



Unley Bicycle User Group

City of Unley, South Australia

LATM Zone 5 - Fullarton and Myrtle Bank

Please accept this submission from the committee and members of the Unley BUG. This submission is prepared by the Unley BUG Committee on behalf of our 460+ current members to ensure the interests of people who cycle, walk and use mobility aids in, to and through our City are met in the above stated project.

Cars present the most significant actual and perceived danger to people who walk and cycle in Unley. As such, we welcome any measures to reduce the speed and volume of car traffic in our city because doing so will always make our streets safer and more pleasant to walk and cycle on.

We wish to make the following comments on the Zone 5 LATM Plan first draft:

- Wattle St and Ferguson Ave are important east-west cycling routes. With council moving to make these streets 40km/hr, consideration should be made *now* in the LATM to address the 85th percentile speed of these streets (which are above 50km/hr) and improve their safety. While this change in speed limit has not yet been formally adopted, if not addressed at this early stage, it could be more than a decade before this area is due for another LATM plan.
- Improvements to the Ferguson / Riverdale / Rossington intersection should consider both east-west and north-south movements of cyclists as this is the intersection of two neighbourhood bicycle routes.
- Where speed humps are proposed to be installed, especially on designated cycling routes, consider including cyclist bypasses as found on Wood-Weller St.
- Where intersections are 'improved', seek opportunities to extend kerbs to reduce pedestrian crossing distances and reduce the radius of corners to calm (car) traffic speeds.
- (Long-term) Consider an area-wide reduction in speed limits to 30km/hr. As the analysis report notes, this will *significantly* improve safety outcomes for people walking and cycling.
- (Long-term) Consider targeting a reduction of 85th percentile speeds to improve safety (30km/hr) independently of a speed limit change, which may be politically contentious. Many of the streets analysed have an 85th percentile speed of >45km/hr, which according to Fig. 8 of the report, is 50% more likely to lead to a fatal collision than 40km/hr, and over 500% more likely than at 30km/hr!

Overall, we are pleased that council is continuing to review and address street safety and traffic outcomes across the road network and believe the changes proposed further contribute to Unley's reputation as the safest and most convenient place to walk and cycle in South Australia.

Regards,

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