Traffic Treatment - Continuous Footpath Treatment and Kerb Extensions - Renwick, Suttor and Alexander Streets, Alexandria

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of the following treatments in Alexandria:

(A) A Continuous Footpath Treatment across Alexander Street, just north of the intersection with Renwick Street.

(B) Widening the footpath by 2.1 metres, at the following locations:

- On the southern side of Renwick Street, east and west of Suttor Street;
- On the northern side of Renwick Street, east and west of Alexander Street.

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Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.
Background

The City received a request from residents of Alexander, Renwick and Sutor Streets, Alexandria to introduce traffic calming measures to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility and slow vehicle speeds.

Comments

The kerb extensions and continuous footpath treatment will reduce crossing distance for pedestrians, slow down vehicles and improve general safety in the area as part of the City’s commitment to calm traffic and improve residential amenity.

Alexander Street is a narrow street, which provides local access to residential properties. Traffic volume along this street is low and as such meets the RMS Technical Direction for Continuous Footpath Treatments (TDT 2013/05).

Under the road rules, a footpath is a road related area. When entering, or crossing, a road related area from a road, drivers must give way to any pedestrian or other road users on the road related area. The introduction of a continuous footpath treatment reinforces the road rules.

The new kerb extensions and continuous footpath treatment will not effect on-street parking or traffic flows in the local area.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 99 letters sent out with no responses supporting or opposing the proposal.

Financial

Appropriate funding for the proposal will be secured once greater certainty on the construction timeline is reached.

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