

ITEM 87. TRAFFIC TREATMENT – CHARLES STREET FOREST LODGE

TRIM RECORD NO: 2014/489475

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a Continuous Footpath Treatment over Charles Street at the intersection with Ross Street, Forest Lodge.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

The City has received ongoing requests to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility in Charles Street, at the intersection of Ross Street, Forest Lodge.

This intersection is near Forest Lodge Public School and is used by many school children.

COMMENTS

The proposed Continuous Footpath Treatment in Charles Street would improve general safety for pedestrians as part of the City's commitment to calm traffic and improve residential amenity in the area.

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 20-28 October 2013 in Charles Street recorded an average volume of 43 vehicles per hour in the peak hour. As this 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 – Charles Street, just west of Ross Street, is approximately 6 metres wide. Again the proposal is compliant with regards to the proposed crossing width.

The new continuous footpath treatment would not impact on-street parking or traffic flows in the local area.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 26 letters sent out with one response supporting the proposal and no response opposing the proposal.

The respondent supporting the proposal also suggested a marked crossing on the Continuous Footpath. A marked crossing is not necessary as the proposed treatment is appropriate to provide for pedestrian safety and priority at this intersection.

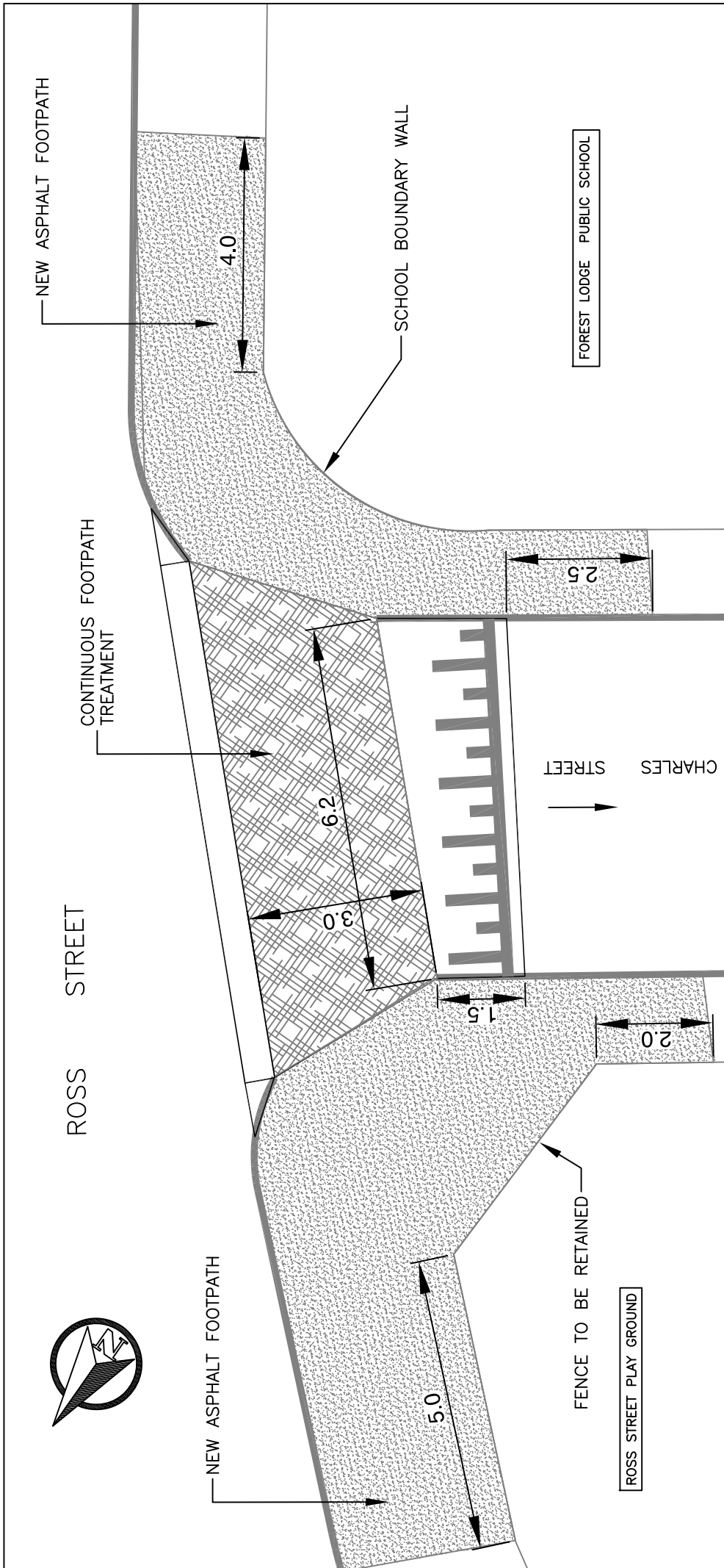
FINANCIAL

Funds will be available in the current budget as part of the City's PCTC implementation.

ATTACHMENTS

Traffic Treatment – Continuous Footpath Treatment – Charles Street Forest Lodge

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**FOOTPATH CONTINUATION, CHARLES STREET, FOREST LODGE
NOT TO SCALE**

