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Making MetRoad 5 safer for locals

Dear neighbour,

I'm writing with some updates about **our campaign to make MetRoad 5 safer**. MetRoad 5 runs all the way from Kedron, through Bardon to Toowong. It includes Macgregor Tce, Boundary Rd, Rouen Rd and Frederick St.

MetRoad 5 is a State-controlled road, so as your State MP, I've been fighting for upgrades and for a more sensible approach to transport planning. We need to prioritise local residents, pedestrians, cyclists and public transport over more and more cars. My priorities are:

- Slower speeds - ideally 40kms per hour where appropriate.
- More safe crossings and walkable footpaths, especially around Frederick and Boundary Rd.
- Better buses for the west side, including high-frequency "turn up and go" services for the 375, 470, 475, and Great Circle Line, and new routes to Toowong, St Lucia and Mt Coot-tha.

I've been campaigning in the media and supporting local residents to make their voices heard. We've been working constructively with the Minister to identify safety hotspots, but progress has been pretty slow. I'm quite sure the Department of Transport is sick of me and my staff hassling them!

Here are some small wins that I'd like to share..

Small win: Safety improvements at the Bardon roundabout

The Bardon roundabout at Rouen Rd, Rainworth Rd and Boundary Rd is quite dangerous, especially for pedestrians. The roundabout is a busy community hub with Norman Buchan Park, the Bardon Shed, a shopping strip, a new childcare centre and the nearby Rainworth State School.

I have recently secured some simple safety improvements at the roundabout including high-viz signage and hand rails, much better warning signs for motorists and some vegetation trimming to improve visibility.

Small win: Speed limit review

The best way to make pedestrians safer is lower speed limits in high-activity areas like the Bardon roundabout and up at the Bardon shops. **I have recently secured a "speed limit review"** which will

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consider dropping the speed to 50km or 40km per hour on Metroad 5 between the Bardon shops at Macgregor Tce and the Bardon Roundabout at Rouen Rd.

Brisbane City Council and the Queensland Police Service need to sign off on any speed limit changes, so I will be speaking with the local Councillor Peter Matic and the police to seek their support.

Please email the Transport Minister on transportandmainroads@ministerial.qld.gov.au and CC me on maiwar@parliament.qld.gov.au if you support safer speeds, or if you have other feedback on this idea.

Small win: Safe crossings at Macgregor Tce near Latrobe Tce

It can be difficult or dangerous to cross MetRoad 5 at Macgregor Tce just south of the Latrobe Tce roundabout, especially for older residents or people using wheelchairs or pushing prams. **I have recently secured a barrier-protected pedestrian refuge** to make it safer to cross Macgregor Tce at this location.

I've heard from residents and small business owners at the Bardon shops that some drivers have been running red lights around that shopping strip. **I have also secured an upgrade to the traffic lights** at the intersection of Macgregor Tce and Simpsons Rd to improve visibility.

How you can help

If you have an idea about how to make our suburbs more people-friendly, especially if it relates to MetRoad 5, please email the Transport Minister on transportandmainroads@ministerial.qld.gov.au and CC my office: Maiwar@parliament.qld.gov.au

Keeping connected

This is a pretty strange time, but it's more important than ever to stay connected. Physical access to my office is closed due to COVID-19, but my staff and I are all working from home to help residents with issues big or small.

The restrictions mean I can't do "pop up office" events in person, but I will be doing regular "Live Q&A" events on my facebook page (just search "Michael Berkman" on facebook). Of course, you can always get in touch with me on 3737 4100 or by email to maiwar@parliament.qld.gov.au

I send out fortnightly email updates about local issues and events, and you can sign up online at michaelberkman.com.au or contact my office if you'd like to be added to our list.

My office has also created the **West Side Helping Hands for COVID-19** facebook group for locals to support each other. If you can offer help or if you know someone who needs a hand with anything at all, please check it out.

Kind regards,



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