses to keep the area a quiet residential suburb.

The Council proposes to publish the consultation summary report on the project's webpage and advise the community accordingly.

This is a summary of community responses and Councils proposed feedback to the residents. Full set of comments from the community is attached as an appendix.

- **Alternative Routes should be developed instead of upgrading local roads.**

While there are alternative routes to Caroline Springs Boulevard, traffic is encouraged on to Caroline Springs Boulevard over local streets by design as a duplicated secondary arterial road.

- **Roundabouts are safer than traffic lights.** While roundabouts are generally safer for cars, Traffic lights provide a greater pedestrian amenity and safety
- **Requests for other intersections to be developed in the area.** Council has plans to upgrade a number of major intersections in the area.
- **Increase in noise for local residents**
The signalised intersection will not increase traffic or lead to a significant increase in noise.
- **Rockbank Middle Road (RBM) should have a continuous 2-lane carriageway in both directions**
Council anticipate duplication of RBM east of CSB in the next 5 years.
- **Tree Removal**
Although a large amount of trees will be required to be removed many more we be replanted in the landscaping plan.

- **Concerns about right turn from Lauriston Quay to Rockbank Middle Road.** The right turn movement out of Lauriston Quay has been designed with storage in the centre median allowing drivers to cross one direction of traffic at a time.

- **Need for parking spaces on R'bank M Road and concern about losing nature strip parking (mainly for school drop off/pick up and sport facility).** Parking on the nature strip is not permitted. Better pedestrian connections will enable children to walk or cycle to nearby schools.
- **Need for green cycle lanes and cycle box at intersection.** Cyclist infrastructure and safety is a high priority for this project green cycles lanes will be included at all conflict points. Council are installing a number of cycling improvement projects this financial year along CSB.
- **A request for prioritising extension of Rockbank Middle Road to St Albans to reduce congestion on Westwood Drive.** This is on Councils long term infrastructure plan however requires funding from Brimbank Council.

Removal of Trees – Unit 1-7 Toolondo CI

Council officers were concerned that the removal trees for the shared path to be positioned on the property boundary would be a concern to the residents of Toolondo Close. This issue was raised during the council briefing. However no comments were received in particular about this matter.

Appendices

Full set of resident responses in Excel format.