



Hobsons Bay City Council Fact Sheet

Francis Street and Cemetery Road, Brooklyn

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What would be required to improve the condition of Cemetery Road?

VicRoads classifies roads according to use. Cemetery Road is not an arterial road according to VicRoads guidelines and therefore maintenance responsibilities lie with Hobsons Bay City Council.

There is no quick fix to improve Cemetery Road. Maintaining it by filling pot holes haphazardly is not a long term solution for a road carrying heavy vehicles. However the Council will carry out patching works to temporarily fix the worst pot holes.

Works to improve the condition of Cemetery Road would involve installing underground drainage, kerb and channel, industrial standard road pavement, street lighting and landscaping. This would total more than \$750,000. These works would need to be considered in a future capital works program if they are to proceed. Completion of projects in the capital works program is based on priority, including maintaining the quality of roads, traffic volume and accident history.

In the meantime, the Council will inspect Cemetery Road more frequently to determine what maintenance works can be done to keep the road in better order.

How will the issue of dust be addressed in Francis Street?

VicRoads has sealed a portion of the road shoulder in Francis Street to limit the amount of dust in the area. Wire safety fencing has also been installed to prevent vehicles stopping along Francis Street and crossing onto the shoulder to kick up dust.

The Council has erected 'No Stopping' and time limit parking signs along Francis Street. Local Laws officers have patrolled the area on several occasions and have issued a small number of infringements. Local Laws officers will patrol these areas more frequently to further prevent trucks stopping in these areas. Regarding the time limit parking, the majority of drivers have complied with the parking limits. Some of these signs are missing and the Council will replace these. Having the time limit parking areas is vital for local businesses along Francis Street that require parking for customers.

To landscape Francis Street between the wire barrier and the fence line would cost more than \$120,000. There are no funds available for these works in the current financial year. Given the considerable cost involved, Councillors would need to approve the allocation of funds to undertake them in future capital works budgets.

A recent inspection of Francis Street identified a significant amount of loose material and grit on both shoulders of the road, which will contribute to the dust issue. The Council has raised this with VicRoads and they will speak with their contractor to conduct regular sweeps to remove the loose material.

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