

4.4 RAISED AND PAINTED MEDIAN ISLAND - KINGFISHER AVENUE BALLAJURA

(Ballajura) (Operations)

KEY ISSUES

- Public consultation for raised and painted median islands in Kingfisher Avenue is now completed in accordance with Council's resolution of 15 June 2005.
- Majority of responses clearly indicate support for the City's proposal to implement the raised and painted median islands in Kingfisher Avenue from Jacana Parade to Pelican Parade in an effort to reduce accidents and vehicle speed on Kingfisher Avenue.
- Funding of \$120,000 has been provided in the City's 2006/07 Budget to carry out the proposed works.

It is recommended that Council approve the installation of raised and painted median islands in Kingfisher Avenue Ballajura from Jacana Parade to Pelican Parade.

BACKGROUND

At its Ordinary Council Meeting of 15 June 2005 the Council resolved in part to:

- *Consider the design for raised and painted median islands in Kingfisher Avenue from Jacana Parade to Pelican Parade in consultation with the residents of Kingfisher Avenue during 2005/06, and*
- *Provide funds in Council's draft 2006/07 budget for the implementation of the raised and painted median islands in Kingfisher Avenue from Jacana Parade to Pelican Parade.*

In addition to the Recommendation a footnote was added to report item 4.8 dealing with this matter, for *the final design to reflect the concerns of the residents to ensure easy and safe access provided that public liability of the Council is not jeopardised.*

In September 2006 173 surveys were distributed to residents of Kingfisher Avenue seeking their approval or disapproval for the City to proceed with the construction of raised and painted centre median islands in Kingfisher Avenue, Ballajura, in an effort to reduce accidents and vehicle speed at this location. Along with a letter of explanation regarding the background to this matter, and invitation to participate in the survey, residents were provided with three design drawings depicting the proposed plan of the works within the various sections of Kingfisher Avenue.

REPORT

Of the 173 surveys distributed a twenty-four percent response (41) was received. Of the forty-one responses fourteen percent (6) objected to the City's proposal with their disapproval generally pointing towards some doubt as to the effectiveness of the proposed treatment. Whilst a further two did not indicate their support for or against the proposal, they too doubted the effectiveness of the raised and painted centre median islands. The optimistic responses from the thirty-three residents in support of the proposal very much favoured the concept, with many of the comments indicating a belief that the proposal was an acceptable and suitable traffic calming method for the particular local area.

The Council has allocated \$120,000 in its 2006/07 budget to undertake the proposed works. This estimate includes the removal of the existing bicycle and centre line markings and construction of approximately 32 raised traffic islands of varying length, linked with painted traffic islands. Drawing Nos. T116-1, T116-2, and T116-3 are attached to the report and provide further details of the project as it is proposed.

It is recommended that the Council endorse the implementation of the raised and painted centre median islands on Kingfisher Avenue between Jacana Parade and Pelican Parade.

ATTACHMENTS

Drawings Nos. TM116-1, TM116-2, TM116-3

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$120,000 has been allocated in the 2006/07 budget for the construction of raised and painted centre median islands on Kingfisher Avenue, Ballajura

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council resolve to:

- 1) Approve the installation of raised and painted centre median islands on Kingfisher Avenue Ballajura between Jacana Parade and Pelican Parade in accordance with the attached plans.

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