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Mr Tom Duncan
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Dear Mr Duncan *Tom*

Thank you for your letter concerning petition 008-24, lodged by Mr Andrew Braddock MLA, requesting improvements of the active travel network around Maribyrnong Primary School in Kaleen.

The ACT Government takes road safety, and in particular safety of school children, very seriously and is keen to encourage greater uptake in active travel with the many benefits this provides for health and sustainability.

The ACT Government is currently progressing active travel and road safety improvements at schools all around Canberra, including at Maribyrnong Primary School. Information regarding active travel projects that are in feasibility, design and construction is available on the [Walking and cycling infrastructure map \(arcgis.com\)](#).

Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) has been working with Maribyrnong Primary School to improve road safety and provide greater opportunities for active travel to this school.

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I am pleased to report that a feasibility study into providing additional paths and crossings, to improve the active travel network to and around Maribyrnong Primary School, was undertaken in 2023. The report recommended:

- Construction of a footpath on the southern side of Alberga Street from the end of the existing path to connect with the existing path on the southern side of Shannon Circuit;
- Construction of a footpath on Shannon Circuit along the northern side of Shannon Circuit; and
- Raised zebra pedestrian crossings (wombat crossings) on Shannon Circuit and across the school access road.

Following completion of the feasibility, the Government allocated funding in the Budget for the design of these potential improvements and design is currently underway. The construction of these proposals will be considered and prioritised in the context of other proposals for active travel and school safety improvements across the Territory.

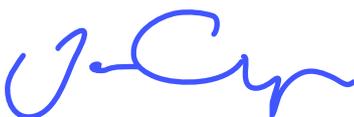
In the past seven years (2017 to 2024), there has been two reported crashes on Alberga Street and no reported crashes on Shannon Circuit. The two crashes reported involved damage only and occurred in the vicinity of the shops. This crash record does not indicate a road safety issue on either of these roads.

Traffic surveys on Alberga Street from May 2024, indicate the average speed of traffic is approximately 35km/h northbound and 36km/h southbound during the hours the 40km/h school zone is in operation, and 41km/h northbound and 45km/h southbound outside the school zone hours when the 50km/h default speed limit applies. These speed results indicate good compliance with the speed limits and that speed management safety measures are unlikely to be of benefit.

TCCS is currently reviewing how the school crossing supervisor program is delivered. Currently, there is no immediate plan to expand this program to Maribyrnong Primary School. However, Maribyrnong Primary School will be added to the list of schools that have expressed interest in having a dedicated crossing supervisor and, should the scheme be expanded in the future, the request will be considered against both the criteria for a supervised crossing and the priorities across the Territory.

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust this information is of assistance.

Sincerely



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