# ITEM 34. TRAFFIC TREATMENT – CONTINUOUS FOOTWAY TREATMENT – COMMONWEALTH STREET AT GOULBURN LANE SURRY HILLS

### TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/110318

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a continuous footway treatment in Commonwealth Street at the intersection with Goulburn Lane, Surry Hills.

#### DECISION

#### BACKGROUND

The City proposes to introduce a continuous footway treatment in Commonwealth Street at the intersection with Goulburn Lane, Surry Hills to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, slow vehicle speeds and enhance the streetscape.

## COMMENTS

The RMS Technical Direction for Continuous Footway Treatments (TDT 2013/05) states that continuous footway 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 27 February - 5 March 2015 in Goulburn Lane, just east of Commonwealth Street, recorded an average peak-hour volume of 43 vehicles. As this maximum peak is below the RMS warrant for continuous footway treatments, the proposal is compliant from a traffic volume perspective.

In addition, the crossing width proposed for the continuous footway treatment is again well below the RMS warrant – Goulburn Lane, just east of Commonwealth Street, is approximately 5.5m metres wide. Again the proposal is compliant with regards to the proposed crossing width.

The new continuous footway 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 120 letters sent out with one (1) response supporting and no responses opposing the proposal.

#### FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current budget as part of the City's Access and Inclusions Program.

#### ATTACHMENTS

Traffic Treatment – Continuous Footway Treatment – Commonwealth Street at Goulburn Lane Surry Hills

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