ITEM 41. TRAFFIC TREATMENT – CONTINUOUS FOOTPATH TREATMENT – GRAFTON LANE CHIPPENDALE

TRIM RECORD NO: 2014/300961

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a continuous footpath treatment in Grafton Lane just west of the intersection with Buckland Street, Chippendale.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

The City proposes to introduce a continuous footpath treatment in Grafton Lane just west of the intersection with Buckland Street, Chippendale to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, slow vehicle speeds and enhance the streetscape.

COMMENTS

The RMS Technical Direction for Continuous Footpath Treatments (TDT 2013/05) states that continuous footpath treatments are only applicable for intersections carrying no more than 45 vehicles per hour and the driveway layback is no wider than 7 metres.

Traffic counts commissioned for seven days from 29 April - 5 May 2014 in Grafton Lane, west of Buckland Street, recorded a maximum peak-hour volume of 11 vehicles for Grafton Lane. As this maximum peak is well below the RMS warrant for continuous footpath treatments, the proposal is compliant from a traffic volume perspective.

In addition, the crossing width proposed for the continuous footpath treatment is again well below the RMS warrant – Grafton Lane, just west of Buckland Street, is approximately 2.2 metres wide. Again the proposal is compliant with regards to the proposed crossing width.

The new continuous footpath treatment *will not* affect on-street parking or traffic flows in the local area.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 101 letters sent out with no responses supporting or opposing the proposal.

FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current budget as part of the City's Footway Renewal Program.

ATTACHMENTS

Traffic Treatment – Continuous Footpath Treatment – Grafton Lane Chippendale

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