
4 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)

Response

Brett Jackson, Acting Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

Currently we have 140 sensors deployed across four sites across the municipality. Two are in Noble Park being Ian Street and Leonard Avenue and two in Dandenong at Thomas Street and David Street.

In terms of going forward, we currently have a budget bid in for the 2019/2020 financial year and that bid proposes the implementation of over 2,000 sensors across our three main activity centres and the hospital precinct which are the primary areas of parking pressure across the municipality. If this bid is successful, it is intended to implement the sensors over a three year period being completed by mid-2023.

Question

Cr Sean O'Reilly

Just a couple of traffic matters that have been brought to my attention again, I really want Council to look at these even though we most probably have to refer them to VicRoads.

The first one is Lindsay Williams Bridge is continuing to be a problem for people turning right into Lightwood Road and the reason for that or part of the reason for that is, that cars that want to turn left into Lightwood Road are blocked by cars wanting to turn right. There is not enough width for two lanes and there is no signalisation at that intersection so we are getting dangerous situations occurring regularly. My question is, could Council see how Lindsay Williams Bridge could be made wider?

The second traffic question I can ask now is at the corner of Whitworth Avenue and Springvale Road, for cars turning right to go to Minaret College in Springvale, there is a continual line at peak times of up to about ten cars which again can be dangerous and risky. There are pedestrian lights at the corner of Stephenson Avenue and Springvale Road that appear to be under-utilised. Would it not make sense and I know it is easier said than done but would it not make sense to have signalisation at Whitworth Avenue and potentially remove the pedestrian crossing just a few metres down the road at Stephenson Avenue? If those could be investigated.

Response

Julie Reid, Director Engineering Services

In relation to the Lindsay Williams Bridge, there is currently a capacity for two cars turning right to wait without blocking left turning traffic. We have previously looked at altering line marking to increase this. However, this cannot be achieved without affecting access for small trucks and school buses. The Bridge itself is not a Council structure. It forms part of the station. It is unlikely that widening of the structure will be possible or realistically practical. Our Traffic Engineers however will investigate this matter further.

In relation to the lights at the corner of Springvale Road and Whitworth Avenue having signalisation, Springvale Road is managed by VicRoads who would be responsible for considering this proposal. I assume this relates to improving access to Whitworth Avenue particularly during that school pickup and drop off area. That is the main concern. Our Traffic Engineers are aware of the issue and they said that they will raise the matter with VicRoads again.