



Council Policy

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Policy scope

This policy applies to the safety of all road users with a focus on pedestrian safety, speed reduction initiatives and traffic calming measures on roads and open spaces under the care, control or management of the City of Fremantle to create community friendly streets. In the first instance, the City will pursue traffic calming measures that are developed in direct collaboration with the community which are low cost and easily delivered. This includes low cost urban treatments, signs, line marking and greenery that enhance the quality of our streetscapes. Traffic calming devices that require rigorous planning and construction will be considered as a secondary option where deemed necessary. This policy will apply to any traffic or driver behaviour issues that are identified in the analysis of a traffic calming request in order to ensure adequate traffic planning which considers all users of the City's road network and accommodates safety, future City growth and improvement in driver behaviour and awareness.

Purpose

This policy provides clarity and consistency around the assessment of speed reduction initiatives and implementation of traffic calming measures on roads and open space under the care, control or management of the City, and the requirement to comply with the relevant Acts and guidelines. The policy will provide guidance over the way the City will analyse traffic issues which are identified with any request for traffic calming to incorporate robust transport planning principles.

Policy Statement

To create a safe, inclusive, active, healthy and vibrant place for residents to live and work, City of Fremantle is committed to providing community friendly streets that are suitable for all road users and will endeavour to ensure that any traffic-related concerns are properly and appropriately assessed and addressed wherever feasible via community collaboration to explore low cost treatments that enhance our streetscapes.

Objectives and Measures

The key objective of this policy is to investigate traffic calming issues broadly and engage with the community to seek low cost solutions in accordance with the processes and assessment tools contained in the *Traffic Calming Guidelines and Technical Standards Administration Policy*. This administration policy considers and outlines:

- How precinct groups and community members can reach out to the City to investigate traffic calming issues;



- The need to analyse driver behaviours and traffic movements with a holistic approach to precincts and the potential effects any traffic calming measures may have on the surrounding road network;
- Low cost traffic calming measures that not only address the traffic issues that are identified, but improve the quality of our streetscapes;
- The processes and procedures to work with the community when analysing, prioritising and developing project proposals for traffic calming;
- The types of traffic calming devices and speed reduction initiatives the City would consider for traffic calming solutions; and
- The traffic warrant system for initially analysing all traffic calming requests as a baseline starting point.

Guiding Documents and Procedures

The following procedures and assessment tools are utilised by the City of Fremantle's Infrastructure Engineering business unit to assess speed reduction initiatives, requests for traffic calming devices and undertake investigations to determine priority rankings:

- ADMINISTRATION POLICY – TRAFFIC CALMING GUIDELINES AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Definitions and abbreviations

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Traffic calming measure – A 'measure' implemented on a road to encourage drivers to travel at an appropriate speed to complement the road environment and to discourage unnecessary through-traffic through either soft measures (signs, line marking, trees) or hard infrastructure methods (traffic calming devices).

Speed reduction initiative – A reduction in speed to a precinct which aims to achieve a reduction in impact force, increased visibility and decreased stopping distance.

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