



# Public Questions In Writing

## Ordinary Council Meeting – 10 December 2024

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**Traffic Calming**

### Question 1

**According to the Main Roads Hierarchy Criteria, Traylen road is stated as an Access Road. The degree of connectivity is classified as low to provide mainly for property access. Its predominant purpose is classified as a provision of vehicle access of abutting properties. However, Traylen road provides a ‘rat run’ traffic light bypass between two main roads Garratt and Guildford road. Is the council violating the Main Roads Hierarchy Criteria?**

### Response 1

The City conducted traffic counts on Traylen Street in November 2023 for a duration of two weeks to assess traffic volume and speed of vehicles through the street. Data was captured at two locations. The traffic volume at both points was within the permitted traffic volume for an access road, being less than 3000 vehicles per day.

### Question 2

**The council has been aware of the continual ‘rat running’ and speeding on Traylen road, Bayswater for many years. Its residents are subjected higher risk of road trauma, excessive noise, greater air pollution, less vibrancy and less active streets. Residents such as seniors, children and people using wheelchairs are overrepresented in pedestrian road deaths and injuries. To date, the council has not implemented any safety improvements.**

**Has the City of Bayswater failed the residents of Traylen Road?**

### Response 2

A traffic count survey revealed that the 85th percentile speed near the Queen Street end of Traylen Road is below the 50 km/h speed limit, while midway along the road, it is 55 km/h. In response to these findings and community feedback, the City is proposing a series of traffic treatments under the Low Cost Urban Road Safety Program, which have been endorsed by Council in March 2024. The City is currently awaiting funding availability from Main Roads. If the proposed treatments are implemented outside this program, their delivery will depend on funding availability and prioritisation against other projects in the forward capital works program.

### Question 3

**Traylen road, Bayswater has been in desperate need of rudimentary traffic calming for many years. This has been confirmed by Engage Bayswater and traffic volume and speed counters.**

**Rate payers spend millions of dollars funding your Local Roads and Infrastructure department. What purpose does this department serve the community if they will not implement traffic calming measures on Traylen Road?**

Response 3

The City manages numerous traffic management measures and road-related requests across its jurisdiction. Feasibility assessments and designs are conducted to ensure all treatments comply with current standards and guidelines. Once designs are completed, they are added to the forward capital works program, where they are considered by the Council with other City priorities and funding availability.