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Safer School Precinct Program Playbook



Message from the Lord Mayor



Brisbane is one of Australia's fastest growing cities, with more people choosing to live, work and learn in our suburbs.

We are committed to keeping Brisbane moving, while also easing congestion and boosting safety around our schools for students and families.

Our Council has a proud history delivering award winning programs to help people travel around our suburbs sooner and safer, and our Safer School Precincts program will build on that success.

We are excited to collaborate with residents, businesses and schools to create a precinct plan that will deliver better transport alternatives where the local community needs them most.

This Precinct Playbook outlines some of the different methods we could use to create Safer School Precincts like pedestrian crossings, widening footpaths and adding drop off zones.

I hope these ideas inspire you to think about what you want to see in your suburb and help you to have your say.

I look forward to working with you to create Safer School Precincts across our suburbs.

Adrian Schrinner

Lord Mayor

Message from the Civic Cabinet Chair for Transport



Schools are at the heart of our communities, and ensuring the safety of children and their families is essential for Brisbane's future. That's why we're committed to creating Safer School Precincts that help students and their families move around our schools and suburbs safely, regardless of how they choose to travel.

While we continue delivering major, city-shaping projects like the Brisbane Metro and the Bridges for Brisbane program, we are equally focused on suburb-shaping initiatives that enhance safety and improve the liveability of our neighbourhoods.

As our city grows and technology continues to evolve, we are using this opportunity to shape the different ways we move around our Safer School Precincts and how we want our journeys to feel.

It's all part of our plan to keep Brisbane moving.

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Cr Ryan Murphy

Civic Cabinet Chair for Transport

Acknowledgement of Country

Brisbane City Council acknowledges this Country and its Traditional Custodians. We acknowledge and respect the spiritual relationship between Traditional Custodians and this Country, which has inspired language, songs, dances, lore and Dreaming stories over many thousands of years. We pay our respects to the Elders, those who have passed into the Dreaming; those here today; those of tomorrow.

May we continue to peacefully walk together in gratitude, respect and kindness in caring for this Country and one another.



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Welcome to the Safer School Precinct Playbook

Introduction

Our children are the future of Brisbane. This is why Brisbane City Council is taking action to create Safer School Precincts across our city.

Council is building on the success of our awardwinning programs such as Safer Paths to School and Active School Travel to create Safer School Precincts.

Safer School Precincts paves the way for everyone to move safely around their schools and suburbs, whether you walk, drive or ride.

We want to make it easier to choose different ways of getting around our suburbs and encourage more people to travel safely and sustainably.

Every journey involves choices. Our goal is to help our community make safe choices when moving around Brisbane, especially around our schools.

About the program

The Safer School Precinct program will help keep our growing city moving by delivering a range of purpose-built infrastructure improvements that will make it safer and easier for you to move, however you choose to.

These treatments will improve our pathways, bikeways and roads to ensure everyone - regardless of age and ability - can easily and safely move around our schools and suburbs.

We will work with you as the local community to co-create the precinct plan that will make our schools and suburbs even safer and more accessible for everyone.

Once the new and improved infrastructure is in place, we will empower children and their families with the knowledge and tools to move safely in their completed Safer School Precinct.



Improve safety



Deliver more sustainable transport infrastructure



Provide increased transport options



Enhance precinct liveability



Ease congestion around schools



Encourage sustainable travel choices

Safer School Precincts 2024-28

Kedron Precinct

Located within the inner northern suburb of Kedron and proposed to incorporate the following schools:

- Padua College
- Mount Alvernia College
- St Anthony's Primary School

Wynnum Manly Precinct

Located within the outer eastern suburb of Manly and proposed to incorporate the following schools:

- Wynnum State High School
- Manly State School
- St John Vianney's Primary School

Indooroopilly Precinct

Located within the inner western suburb of Indooroopilly and proposed to incorporate the following schools:

- Indooroopilly State High School
- St Peter's Lutheran College
- Holy Family Primary School
- Brigidine College

Mansfield Precinct

Located within the inner southern suburb of Mansfield and proposed to incorporate the following schools:

- Mansfield State School
- Mansfield State High School
- Brisbane Adventist College



Our vision

Whether walking, riding, using public transport or driving, how we move can improve how we live and help make life in our suburbs more enjoyable.

Our vision is to better connect Brisbane's suburbs with high-quality, world-class, sustainable transport infrastructure that enhances your ability to live, work, learn and play.

We believe everyone should have convenient access to transport infrastructure and services that support how you want to move and get you where you want to go.

We are committed to providing safe, reliable and efficient transport options that make this a reality.

As we prepare for the future of our rapidly growing city and to host the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games with city shaping projects such as Brisbane Metro and Citylink Cycleway, Safer School Precincts continues our focus on our suburbs. Our aim is for suburb-shaping projects like Safer School Precincts to work together with other projects to build a suburban transport network that lets you move seamlessly and sustainability around our city while enhancing liveability.

From expanding walkable and rideable precincts, to delivering first and last mile connections, we're providing you with more choices in how you move and enabling smoother and safer travel in our suburbs while managing congestion.

Safer School Precincts will support Brisbane's growing populations in our suburbs and create lasting benefits for local communities. The improvements we make in our suburbs will also help improve connections to Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games venues, with better pathways and public transport options ensuring that moving through and within precincts and or with accessing key destinations is easier for everyone, regardless of age, ability, or background.

The Games provides the momentum to invest in infrastructure and services that serve Brisbane's suburbs today and into the future, delivering a lasting legacy of connection and convenience.

Safer School Precincts will help achieve this vision and help you take full advantage of the benefits of living in Brisbane.



Transport safety is everyone's responsibility

Council wants to see safe vehicles, safe speeds, safe streets and safe people. To make this a reality, everyone has a role to play.

The Safe System approach sees transport safety as a shared responsibility.

Transport safety is a system where all of its parts – people, vehicles and infrastructure – work together to improve safety and reduce the risk of harm for everyone.

When we look at safety as an interconnected system, we can help make sure that if one part of the system falters, the other parts will still protect people.



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Phase 1: Consult

Your feedback will help us create the plan to improve safety and reduce congestion around our schools and suburbs.

- Precincts defined
 - We identify precinct areas and begin technical investigations
- Community consultation
 - We engage with residents, businesses and school communities to understand how you move around and what you want to see in the precinct
- Consultation report
 - We share a summary of your feedback and the insights you've given us

Phase 2: Deliver

- Develop precinct plan
 - We use your insights and our technical expertise to create a precinct plan
- Precinct plan support
 - We seek your support to make sure the plan balances the needs of your precinct community
- We deliver new and improved infrastructure

Phase 3: Empower

- Use community insights
 - We use your insights to identify ways to empower your community
- Empower behaviour change
 - We provide behaviour change programs, tools and resources to help schools and the community take advantage of your new Safer School Precinct

Adapting Brisbane transport - a journey through time



How we got here

Horses and carriages 1820s-1920s

> Electric trams 1897-1969

Diesel buses 1937-now

Bicycles introduced 1870

Steam passenger trains 1873-1969

First steam engine car 1903

First petrol engine car 1907

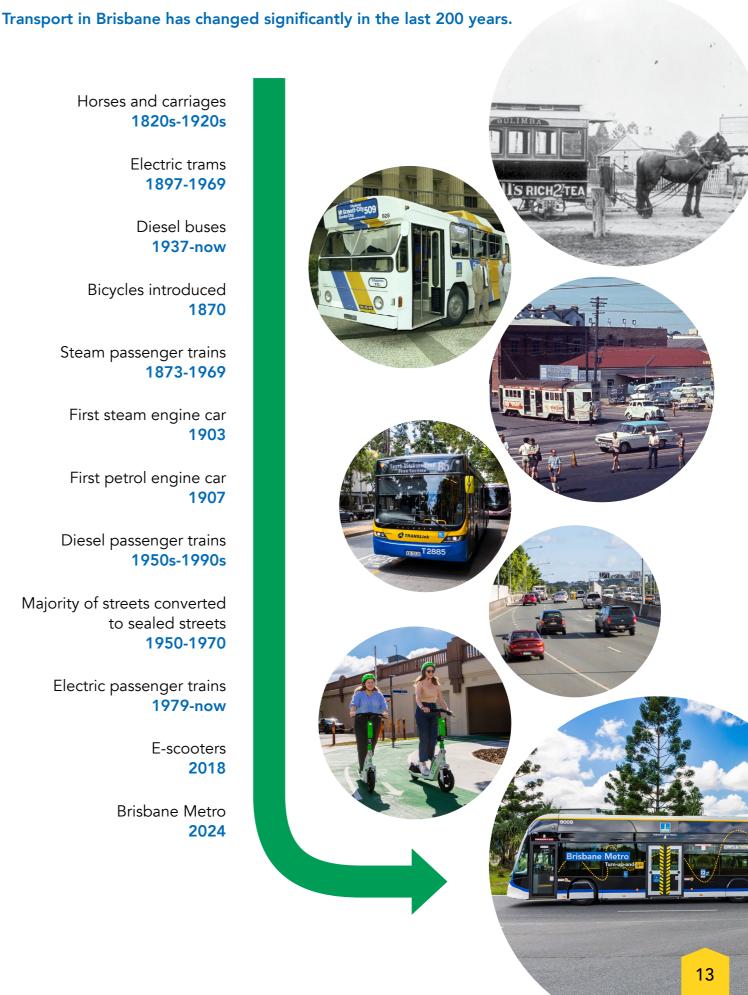
Diesel passenger trains 1950s-1990s

Majority of streets converted to sealed streets 1950-1970

> Electric passenger trains 1979-now

> > E-scooters 2018

Brisbane Metro 2024



Safer streets: traffic calming

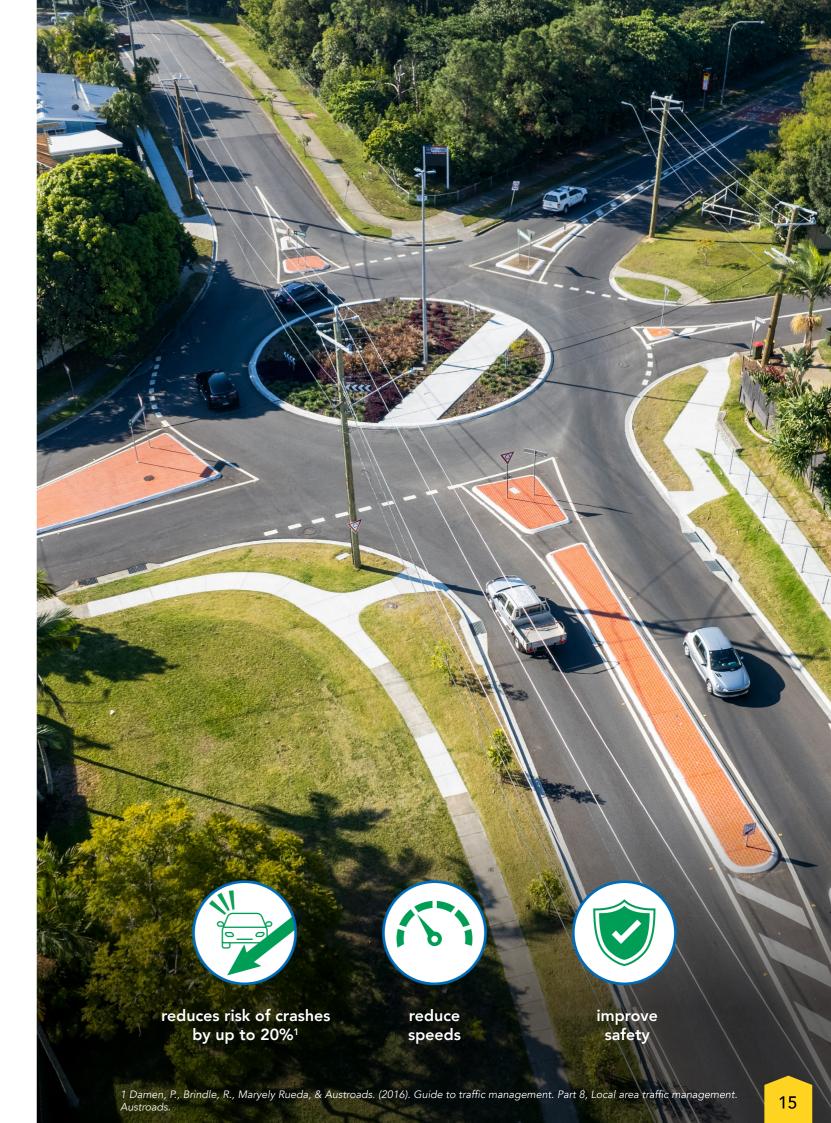
We can create safer streets and more liveable suburbs for everyone to enjoy by using traffic calming treatments.

These treatments, also known as Local Area Traffic Management (LATM), improve behaviour by changing the street environment to make people more likely to be aware of others using the road and move more carefully when driving, riding and walking. This helps improve safety for everyone.

Traffic calming options could look like:

- slow points or medians slowing down cars and bikes
- regulatory signs improving traffic flow by changing which directions drivers can move or turn at specific times
- kerb extensions adding space for landscaping or street trees which could increase shade when walking or riding while also helping slow down traffic.

Traffic calming options	Reduce speeds	Reduce traffic	Reduce crash risk	Increase pedestrian safety	Increase cyclist safety	Increase accessibility
Speed platforms	√	✓	√	√	√	√
Roundabouts	✓	✓	✓	_	_	_
Raised intersection platforms	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Slow points	✓	✓	_	_	_	✓
Traffic movement signage	-	✓	✓	-	✓	_
Mid-block median treatments	✓	_	✓	✓	✓	✓
Threshold or gateway treatments	✓	✓	✓	_	✓	_
Changes to vehicle movements	_	✓	✓	✓	✓	_



Better connections: pathway upgrades

We can better connect everyone by upgrading footpaths and shared paths.

High quality pathways help you ride or walk more comfortably and make it easier for everyone to get around safely, including people using prams or mobility devices.

Pathway upgrades can mean different things depending on the improvements required for the footpath or shared path, such as:

- resurfacing footpaths or shared paths so they are smooth and even surfaces – this eases trip hazards and makes it easier for people using prams or mobility aids
- building new pathways to create more convenient routes separated from vehicle traffic on the street
- adding kerb ramps so people using prams or mobility aids can easily access the path
- adding street trees to give you shade when you walk or ride, making it more comfortable and keeping you cool in summer
- widening older paths so you can more comfortably walk side by side with friends and family.

Pathway upgrade options	Reduce speeds	Reduce traffic	Reduce crash risk	Increase pedestrian safety	Increase cyclist safety	Increase accessibility
Kerb extensions	✓	-	-	√	_	✓
Kerb ramps	_	_	_	✓	_	✓
New or widened footpath	-	_	-	✓	√	✓



more comfortable pathways



improve connectivity



improve accessibility



Success story: Aminya Street, Mansfield Village Precinct Project

Completed 2024

Council improved safety and ways of moving around Aminya Street, Mansfield through a range of pathway and pedestrian crossing upgrades, placemaking treatments and facilities to support riding or catching the bus.

These improvements offer residents and visitors more options for moving around the precinct, making Aminya Street a more enjoyable place to live, work and travel through.

We made it more comfortable to wait for the bus by upgrading an existing bus stop and installing a new bus shelter and shade trees.

To make it easier to ride around, we installed a new bike rack so you can park your bike safely while visiting the local shops.

We made it easier and safer for everyone to cross the road with a combination of pedestrian crossing upgrades, including upgrading or adding new pedestrian refuges and kerb ramps. This also helped better connect the precinct together and made it more accessible for people of all ages and abilities.

We further enhanced pedestrian safety by adding a new wider footpath and installing garden beds to separate footpaths from the car park of the local shops.

To enhance the overall experience of moving around Aminya Street, we added more street trees and garden beds, along with street furniture such as a drinking fountain and unique concrete seats with reclaimed timber seat backs, creating a welcoming environment for everyone to enjoy.

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Safer speeds

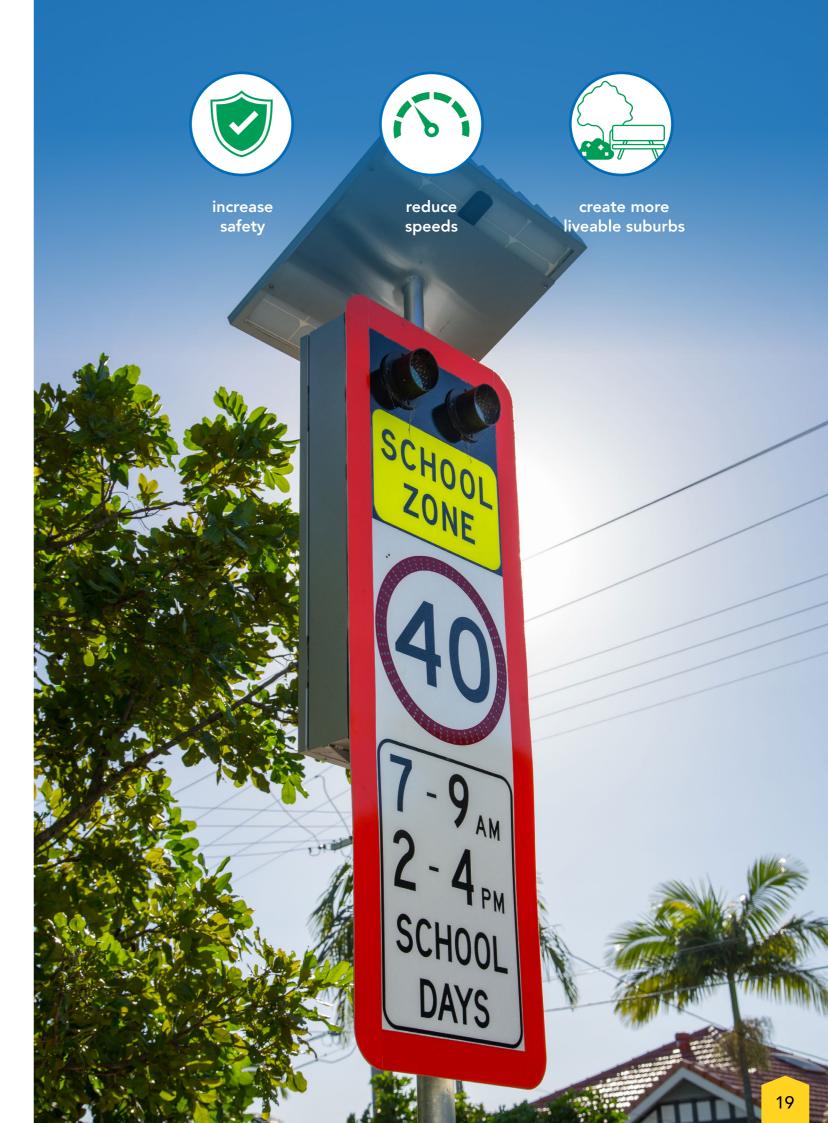
A great way we can improve safety in Safer School Precincts is by setting safer speeds in zones around schools.

Speed is one of the major factors that impacts road safety for everyone, whether you drive, walk, catch the bus or ride.

Lowering the speed limit will create more liveable suburbs, helping everyone share streets safely. Treatments to encourage safer speeds could look like:

- adding or expanding school zones to lower the speed limit for drivers and riders to 40km/h to improve safety for everyone
- increasing driver awareness of school zones using signs such as SAM for Schools that alert people when school zones are active
- adding or expanding shared zones to improve safety and accessibility for everyone walking, riding and driving.

Safer speed options	Reduce speeds	Reduce traffic	Reduce crash risk	Increase pedestrian safety	Increase cyclist safety	Increase accessibility
Speed limit reductions	✓	_	✓	√	√	√
SAM signs	✓	_	✓	✓	✓	_
School zones	✓	_	✓	✓	✓	✓



Intersection improvements

We can make it easier and safer to get where you want to go by improving how our intersections operate.

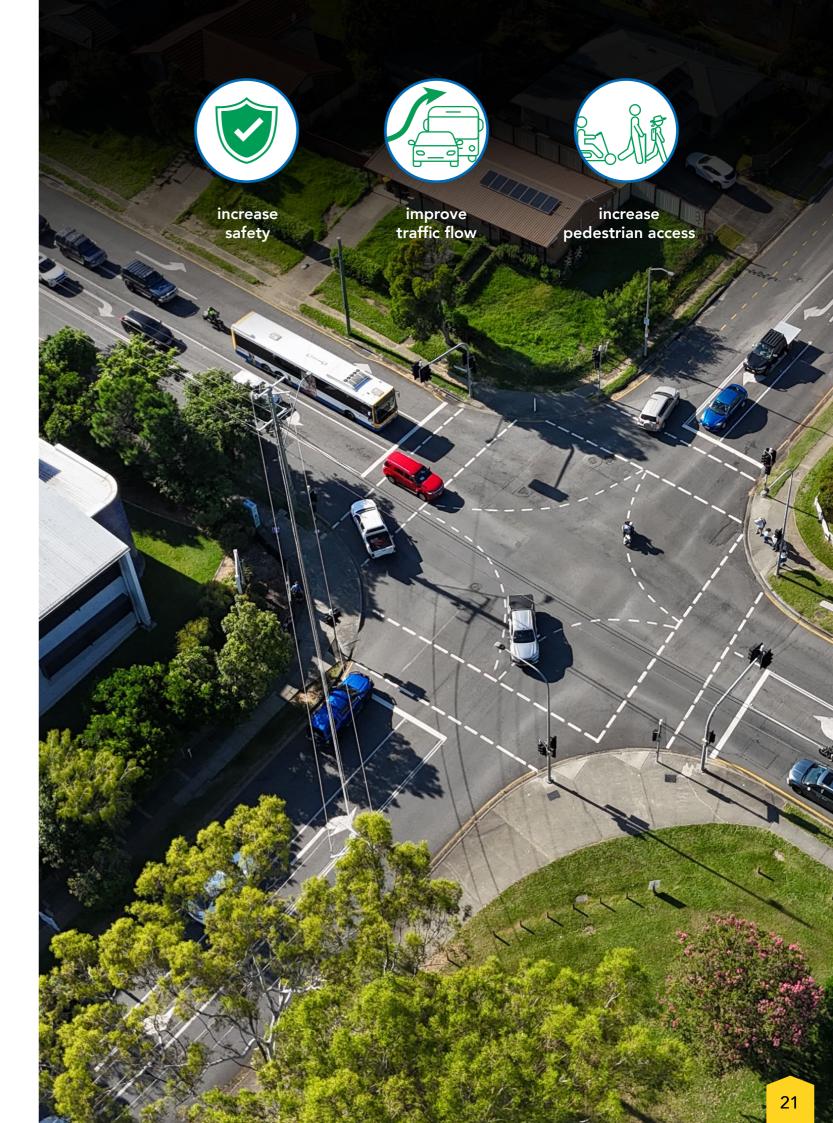
Intersections are the connection points between different streets, allowing you to move between streets to get where you want to go. Adding new traffic signals or changing signal timings can help you cross the street safely and improve the flow of traffic if you drive, catch the bus or ride.

Improving intersections also helps get you home sooner and safer.

Depending on the existing infrastructure at an intersection and the needs of your community, there are several ways we can improve how the intersections operate:

- adjusting the timings of signals to improve traffic flow, helping get you home sooner and safer.
- prioritising people walking and riding over people driving by increasing the number of
- times they can cross the street.
- changing traffic signals so turning vehicles have a green arrow that lets them know when it is safe to turn and pedestrians have time to cross the street before vehicles turn.

Intersection improvement options	Reduce speeds	Reduce traffic	Reduce crash risk	Increase pedestrian safety	Increase cyclist safety	Increase accessibility
Pedestrian crossing improvements	_	-	✓	√	√	√
Intersection reprioritisation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	_
Traffic signal timing adjustments	_	✓	-	✓	✓	_



Safer connections: pedestrian crossings

We can make walking more convenient and comfortable around our schools and suburbs by creating more safe places to cross the street.

Creating more opportunities for safe crossings will give you more options to get where you want to go and help reduce crowding on existing pathways.

Pedestrian crossings give priority to people on foot, connecting pathways and improving road safety for everyone.

Pedestrian crossing options	Reduce speeds	Reduce traffic	Reduce crash risk	Increase pedestrian safety	Increase cyclist safety	Increase accessibility
Zebra or pedestrian crossings	_	_	✓	✓	_	√
Wombat crossings	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pedestrian refuges	_	_	✓	✓	_	✓



Better spaces, easier moves: journey experience

Travelling from A to B isn't just about getting to the destination but also the experience getting there.

How we move affects how we live so by improving our experience of moving, we can improve our quality

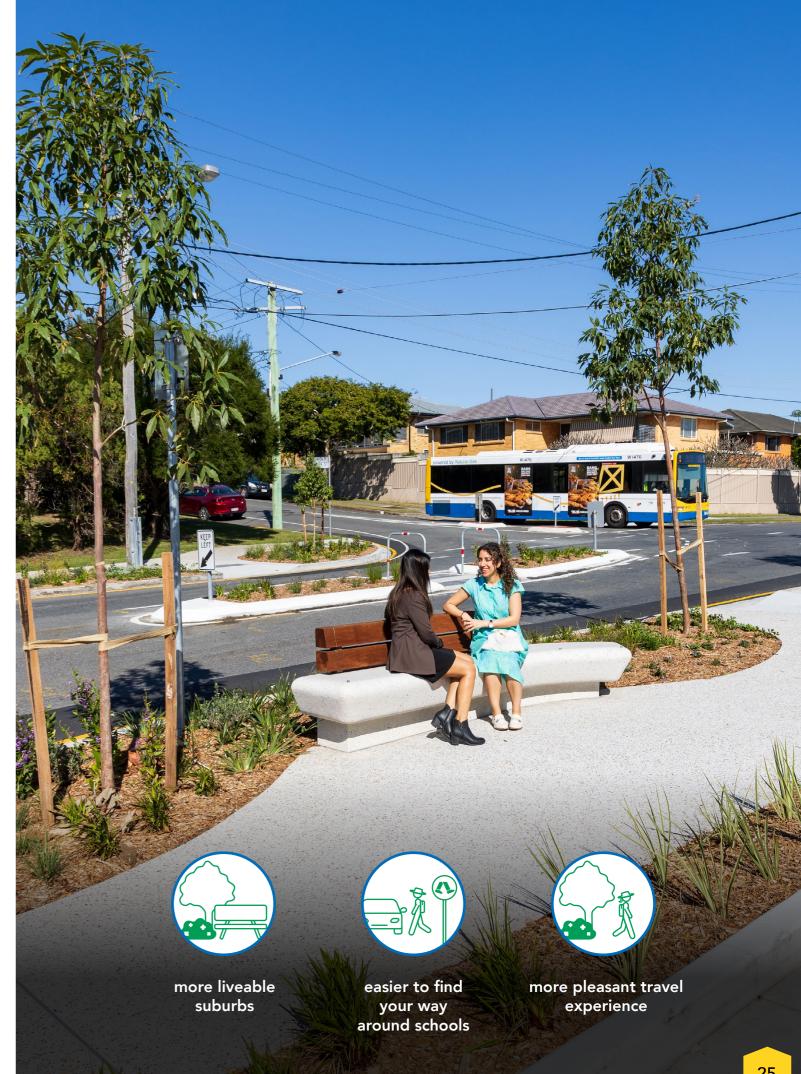
We can make the experience of moving around our schools better by making our suburbs easy to navigate and more pleasant to spend time in.

We can do this with treatments known as placemaking. Placemaking aims to improve how much you enjoy being in a space and the liveability of your suburb.

While everyone's journey will look different, there are many things Council could do to improve your journey experience in Safer School Precincts:

- creating vibrant spaces using street art and landscaping to give people interesting things to see and explore
- making spaces more comfortable and pleasant by adding extra trees, shade and street furniture
- adding wayfinding signage to make navigating around suburbs easier, especially when walking or riding
- creating resources for digital journey planning, such as an online bikeway map to support cyclists and e-mobility riders
- adding trees and other plants through landscaping that will add shade and colour to your suburb.

Journey experience options	Reduce speeds	Reduce traffic	Reduce crash risk	Increase pedestrian safety	Increase cyclist safety	Increase accessibility
Placemaking	_	_	_	✓	_	✓
Wayfinding	_	_	_	✓	_	✓
Shared zones	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓
Tree planting and landscaping	✓	_	✓	✓	√	-
Street furniture	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓



Parking improvements

Simple changes to how and where cars park are some of the most effective ways we can ease congestion to get people home sooner and safer.

How and where we park impacts how we can use the road. Queuing for parking, parked cars blocking road or driveway access and circling the block for a free parking space all contributes to congestion on our roads.

Improving parking options can make school drop off and pick up faster and easier, giving you more time to do the things you want to do.

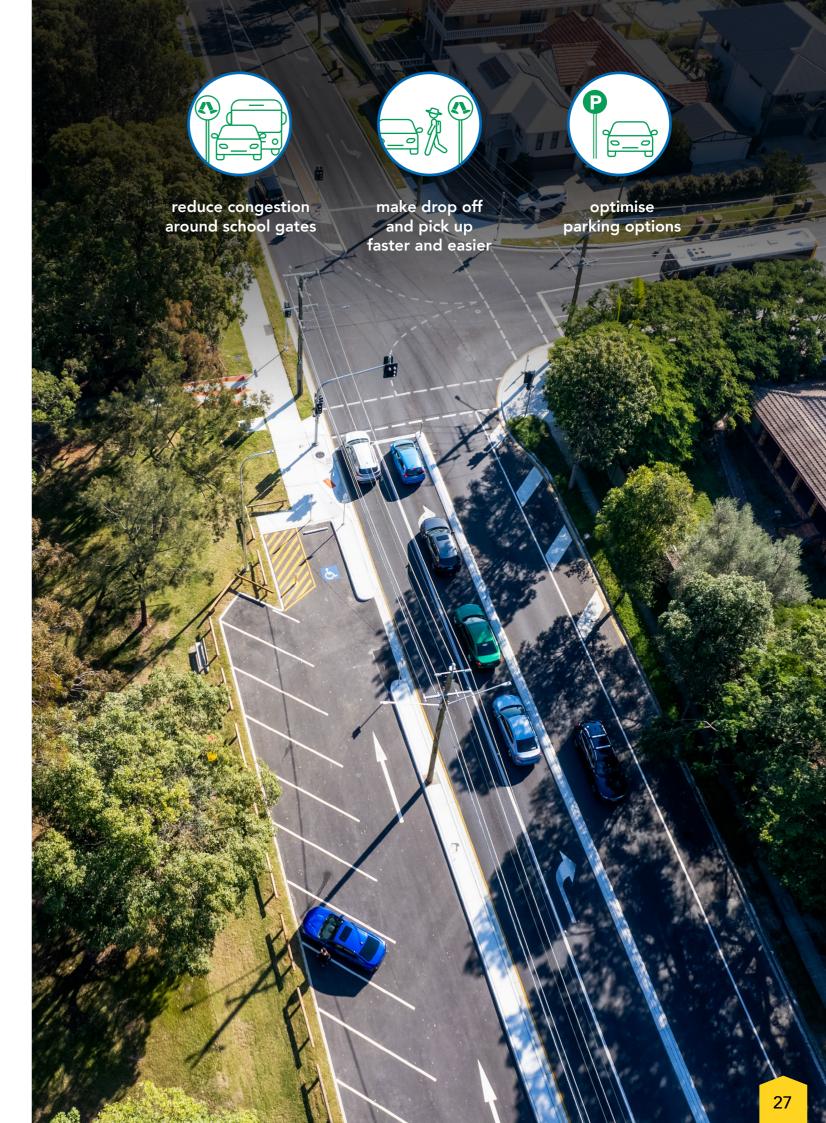
Having a range of parking and passenger zone options around schools means you have choices.

However, kerbside space is limited so how you park may need to change to keep our roads safe and moving.

Depending on what space is available and community needs, parking improvements could look like:

- creating safe parking locations where students can safely walk the last few hundred meters to school on footpaths – this is known as Park and Stride
- adding parking spaces and passenger zones to increase availability
- formalising parking bays by line marking them to maximise capacity while also improving accessibility
- converting parking spaces to passenger zones would help parents drop off or pick up their children faster and easier, helping ease congestion around the school gate.

Parking improvement options	Reduce speeds	Reduce traffic	Reduce crash risk	Increase pedestrian safety	Increase cyclist safety	Increase accessibility
Park and Stride	_	✓	_	-	_	-
Short term parking	_	_	_	✓	_	✓
Adjusted loading and drop-off/pick-up zones	_	✓	-	✓	-	✓



Get onboard: bus improvements

As buses move over two-thirds of people using public transport in Brisbane, improving bus services and facilities will make a big difference to how you move around your local suburbs.

Many students and their families also catch the bus to get to school, using either regular bus services or dedicated school buses.

Making buses a more appealing option will encourage more people to leave their car at home, helping ease congestion to get you home sooner and safer.

These improvements can make catching a bus more comfortable and ensure everyone, including people using prams or mobility aids, can safely get on or off the bus.

By making small changes to bus services and stops, we can make it even easier and more convenient to catch a bus in Safer School Precincts.

- changing bus routes and/or timetables to be more convenient for people to get around
- adding bus stop seats and shelters to make waiting for the bus more comfortable in all weather conditions building new footpaths to make it easier to walk to and from bus stops
- adding or widening the boarding point and waiting area so everyone, including people using prams or mobility aids, can safely get on and off the bus
- creating more touch points for real time information updates.



more comfortable and accessible bus stops



more convenient bus services around schools



real time information updates

Success story: Lumley Street, Upper Mt Gravatt Village Precinct Project

Completed 2023

Council upgraded pathways and introduced placemaking treatments in Lumley Street, Upper Mt Gravatt, to create a comfortable and connected space for the community to enjoy. Our aim was to make it easier for everyone to move safely through the precinct, whether driving, walking or riding.

To ensure everyone could walk safely in the precinct, we upgraded footpaths and installed extra lighting, making it easier to navigate at any time of day. We also added nature-themed paintings to sections of the footpath, creating a vibrant space.

We installed unique seating options, providing places for rest and comfortable spaces to wait for family and friends while they visited the local shops. These seating areas also helped separate the footpaths from garden beds and street trees.

We improved parking facilities by adding a new bike rack and on-street car parking bay with kerb ramps, making it easier to navigate the precinct. The kerb ramps were designed to enhance accessibility, helping people using prams or mobility devices to easily move between the street and the footpath.

We planted additional street trees and garden beds to enhance the precinct's appeal and provide more shade, creating a more pleasant and welcoming space for more people to enjoy.



Embracing e-mobility

E-mobility is a relatively new transport option that is becoming increasingly popular because e-mobility devices such as e-scooters or e-bikes make getting around easier.

To help keep the people using these devices and everyone around them safe, we can create or adapt infrastructure and educate everyone on road safety skills.

We can also ensure we keep our footpaths clear and accessible for everyone by providing dedicated e-mobility parking hubs or facilities.

Helping your Safer School Precinct to safely embrace e-mobility could look like:

- installing pathway signage to remind bike and e-mobility riders about sharing the path and riding safely
- providing additional e-scooter facilities around high schools
- installing e-mobility parking hubs for shared e-mobility devices
- providing e-mobility riding workshops to improve skills and safety
- creating a safety guide for e-mobility riders around schools.



enhance safety



increase options for moving around



ease congestion

Success story: Tarlina Lane, Coorparoo Junction Village Precinct Project

Completed 2022

Council created a more liveable Coorparoo Junction Village Precinct by upgrading pathways, adding placemaking treatments and transforming Tarlina Lane into a shared zone with unique pavement markings. These improvements made it easier and safer for everyone to move around the precinct, including students from Coorparoo State School, located within the precinct.

We upgraded pathways with new kerb ramps and raised tactile markers, improving pedestrian access and safety, particularly for those who have mobility aids or who have low vision

We planted new garden beds and street trees to add additional shade for people walking through the area and created a more welcoming environment for everyone to enjoy. To offer resting places for those walking or waiting while family and friends visit local shops, we installed unique seating options.

Converting Tarlina Lane into a shared zone significantly improved safety for people walking and riding around Coorparoo State School. To enrich the vibrancy of the precinct and raise awareness of pedestrian activity, we installed unique pavement artwork to the shared zone. The artwork, *New Bloom*, was created by local artist Chantal Fraser and invited students from Coorparoo State School to contribute their ideas through artist led workshops, reflecting the community's creativity and connection to the precinct.





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Success from across the world

We can look to the stories of success from around the world to see how Council's proposed Safer School Precincts treatments can improve the safety and liveability for all people moving around their local streets, schools and suburbs.



La Magdalena, City of Quito, Ecuador²

The densely populated La Magdalena neighbourhood includes multiple schools and a popular shopping market, and had a history of traffic accidents. To improve safety, the City of Quito delivered a range of pedestrian-oriented treatments and reclaimed part of the street to create a shared space for the community to enjoy.

Traffic calming treatments like slow points, widened medians and speed platforms helped slow down cars. Upgraded footpaths, new pedestrian crossings and shared zones made the street safer and more accessible for people walking and riding. To increase driver awareness of pedestrians, community inspired street markings were painted on the street.

These treatments worked together to create a shared space where people driving, walking and riding could move around safely. Nearly 70% of the community felt crossing the street was safer after the treatments were installed.



School Streets Initiative, United Kingdom³

The School Streets Initiative combines behaviour change initiatives with temporary changes to street infrastructure to create safer and more enjoyable environments around schools during drop-off times. School Streets redirect traffic away from the school gates by prioritising only people walking and riding.

This initiative helps create calmer street environments that both the school community and residents can enjoy regularly.

School Streets first started in the United Kingdom in Scotland in 2015 and they have since expanded across hundreds of schools in Scotland, England and Wales.

Municpality of Maltepe, Istanbul, Türkiye⁴

In the bustling city of Istanbul, the local authority of the Maltepe district combined a range of traffic calming and pathway upgrades with journey experience improvements to enhance safety and accessibility for children and their families walking and riding to school.

Improving footpath connections and pedestrian crossings made it easier and safer for people walking. Installing additional bike parking facilities helped make riding more accessible. Traffic flow and directions were reprioritised to better suit the needs of the community, with some streets becoming one way only.

These treatments caused a 55% reduction in cars speeding through the area and made moving around the school safer and significantly easier for children, families

and the community.





Considerations

As a community co-designer of your local Safer School Precinct, there are a few things to consider when thinking about what you want to see.

Safety

Safety is Council's number one priority and is at the heart of everything we do.

We will need to balance safety requirements against other factors you may want such as convenience, time savings and better manoeuvrability.

Limited space

Many areas of Brisbane have grown significantly and we have limited space to expand our roads or provide new separated facilities for buses, cyclists and pedestrians.

Where it's not possible to provide separate facilities, Council needs to consider the most efficient use of the limited space we have available.

Budget

Just like most households, Council needs to be sensible with our budget and how we spend it.

This means we have to prioritise the infrastructure we deliver to provide essential safety improvements first and then look at other enhancements you want to see in your precinct.

Alternatives to infrastructure

Many of the infrastructure improvements suggested aim to increase the number of people making safe choices while moving in your precinct.

When thinking about possible improvements to the precinct, non-infrastructure solutions such as education or behaviour change programs can also significantly improve safety for your entire community.

Congestion

We want to make meaningful improvements which ease congestion and don't just move the issue to another street.

This is why we're looking holistically at all the different ways you could choose to move to ease congestion across the entire precinct.

To create the best outcome for the precinct, you may need to consider how you move and where you park.

Accessibility

For transport planning, accessibility means everyone can safely use our transport infrastructure and systems, regardless of their ability, income, background and age.

Any change to infrastructure needs to improve or maintain safe access for everyone.





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