ITEM 42. TRAFFIC TREATMENT – CONTINUOUS FOOTPATH TREATMENT – NEWMAN LANE NEWTOWN

TRIM RECORD NO: 2014/304397

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a continuous footpath treatment in Newman Lane just east of the intersection with Angel Street, Newtown.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

The City proposes to introduce a continuous footpath treatment in Newman Lane just east of the intersection with Angel Street, Newtown 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 25-31 March 2014 in Newman Lane, east of Angel Street, recorded a maximum peak-hour volume of 10 vehicles for Newman 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 – Newman Lane, just east of Angel Street, is approximately 2.4 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 35 letters sent out with one response supporting and one response opposing the proposal.

The submission against the proposal was concerned that the continuous footpath treatment would allow vehicles to collide with the adjacent property. However the City will include bollards at the corners to protect the property.

FINANCIAL

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

ATTACHMENTS

Traffic Treatment – Continuous Footpath Treatment – Newman Lane Newtown

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