



Public Question Time

Ordinary Council Meeting – 24 September 2024

Public Questions Received in Writing

Matthew Morgan - Bayswater
Traffic Calming

Question 1

Local roads and footpaths are paid for by local council rate payers. Footpaths are a necessity for senior mobility scooters, visually impaired and wheelchair people. Around Traylen road; Wills, Wholley, Elizabeth and Adelia streets have roads but no footpaths. Are car owners more superior and entitled than seniors, visually impaired and wheelchair people?

Response 1

The City continues to maintain and improve its transport infrastructure to meet the needs of all users.

Improvements are identified through the City's various plans and programs. The allocation of funds to projects is determined through the annual Council-led business planning process. The methodology used is not based on any form of superiority or entitlement between user types.

Question 2

Council pay for local roads, State Government pay for main roads. Traylen road is a local residential street and being used by trucks and heavy SUVs to bypass Guildford and Garratt main roads, causing unnecessary damage and cost on local roads. Why does CoB burden local ratepayers with this unnecessary expensive tax?

Response 2

Traylen Road is classified as an Access Road under the Main Roads' road hierarchy and allows large SUVs and vehicles up to 19 metres long, which are as-of-right vehicles across the entire road network. The closing of local access roads will only distribute traffic to other local access roads which would unnecessarily affect other residential streets, major intersections and would impact on permeability in the area.

It should be noted that local government receives both State and federal funds that assist with the ongoing maintenance, renewal and upgrade of local roads.

Question 3

In reference to my previous question, does the Mayor have an undeclared conflict of interest with Road Resurfacing Contractors?

Response 3

No.

Nana Maeshinjo – Bayswater

10.3.1 Tender No. 7-2024 - Proposed Asphalt Treatments and Associated Works

Question 1

Can the LCUSRP be expedited for Traylen Road Bayswater or temporary speed cushions installed in the meantime?

Response 1

There is currently no budget for these works on Traylen Road. The City will continue to liaise with Main Roads WA in relation to securing appropriate project funding.