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Enquiries: Customer Service – 9364 0666
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Dear «Salutaion»

Construction of a Path along Beach Street

The City of Melville is constructing a path along Beach Street from Blackwall Reach Parade to Harris Street in Bicton, connecting to existing and planned path networks on Point Walter Road and the eastern section of Beach Street (see attached design and FAQ sheet).

This path will improve safety and access in the area and meet community aspirations for *Sustainable and Connected Transport* and *Healthy Lifestyles*, as identified in the Community Strategy Plan.

All paths are important because:

- Paths increase the safety and convenience of pedestrians and other path users and will help reduce the conflict between users and vehicles.
- They improve the accessibility, connectivity and amenity of the area.

The path will be built in concrete and will be 1.8m wide from the back of the kerb. The path will be built on the southern side of Beach Street as per the enclosed plans, which show the proposed route.

A path along the southern side provides the following advantages:

- Better connectivity to existing and future path construction.
- A logical point of access for people heading from/to the river.
- More shade from the tree canopy.
- Less impact to the verge to meet accessibility guidelines and avoid existing light poles.

This project has been approved for construction within the 2019/20 financial year budget and is expected to be completed before March 2020, to coincide with proposed resurfacing of the road as an integrated project. The exact timing for construction will depend on other works in progress across the City and weather conditions. All residents affected by the actual construction will have a letter delivered, outlining the exact schedule, two weeks before construction commences.

If you require any further information or clarification regarding this matter or wish to make comments, please email melinfo@melville.wa.gov.au or call Customer Service on 9364 0666 or 1300 635 845 by close of business Friday, 2 August 2019. Please include your name, address and contact number.

Yours Sincerely

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Cc: Cr Guy Wieland and Cr June Barton

Frequently Asked Questions

Why construct paths? (Community Plan)

Paths are identified by residents as an aspiration in the current Strategic Community Plan under the headings of:

- Sustainable and Connected Transport, and
- Healthy Lifestyles

The provision of a path network suitable for everyone including families, people with disabilities and older people, provides safety, security, amenity and health benefits.

Over time everyone will have a path on their street connecting them to the rest of the City.

What will the path look like? (Standard Path Design)

All paths must meet all relevant construction and safety standards.

As well, in general, paths will be:

- Constructed in concrete. This provides good grip, is strong, has a long life and is an aid to people with vision issues.
- Constructed to a width of 1.8m. This width makes it easier for people to pass each other in wheelchairs and mobility scooters. Where required this width might be reduced to avoid obstructions.
- Constructed with a maximum fall across the path of 2.5%. This makes it easier for people in wheelchairs to use the path. Where at all possible, we will construct the path so that the fall is towards the road.
- Constructed along the kerb line to avoid potential conflict at the property line between pedestrians and vehicles.

What about my verge? (Verge Treatments)

Many people have put significant effort into their verges and we will do our best to minimise any disruption or changes.

If reticulation or artificial turf is affected then we will repair or modify as required.

We will attempt to relocate significant existing vegetation outside the path area after discussion with the resident.

Irrigated turf will be relocated but not maintained.

We will not provide compensation for the removal of verge treatments.

What about my crossover (driveway)? (Standard Crossover Designs)

The new accessibility standards will require changes to the section of the crossover adjacent to the road to meet the standards. This is to allow for a continuous path across all residential driveways, maintaining path cross fall and material in preference to the crossover construction. The path will be constructed using our standard designs and in concrete.

Construction Priorities

Current Council Policy outlines the following priorities for construction:

- Path usage (predicted).
- Vehicle numbers.
- Assessment of conflict between path users and vehicles.
- Function of path.
- Road visibility, width and condition of verges.
- Disability access and inclusion.
- Cycle route planning.
- Residential densities.
- Requirements arising from other City strategies, e.g. Public Spaces.