

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COVERSHEET

The following information is provided pursuant to section 28 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016*.

FOI reference: FOI 25-058

Information to be published	Status
1. Access application	Published
2. Decision notice	Published
3. Schedule	Not Applicable
4. Documents	Published
5. Additional information identified	Not applicable
6. Fees	Not applicable
7. Processing time (in working days)	29 days
8. Decision made by Ombudsman	Not applicable
9. Additional information identified by Ombudsman	Not applicable
10. Decision made by ACAT	Not applicable

11. Additional information identified by ACAT	Not applicable
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [EPSDFOI](#)  
**Subject:** FOI request: Southlands traffic volumes  
**Date:** Friday, 22 August 2025 12:04:18 PM

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Dear CED

I would like to request access to any documents relating to traffic volumes in and around the Southlands Group Centre in Mawson, since 1 July 2023, including any traffic studies undertaken since that date.

thanks

[REDACTED]



**ACT**

Government

City and Environment

Dear [REDACTED]

### **Freedom of Information Request - Reference 25-058**

I refer to your application for access to government information under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 (FOI). Your application was received by the City and Environment Directorate (CED) on 22 August 2025. You sought access to the following government information:

*... any documents relating to traffic volumes in and around the Southlands Group Centre in Mawson, since 1 July 2023, including any traffic studies undertaken since that date.*

### **Timeframes**

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, a decision on your access application is due on 3 October 2025.

### **Authority**

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

### **Decision on access**

The information you have requested is already publicly available through an established fee for service process administered under [Fees and charges](#) for provision of traffic control data -volume, speed and classification.

I am advised that the data available for a fee for service relates to midblocks around the Southlands Shops, in particular

- Mountevans Street (between Heard Street and Mawson Place)
- Mawson Drive (between Mawson Place and Heard Street)
- Mawson Place (between Mawson Drive and Heard Street)

In relation to this information, I have decided to apply section 45(g) of the FOI Act. This section provides that an agency may refuse to deal with an access application if the information is available under an arrangement for a fee or other charge. To request the information please contact Edward Meredith of Roads ACT who will guide you through this process. Mr Meredith can be reached at [Edward.Meredith@act.gov.au](mailto:Edward.Meredith@act.gov.au).

However, separate to the process above, a search of CED records has been completed, and a total of one record has been identified as relevant to your request. I note that this record came into existence for another purpose and as such is not subject to the fee for service arrangement.

Upon reviewing the information within the record, I have decided to provide you a copy in whole. A copy of the record is at [Attachment A](#). The reasons for releasing this record in whole detailed further in the following statement of reasons.

### **Statement of Reasons**

In reaching my access decision, I have taken the following into account:

- the FOI Act;
- the content of the documents that fall within the scope of your request; and
- the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

The FOI Act has a pro disclosure bias, which requires information to be disclosed unless doing so would be contrary to the public interest. As an Information Officer, I must decide where, on balance, public interest lies in the disclosure of government information. Section 17 (1) of the FOI Act sets out the steps for completing the public interest test. As part of this process, I must identify all relevant factors in schedule 1 of the FOI Act. If no factor in schedule 1 is found relevant, I must then consider the factors listed in schedule 2 of the FOI Act and determine, on balance, where the public interest lies.

### **Schedule 1**

- No relevant factors identified.

### **Public interest test (Schedule 2)**

#### *Factors favouring disclosure (Schedule 2.1)*

- Schedule 2.1(a)(i) - promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government's accountability; and
- Schedule 2.1(viii) - reveal the reason for a government decision and any background or contextual information that informed the decision.

#### *Factors favouring non-disclosure (Schedule 2.2)*

- No factors identified.

In reviewing the information, I have considered how the public interest would be advanced by releasing this information in whole. I have considered the public interest in relation to information about the ACT Government's operations pertaining to the consideration of road safety and find that the information enclosed with this notice is in the public interest to disclose in full. I have placed significant weight on this factor. I also acknowledge that the pro-disclosure bias requires Information Officers to consider that the weighting of factors and consideration to the public interest begins in favour of disclosure.

A copy of the record is at [Attachment A](#).

### **Charges**

No fee applies as the number of pages released is within the fee-free threshold.

### **Online publishing – disclosure log**

Under section 28 of the Act, CED maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. Your original access application, my decision and documents released to you will be published on the disclosure log [here](#).

### **Ombudsman review**

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek an Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20

working days from the day that my decision is provided to you or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision, you may write to the Ombudsman at:

ACT Ombudsman  
GPO Box 442  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Via email: [actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au](mailto:actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au)

**ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review**

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82 on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision.

Further information may be obtained from ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal  
GPO Box 370  
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601  
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740  
[www.acat.act.gov.au](http://www.acat.act.gov.au)

If you have any queries concerning the directorate's processing of your request, or would like further information, please contact the CED FOI team on (02) 6207 2987 or email to [CEDFOI@act.gov.au](mailto:CEDFOI@act.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

Yu-Lan Chan  
Information Officer  
City and Environment Directorate

02 October 2025

Pedestrian - Mawson Place, Mawson

Count date 06/02/2025

	1		2		3		4	
	Eastbound	Westbound	Eastbound	Westbound	Eastbound	Westbound	Eastbound	Westbound
8:00-8:15	5	0	7	4	6	6	7	7
8:15-8:30	2	0	6	7	1	1	6	5
8:30-8:45	17	6	4	9	2	9	2	3
8:45-9:00	4	8	5	3	5	17	5	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>
	<b>42</b>		<b>45</b>		<b>47</b>		<b>39</b>	

	1		2		3		4	
	Eastbound	Westbound	Eastbound	Westbound	Eastbound	Westbound	Eastbound	Westbound
2:45-3:00	5	0	2	2	6	10	3	1
3:00-3:15	5	0	1	4	5	4	5	5
3:15-3:30	59	29	4	1	4	3	2	1
3:30-3:45	7	2	2	16	6	5	4	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>107</b>		<b>32</b>		<b>43</b>		<b>21</b>	

Vehicles

	Northbound	Southbound
8:00-8:15	20	40
8:15-8:30	42	32
8:30-8:45	26	27
8:45-9:00	38	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>152</b>
	<b>278</b>	

	Northbound	Southbound
2:45-3:00	34	38
3:00-3:15	46	45
3:15-3:30	38	54
3:30-3:45	29	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>180</b>
	<b>327</b>	

