



Traffic Calming Policy

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1 Purpose

To outline the criteria for assessing requests for traffic calming.

2 Background

Council receives numerous requests for the installation of traffic calming measures to control perceived speeding in local streets.

The Balmain peninsula and Styles Street currently have a 40km/h speed limit and the rest of the Leichhardt LGA has a 50km/h speed limit except the City West Link. The streets in the vicinity of schools have a part-time 40km/h School Zone speed limit. Currently, the speed limits in Norton Street and Marion Street are being reviewed in light of reducing vehicular speeds to 40km/h to improve safety for pedestrians.

In general, the travelling speed of a vehicle is difficult to quantify from observations particularly in a low traffic volume environment. Speeding by a few vehicles also could give a perception of constant speeding.

In a number of occasions where residents have raised concerns on speeding in their streets, the traffic speed counts have indicated that the 85th percentile speed was below the speed limit.

3 Guidelines

The following guidelines have been prepared to assist in assessing the need for traffic calming measures to control speeding:

1. A minimum of 3 enquiries or a petition signed by 3 or more residents from different properties in the subject section of the street within a year is required to initiate an investigation of speeding.
2. For further investigation on traffic calming measures to control speeding in the subject section of the street:
 - There must be three or more reported accidents that have occurred in the previous 5 years **or**
 - The volume of traffic (bi-directional) must be greater than 500₁ vehicles per day **and**
 - The 85th percentile speed (in any direction) must be over 44km/h where the speed limit is 40km/h and 55km/h where the speed limit is 50km/h.
3. No raised traffic calming devices must be installed in streets in the LGA,

which have a heavy vehicle composition higher than 5%. In this circumstance, traffic calming devices which provide horizontal deflection should be considered.

4. A minimum 50% resident support from the properties within the subject section of the street is required to proceed with the installation of traffic calming devices. (1 – subject to review of current Austroads document: “Guide to Traffic Management Part 8: Local Area Traffic Management”).

4 Version Control and Change History

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