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PROPOSED CHANGES TO TRAFFIC FLOW IN TOORAK FOR SAFER AND EFFICIENT TRAFFIC SYSTEM: FRA

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Fiji Roads Authority (FRA) would like to inform members of the public about the proposed changes to the traffic flow in the Toorak area, aimed at creating a safer and more efficient traffic system.

Currently, the traffic setup allows for one-way traffic between peak hours, from 6am to 8am and 2pm to 4pm on weekdays, with two-way traffic outside these hours.

Inspections and traffic assessments carried out during peak hours have revealed a chaotic traffic environment for pedestrians and motorists, especially with the presence of six schools in the vicinity. Suva Annesley Infant School, Suva Methodist Primary School, Nehru Memorial Primary School, Dudley Intermediate School, Dudley High School, and Marist Brothers Primary School all utilize bus services in the afternoon at Huon Street.

Discussions with the Toorak Police Posts indicate that approximately 4000-6000 school children congregate and line up for bus services, causing significant challenges for parents, teachers, the neighborhood, and traffic enforcers during school drop-off and pick-up hours.

To address these challenges and enhance the safety of students waiting for buses along Huon Street, we recommend a change in the traffic flow layout.

Currently operating as a two-way road, Huon Street experiences significant congestion between 8am to 10am and 2pm to 5pm, primarily due to buses occupying one lane for parking while waiting for students.

To alleviate this adverse congestion issues, it is crucial to transition Huon Street, Toorak Road, and High Street into a one-way road. This modification aims to streamline traffic and ensure smoother vehicle mobility, creating a safer environment for pedestrians.

To assess the effectiveness of these changes, a trial run will be conducted from Monday 29th January to Friday, 23rd February 2024. During this period, we will closely monitor traffic congestion between 7am to 9am and 2pm to 5 pm. The Traffic Police Division will actively participate in ensuring the safety of the Toorak area.

The trial run will provide valuable insights into the effectiveness of the proposed changes during peak traffic hours. We urge all members of the public to cooperate and adhere to the temporary traffic measures in place during this trial period.

After the trial run, a public advisory will be issued to enforce the new traffic flow changes, with the proposed implementation date set for Monday, 26th February 2024. Temporary signage will be placed until permanent signage and line marking are arranged.

For any queries, the public can email info@fijiroads.org or call the toll-free number 5720 on weekdays from 8am to 5pm.

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