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Dear resident/business owner

SIR FRED SCHONELL DRIVE AND COLDRIDGE STREET BLACK SPOT PROJECT Start of construction

Brisbane City Council is upgrading the Sir Fred Schonell Drive and Coldridge Street intersection at St Lucia as part of the Australian Government's 2020-21 Black Spot Program.

The Australian Government's Black Spot Program is part of the National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020, which is framed by the guiding vision that no person should be killed or seriously injured on Australia's roads. The program aims to improve road safety by implementing upgrade measures at each black spot location to reduce the risk of crashes. The intersection is one of four black spot project sites Council is upgrading as part of the 2020-21 Black Spot Program.

Between June 2014 and May 2020 there have been 15 reported crashes at the Sir Fred Schonell Drive and Coldridge Street intersection, resulting in eight hospitalisations, five requiring medical treatment and two minor injuries. The majority of crashes occurred as a result of motorists failing to give way when turning right via the filtered turn from Sir Fred Schonell Drive into Coldridge Street.

The project will improve safety at the intersection for all road users by upgrading the existing right turn from Sir Fred Schonell Drive into Coldridge Street from a filtered right turn to a controlled right turn with a dedicated right turning lane.

To accommodate the new right-turn lane, the intersection will be reconfigured with the westbound through lane on Sir Fred Schonell Drive reduced from two lanes to one. The northbound turning lanes on Coldridge Street will change from two right-turn lanes, to one lane, improving bus movements.

MAIN CONSTRUCTION WORKS

Construction works will generally take place between **7am and 5pm, Monday to Saturday**. Some works will be required to take place at night between **7pm and 5am, Sunday to Thursday** when traffic volumes are lowest, to ensure the safety of motorists and workers and to minimise traffic disruptions.

Council is committed to keeping the local community informed of construction activity in their area and will provide advanced notification to affected residents and businesses of any particularly noisy or impactful out-of-hours works, or major service disruptions within the work area.

Residents and businesses in close proximity to the worksite may experience some temporary impacts including:

- construction noise, including saw cutting of asphalt and concrete, and excavation works
- construction and heavy vehicle movements with reversing beepers and flashing lights
- increased lighting from portable light towers
- dust and low levels of vibration
- changed traffic conditions and some traffic delays.

The following mitigation strategies have been put in place to minimise disruption to the local community during these works:

- undertaking noisier activities, such as saw cutting and jack hammering, before 11pm wherever possible
- briefing night shift crews on noise mitigation requirements at pre-start meetings
- turning off plant and equipment when not in use
- using noise mats and barriers wherever possible.

Due to workplace health and safety requirements, reversing beepers cannot be switched off.

Road users may experience temporary changed traffic conditions and lane closures at certain times to allow work to be completed and should expect delays when travelling through the area. Where necessary, traffic management will be onsite to safely direct motorists, pedestrians and cyclists through the area.

We apologise for any inconvenience these works may cause and appreciate your patience while Council completes this important safety upgrade.

Environmental impact

All works will be carried out in accordance with the relevant environmental guidelines and Council will make every effort to minimise environmental impacts during construction.

Car parking loss

To upgrade the intersection, three informal, off-peak on-street carparks on the western side of Sir Fred Schonell Drive between Coldridge and Warren Street will be removed.

PROJECT TIMING

Main civil construction works will commence from **23 November 2020** and are expected to be complete by early 2021.

If you have any questions about this project, or to **register to receive project updates** via email, please contact the project team on **1800 884 681** during business hours or email cityprojects@brisbane.qld.gov.au. For information outside of business hours, please call Council's 24-hour Contact Centre on 3403 8888.

Yours sincerely

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