

Local area traffic management



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This fact sheet contains information about how Brisbane City Council manages traffic in local areas.

What is local area traffic management (LATM)?

Local area traffic management (LATM), also referred to as traffic calming, involves physical changes to roads in order to improve the operation of shared road spaces and enhance safety and amenity within local precincts.

Well-planned and implemented LATM schemes can help to:

- discourage non-local traffic
- moderate vehicle speeds
- provide a safer environment for all road users.

An LATM scheme may involve installing one or several of the following measures:

- speed platforms
- roundabouts
- humpabouts
- slow points
- chicanes
- traffic islands
- pedestrian crossings
- buildouts (road narrowing).



Roundabout



Speed platform



Chicane

What roads are suitable for LATM?

Roads classified as neighbourhood and local roads under Council's City Plan may be suitable for LATM, as they provide direct access to residential properties with limited use by through traffic. As the default urban speed limit of 50 km/h applies to these streets, speed limit signs are generally not installed.

LATM schemes are designed to ensure access is maintained for various types of vehicles, such as private vehicles, emergency vehicles, refuse trucks, delivery vehicles and local buses, and so that safety is maintained for all road users including pedestrians and cyclists.

You can check which type of street you live on via Council's interactive mapping tool. Visit brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'Brisbane City Plan 2014 mapping' and select 'City Plan online'. Within the online tool select 'view map'. The Brisbane road hierarchy can then be

found in the map contents menu, in the overlays category. Alternatively, you can phone Council on 3403 8888.

Is LATM a suitable option for my street?

Council may consider LATM in your street if:

- it can be demonstrated that motorists travel at unsafe speeds
- it is a neighbourhood or local road
- a significant number of motorists from other neighbourhoods use the street as a short cut to avoid congestion and delays on the major road network
- it does not provide access to an industrial estate
- it is not hilly, steep, winding or narrow
- the implementation of an LATM scheme has a majority of support from the local community.

Some facts about LATM

- LATM will change the way you and other road users travel along your street. These changes may also impact other streets in your neighbourhood, which is why Council considers the design and implementation of LATM on an area-wide basis.
- Additional signs will be required to notify motorists that they are travelling in a traffic-calmed area. These signs may affect the visual amenity of the neighbourhood.
- An LATM device and associated signage may be placed in front of your property and may reduce street parking opportunities.
- While LATM has its benefits, it may not resolve all local traffic concerns. Please be aware that traffic calming will not:
 - remove all through traffic
 - eliminate hoon-like behaviour
 - prevent all traffic accidents
 - prevent all speeding
 - solve parking concerns.
- If LATM is to be considered, you, your neighbours and other residents in the potential LATM area will be consulted at project stages to determine the level of support for implementation.
- If a proposal receives enough support from the local community to progress, it will be considered alongside other improvements across the city for potential inclusion in a future Suburban Works Program. This means the proposal will not necessarily be progressed in the short term, but it will be considered as part of a more strategic longer-term approach to addressing traffic issues across the city.

More information

For more information or to request an initial investigation into whether LATM may be suitable in your street, visit brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'contact council' or phone Council on 3403 8888.

