

Councillor Cabada - MoN - Implementation of St Mary's College Traffic Safety Recommendations

Tuesday, 28 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Alfredo Cabada

Public

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MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Alfredo Cabada will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the 2024 School Travel Safety Review for St Mary's College, completed under Council's resolution of 26 March 2024, identified serious traffic and pedestrian safety issues in Franklin Street and Grote Street and recommended specific improvements, and that the Review was presented to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee in June 2025.
 2. Requests that Administration report to Council within 30 days on the funding, approvals and delivery pathway to implement the Review's recommendations, with priority given to:
 - a. kerb buildouts at the signalised crossing in Grote Street to stop vehicles using the cycle lane and shoulder as a turning lane to West Terrace;
 - b. a solid white line in Franklin Street to prevent unsafe U-turns;
 - c. a 40 km/h school zone in Franklin Street, and pursuing its extension to Grote Street with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport; and
 - d. pursuing red light cameras at both signalised crossings with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport and SAPOL.
 3. Requests the report include indicative costs, timeframes, and which actions require external agency approval.
 4. Requests that Administration implement any immediate low-cost measures within existing authority in the interim, including installing advisory signage indicating the area is a school zone (noting Committee members' comments in June 2025 that such signage should be installed as a priority), refreshing faded line marking and kerb markings, clearing vegetation obstructing visibility or signage, and enforcement of current parking and stopping controls in Franklin Street and Grote Street.
 5. Requests that Administration advise Council Members on the status of implementation of the St Mary's College recommendations since the Review's presentation to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee, including any actions delivered under the School Safety Implementation Project funded in the 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget.'
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ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. A School Travel Safety Implementation Plan workshop was considered by Council Members at the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee on 21 July 2026, to obtain Council Members' views on the priorities within the Plan.
2. School communities continue to highlight the importance of improving safety, especially in relation to safer speeds and crossings.
 - 2.1. The School Travel Safety Implementation Plan recognises safety improvements around 11 schools located across Adelaide and North Adelaide, including St Mary's College.
 - 2.2. The workshop includes indicative costs and timeframes. The need for approvals will be determined during concept design development.
3. In terms of St Mary's College specifically:
 - 3.1. Parking control changes have been implemented on Gray Street, Franklin Street and Grote Street, to increase opportunities for drop-off and pick-up.
 - 3.2. Vegetation on Grote Street within the vicinity of the pedestrian crossing adjacent St Mary's College was pruned in April and May 2026.
 - 3.3. Kerb extension markings around the Grote Street pedestrian actuated crossing are to be installed by the end of July to improve driver compliance and address identified concerns of people driving down the cycle lane and shoulder towards West Terrace.
 - 3.4. The Administration has prepared and endorsed Traffic Impact Statements (TISs), including traffic control plans, for a 40km/h time-based school speed limit on Grote Street and a 25km/h school zone on Franklin Street. The TISs are currently with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) for approval.
 - 3.4.1. The Administration has prepared advisory 'school street' signage to increase awareness of schools within the City of Adelaide that will be installed on each street adjacent schools within the City of Adelaide including St Mary's College.
 - 3.5. Traffic surveys have recently been undertaken on Gray Street, collecting information about user speeds and volumes. The Administration is currently waiting for the return of survey findings which will inform the need for traffic calming and potential for other street changes.
 - 3.6. The City of Adelaide has been awarded a \$435,000 grant from the Australian Government under the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP) Tranche 4 as a 50:50 contribution to upgrade seven crossings near six schools, including safer crossings at the pedestrian actuated crossings on Grote and Franklin Streets adjacent St Mary's College.
 - 3.6.1. Detailed design will be completed in 2026/27 with project delivery forecast for 2027/28 – 2028/29 financial years.
 - 3.7. The Administration has submitted a request to the South Australian Police (SAPOL) for an increased police presence around the school, highlighting speeding and compliance issues around the pedestrian actuated crossings.
 - 3.8. The Administration will continue to engage with St Mary's College administration and provide regular updates on the progress of these projects and other initiatives that may be identified through our school safety review process.
4. Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion, the Administration will review the feasibility of undertaking a CCTV Traffic Survey Assessment using AI capabilities to collect data on the frequency of driver non-compliance with the traffic signals prior to pursuing red light cameras at both signalised crossings with DIT and SAPOL.
5. In the case that red light cameras are installed at both signalised crossings, the following is anticipated (subject to DIT confirmation):

- 5.1. The current proposal for a 25km/h school zone on Franklin Street would need to be changed to a 40km/h time-based school speed limit.
- 5.2. Electronic Speed Limit Signage (e.g. 40km/h speed signs that flash during the school zone hours of operation) would need to be installed.
6. A report to Council relating to the School Travel Safety Implementation Plan will be prepared following further engagement with the 11 schools and presented to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee once engagement has been completed.

Should the proposed motion be supported by Council, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	St Mary's College will be kept informed about project development and implementation.
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	\$20,000 (for CCTV Traffic Survey Assessment using AI capabilities)
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 6.5 hours.

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