

**ITEM 93. TRAFFIC TREATMENT – FOOTWAY WIDENINGS – COWPER AND
BAY STREETS GLEBE**

TRIM RECORD NO: 2014/580117

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following:

- (A) The introduction of footway widening treatments on the eastern side of Cowper Street, south of Wentworth Street and at the intersection with Elger Street;
- (B) The introduction of footway widening treatments on the western side of Bay Street south of Wentworth Street, and at the intersection with Elger Street; and
- (C) The reallocation of parking on the western side of Bay Street between the points 16 metres and 35 metres (3 car spaces) south of Wentworth Street as “2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area G”.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

NSW Land and Housing Corporation (NSWLHC) is seeking approval to install footway widening treatments at the intersections of Cowper and Elger Streets, Cowper and Wentworth Streets, Bay and Wentworth Streets, and Bay and Elger Streets.

The footway widenings are proposed as part of the NSWLHC’s Glebe Affordable Housing Project.

COMMENTS

The proposed footway widenings will help improve accessibility and general safety in the area as part of the City’s commitment to calm traffic and improve residential amenity.

The footway widenings will reduce the distance a pedestrian needs to cross the road and reduce vehicle speeds through the intersections. Pedestrian safety will increase from improved visibility and the proposed changes would not have any significant impact on traffic in the adjacent traffic lanes. There will be no loss of parking spaces in this proposal.

The footway widenings will incorporate Water Sensitive Urban Design by having landscaping and rain gardens installed within them. This supports Council’s 2030 vision of being a Leading Environmental Performer.

The parking on the western side of Bay Street south of Wentworth Street is currently unrestricted for parking. The City is proposing to reallocate the kerbspace fronting the development with permit parking to provide additional permit parking spaces in the area for residents.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area on the proposed footway widenings and proposed changes to parking. There were 160 letters sent out with one response supporting the proposal and no response opposing the proposal.

FINANCIAL

All costs associated with the proposal will be borne by NSWLHC.

ATTACHMENTS

Traffic Treatment – Footway Widenings – Cowper and Bay Streets Glebe

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