

Question on Notice

No. 874

Asked on 18 June 2021

MR T WATTS ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Safe School Travel (SafeST program)—

Will the Minister advise if there are any plans to install a scramble crossing at Wilsonton State High School?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Toowoomba North for the question.

I am informed there are no plans to install a scramble crossing at the intersection of Richmond Drive and North Street, Toowoomba.

School safety issues within the Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC) area are addressed via the Toowoomba Regional Council School Working Group (TRCSWG). TRCSWG meets twice yearly to address school safety concerns and consists of representatives from TRC, Department of Education, Brisbane Catholic Education, Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and the Queensland Police Service.

At the TRCSWG meeting held in March 2021, issues were raised about the time it takes children to cross the intersection of North Street and Richmond Drive, using the pedestrian activated traffic signals.

TRCSWG did not endorse a scramble crossing due to the peak pedestrian movements only impacting for a short period during the afternoon. The working group does not believe a scramble crossing would be the safest option at this intersection. However, as a result of these discussions, TRC have increased the length of time provided for pedestrians to cross the crossing during school times.

TMR will continue to work with TRCSWG to provide road safety and school crossing education.