

Stage 2 Hume Drive Duplication

Consultation Summary

Community consultation for the road duplication of Hume Drive, from Calder Park Drive to Gourlay Road was carried out between 09 June 2022 and 01 July 2022. 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 4.0 out of 5) with the main comments in support referring to the relieve of congestion and improvement in traffic flows.

The major issues raised by respondents mostly related to the desire to signalise Hume Drive and Calder Park Drive intersection and duplication of Taylors Road.

Further issues raised included concerns about traffic in relation to Coles Shopping Centre, buses blocking traffic, and amenities along the road.

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 Council's proposed feedback to the residents. Full set of comments from the community is attached as an appendix.

- **Hume Drive / Calder Park Drive should be signalised due to hooning, speeding, driver misuse of roundabout.**

A number of measures have been taken to reduce speed and the impact of hoon driving. These include surface treatment, and increased curvature on entrance to the roundabout.

- **Traffic banks up from Calder Park Drive to Darwin street**

The duplication of Hume Drive among other benefits will reduce traffic congestion and improve this issue.

- **Calder Park Drive and Westwood Drive need to be widened as well**

The duplication of Calder Park Drive remains part of Council's long-term capital works plan.

- **Taylors Road should be prioritised instead of Hume Drive. Traffic banking up at Taylors Rd and Calder Park Dr Intersection**

Taylors Road remains a key priority for Melton Council with plans to upgrade Taylors Road well advanced. See [Taylors Road Corridor Upgrade Plan](#)

- **Duplication should be extended to City Vista Court / Saric Court**

The duplication of Hume Drive west of Gourlay Road remains a part of Council's long-term capital plans.

- **Pedestrian signal should be installed at Hobart Way.**

While there are nearby crossing approximately 80m to the east and west of Hobart Way, no crossing is proposed at this location with a signalised crossing not triggering the required warrants to introduce this. Council will continue to monitor the situation should this change.

- **Westwood Drive should be upgraded/widened**

The duplication of Westwood Drive remains part of Council's long-term capital works plan.

- **Hume Drive Stage 1 road is bumpy**

Council will continue to maintain roads in accordance with our asset management plan.

- **Bike Path, public lighting, street trees should be provided along side the roads**

A shared path is proposed on both the north and south side of Hume Drive with lighting provided to Australian Standards. Council is proposing landscaping and street trees in accordance with Council's preferred street tree list.

- **Plant street trees that don't 'litter'. Please consider indigenous plants and more garden beds.**

Trees have been selected in accordance with Council's preferred street tree list. This policy seeks to provide appropriate trees to suit conditions with indigenous trees selected where possible.

- **Street trees are to be removed**
While every attempt has been made to minimise impact on existing trees, unfortunately due to the constraint on site, some trees will have to be removed. New landscaping trees will be provided to offset the lost vegetation.

- **Increased traffic volume and speed.**

A number of measures have been put in place to ensure adherence with the 60km/h speed limit.

While the duplication is not expected to create traffic, it is advantageous for traffic to shift away from local roads onto Hume Drive which operates as a connector road.

- **Traffic signal at Coles Shopping centre**

The signalisation of the entrance to the Shopping centre is not warranted.

- **How to manage traffic out of Coles Shopping Centre into Hume Dr. Will right turn from Coles onto Hume Dr be maintained?**

The design incorporates a staging area within the central median to facilitate right turn onto / from Hume Drive. Access will remain fully directional.

- **Request for footpath down the Coles driveway**

As the request falls on private land, this has been forwarded to the Shopping Centre management for their consideration.

- **Buses are currently blocking traffic during stops**

There will be an additional traffic lane for vehicles to bypass buses during stopping operations.

- **Relocation of bus Stop on the southern side near Coles. Bus stops should be away from shopping centre**

The project proposes to relocate the existing bus stop further west to minimise impact with the Shopping Centre access.

- **Bus stop parallel University Dr should be relocated further up.**

The University Drive bus stop is proposed to be brought further eastward to provide drivers with more time to negotiate around buses stopping at the bus stop.

- **Indented bus bays**

While Council investigated the option of Indented bus bays, these were not adopted on advice from PTV and the difficulties for buses in re-enter the traffic stream. The additional traffic lane will improve traffic follow and mitigate the impact of busses stopping.

- **Increase in noise for local residents (noise proof fences)**

The duplication proposed is not expected to cause an increase in traffic with reduced congestions likely to reduce noise.

- **The median seems too wide**

A wide median is provided to facilitate the storage of vehicle at various locations along the road.

- **Any impacts other than traffic impacts? (Power, Water etc)**

No service disruption to neighbouring properties is expected as part of this project.

Appendices

Full set of resident responses in Excel format.