

Springvale Road, between Mitcham and Reynolds Roads, Donvale

Duplication and Safety Improvements

Background

Springvale Road, between Mitcham Road and Reynolds Road, is an arterial road, 3.5km long with varying widths and standards of road construction along its length. Council manages the off-road area along the road with the Department of Transport managing the road pavement. We recognise Springvale Road as an integrated part of Manningham's road network and we believe it needs urgent upgrading to meet the needs of the community.

Springvale Road has not been constructed to an appropriate arterial road standard and requires urgent upgrading to improve safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists, as well as reduce delay and improve access to adjacent properties. The current traffic volume along this section of Springvale Road is 22,000 vehicles per day with 5% heavy traffic. It should be noted that 18,000 vehicles per day is the target volume for a two-lane two-way road. There have been 20 casualty crashes in the past five years. We estimate the project cost to be in the order of \$60 million.

Issue

Population, traffic growth and arterial roads aligns with state government policies and directions, and we consider State and Federal Governments have an important role to play in the upgrade of infrastructure to meet the current and future needs of communities.

Manningham is experiencing significant population growth due to intensification of development. Road infrastructure within our municipality has not kept up with this pace of development and as a result we are experiencing increased congestion and reduced road safety performance.

Funding for the upgrade of these roads is considered to be the responsibility of the State Government. Council has over many years advocated for the community and road safety needs to the Department of Transport (formerly VicRoads). Manningham remains committed to advocating for necessary improvement works to this arterial road to address road safety issues and improve traffic movement on to other arterial roads such as the Eastern Freeway and Eastlink.

Request For Action

Manningham Council is advocating for a total of \$20 million funding towards duplication and safety improvements for the section of Springvale Road, between Mitcham and Reynolds Roads, Donvale.