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Safer speeds on the way for Calderwood Road between Albion Park and Calderwood

Motorists will soon experience safer journeys between Albion Park and Calderwood, with reduced speed limits to come into place this month on Calderwood Road.

Transport for NSW recently completed a review of the various speed limits along the 4.3-kilometre stretch of Calderwood Road from Tongarra Road at Albion Park to 50 metres north of the intersection with Marshall Mount Road in response to changes in the area, as more people are walking and riding bikes.

A speed zone review is a comprehensive process that includes site inspections, analysis of the current road environment and road condition, consideration of crash data and traffic volumes.

A Transport spokesperson said changing the speed limit early in the area's urbanisation will help enforce safer habits for motorists.

"The residential development planned for the area, particularly between Escarpment Drive and Marshall Mount Road, means the area is changing from a rural country road into a busy residential suburb, and the new speed zones are more appropriate for that environment," the spokesperson said.

"With Calderwood being an emerging suburb for young families, we've seen more pedestrians, more kids on bikes and more drivers pulling in and out of driveways and side roads from Calderwood Road."

As a result, Calderwood Road from Tongarra Road at Albion Park to north of Tripoli Way will be reduced from 60 km/h to 50 km/h, adding seven seconds to travel times.

Calderwood Road from north of Tripoli Way to near Marshall Mound Road will be reduced from 80 km/h to 60 km/h, adding 54 seconds to travel times.

The speed zone review was carried out to ensure speed limits are in line with the NSW Speed Zoning Standard, applying the Safe System approach.

The Safe System approach has been adopted by all Australian jurisdictions to support road safety outcomes in jurisdictional and national road safety action plans.

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"Electronic message signs will be installed before and after the changes come into effect to advise motorists of the new speed limit," the spokesperson said.

"Speed limits are set to ensure motorists travel at a safe and appropriate speed for the surrounding road environment, and to allow time for drivers travelling at the limit to detect potential hazards and respond by braking effectively.

"We thank the community for their understanding."

Work to install signage and placement markings will be carried out from Friday 3 October over five days and nights between 7am and 4pm and 8pm and 4am. The new speed zones will be in effect from Monday 13 October, weather permitting.

Intermittent single lane closures and stop/slow traffic control will be in place.

Motorists are advised to drive to the conditions and follow the directions of signs and traffic control during the installation of signs.



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