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# Item 11

# **Supplementary Answers to Previous Questions**

Supplementary Answers to Questions on Notice are as follows:

# **Question on Notice - Council 27 June 2022**

### 1. Pedestrian Safety on Bulwara Road, Ultimo

By Councillor Jarrett

#### Question

Residents in Ultimo and the Ultimo Community Centre have raised issues about pedestrian safety at the cobblestone crossing on Bulwara Road and Quarry Street in Ultimo near the Lord Wolseley Hotel.

- 1. What are the City of Sydney's plans for safety improvements and traffic regulation at the Bulwara Road and Quarry Street intersection?
- 2. Has the City of Sydney explored the option of installing a pedestrian crossing on Bulwara Road to account for foot traffic from Quarry Street to Ultimo Public School?
- 3. Has the City of Sydney investigated the use of speed cameras on Bulwara Road?
- 4. Has the City of Sydney investigated the effectiveness of current road and speed signage on Bulwara Road?
- 5. Can the City of Sydney provide any statistics or information in relation to the amount of traffic incidents and complaints relating to pedestrian safety on Bulwara Road?

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# **Answer by the Chief Executive Officer**

- 1. In December 2021, the City installed four speed cushions to calm traffic along Bulwara Road between William Henry and Fig Streets. City staff are currently working with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to monitor and evaluate their impact on traffic speed and safety for a two-year period.
- 2. No. Bulwara Road at its intersection with Quarry Street is a Shared Zone. A Shared Zone has a 10km/h speed limit and vehicles must give way to pedestrians. Pedestrians have priority throughout the Shared Zone. Pedestrian crossings are not recommended.
- 3. No. Only Transport for NSW is authorised to install speed cameras in NSW. Speed cameras are normally installed on major roads where there are significant safety issues with speeding and not generally suitable for local streets like Bulwara Road.
- 4. Yes. The current road and speed signage are considered adequate to inform motorists of the traffic conditions in Bulwara Road.

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5. Traffic counts collected in 2019 showed a maximum of 49 vehicles per hour using Bulwara Road. The most recent Transport for NSW crash data from 2015 to 2020, showed one incident which involved a pedestrian injury in 2018. The incident occurred in Bulwara Road near Quarry Street.

The City receives various public enquiries about traffic and pedestrian safety in Bulwara Road. City staff will collate the information and provide to Councillors via the CEO Update.

# **Supplementary Answer**

At the June 2022 Council meeting, a Question on Notice was tabled relating to pedestrian safety on Bulwara Road, Ultimo.

Part 5 of the Question on Notice requested the City to provide any statistics or information in relation to the amount of traffic incidents and complaints relating to pedestrian safety on Bulwara Road. City staff have collated and provided the information in the CEO Update.

Between January 2017 and present, the City has received 21 enquiries relating to traffic and pedestrian safety in Bulwara Road between William Henry and Fig Streets as outlined below.

Number of Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Related Enquiries in Bulwara Road, Ultimo between William Henry and Fig Streets.							
Issue	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Pedestrian Safety	-	5	5	-	-	-	10
Speeding	-	1	2	-	-	-	3
Traffic calming	-	2	1	2	2	1	8
Total	0	8	8	2	2	1	21

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