

Work to bump up speed safety

WORK will soon begin to improve the traffic safety measures on Flinders Way after critical feedback from the community.

Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Shane Rattenbury, announced the results of the evaluation of the Flinders Way traffic safety measures and said work would be commencing shortly to improve the measures.

These improvements will begin this month and are expected to cost about \$50,000.

The speed cushions were installed in May 2011 to improve road safety along Flinders Way between Murray Crescent and Mugga Way after residents' complaints about speeding and high traffic levels.

"Following the installation of the speed cushions, average speeds in sections of Flinders Way have decreased between 10 and 18 kilometres per hour. Traffic volumes have also decreased between 8 per cent and 32 per cent, without pushing the traffic volumes on identified alternative routes beyond their acceptable road limit," Mr Rattenbury said.

"Short term data indicates improved road safety with a decrease in the number of crashes when comparing the 10 month periods before and after the installation of the speed cushions."

In March and April the ACT government called for community feedback on the effectiveness of the speed cushions.

"As a result of this feedback the ACT government will make some modifications, including changes to the size and spacing of the speed cushions. The distance between the cushions and parked vehicles will also be modified to improve bicycle safety," Mr Rattenbury said.

"The results of the review show that the speed cushions have effectively achieved the desired outcomes by decreasing average speeds, increasing road safety and decreasing traffic volumes along Flinders Way. These additional modifications will further improve the effectiveness of the traffic safety measures."

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