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## **Pedestrian safety and speed limit review for MetRoad 5**

Dear Cr Matic,

I am writing to request your assistance in an upcoming speed limit review for MetRoad 5 which runs through the Paddington Ward including Macgregor Tce, Boundary Rd, Rouen Rd and Frederick St.

We have both taken a strong interest in improving safety on MetRoad 5 for local residents. Since it is a State-controlled road I have been pushing upgrades and for a more sensible approach to transport planning for this corridor. I'm sure you'd agree we need to prioritise local residents, pedestrians, cyclists and public transport over more and more cars.

My priorities for Metroad 5 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.

Myself and local residents have been working constructively with the Minister to identify safety hotspots. We have managed to secure some changes which I would like to share with you.

### **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 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.

The Department will carry out the review, finishing by July 2020. The recommendations of that review will be presented to the local speed management committee for approval which includes Brisbane City Council and the Queensland Police Service.

**I am seeking your support to ensure that Council's representative on the committee supports lowering the speed limit for this section of MetRoad 5 to 40km/hr.** This would be consistent with Council's approach in other "high pedestrian activity" areas of Brisbane like Station Rd in Indooroopilly and Old Cleveland Rd in Stones Corner which are both 40km/hr. More information is available on my website here: [michaelberkman.com.au/boundary\\_rd\\_bardon](http://michaelberkman.com.au/boundary_rd_bardon)

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I have communicated my strong support for 40km/hr to the Department, and my office has also been liaising with the local police.

### **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 which the Minister** advises that the Department has already carried out. These include high-viz signage and hand rails, much better warning signs for motorists and some vegetation trimming to improve visibility.

### **Safe crossings at Macgregor Tce near Latrobe Tce**

You will be aware that 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.

If it's helpful, I would be happy to discuss this directly with you or with Council officers. Please do not hesitate to contact my office on 3737 4100 if you would like to chat.

Kind regards,



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