ITEM 22. ITEM FOR COMMITTEE INFORMATION – TRAFFIC TREATMENT – BROADWAY AND GEORGE AND PITT FROM HARRIS TO RAWSON PLACE

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/383865

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following:

- (A) Removal of the inbound kerbside bus lane to provide 4 eastbound general traffic lanes on George Street between Harris Street and Quay Street;
- (B) Reallocation of the lane arrangements on George Street to provide a northbound left through lane and three eastbound through lanes on the south-western approach to the intersection of Quay Street, George Street and Pitt Street;
- (C) Reconfiguration of traffic islands within intersection of Quay Street, George Street, Lee Street and Pitt Street to align with changes to lane arrangements;
- (D) Removal of the kerb extension on the northern side of Pitt Street, between George Street and 35.0 metres east of George Street to provide three continuous eastbound lanes;
- (E) Reallocation of kerbside parking on the northern side of George Street, between points 15.81 metres and 56.54 metres east of the building alignment of Harris Street to "Loading Zone Ticket 10am-3pm Mon-Sat" and "Bus Zone Other Times";
- (F) Reallocation of kerbside parking on the northern side of George Street, between points 56.54 metres and 147.03 metres east of the building alignment of Harris Street to "Bus Zone";
- (G) Reallocation of kerbside parking on the northern side of George Street, between points 147.03 metres and 184.25 metres east of the building alignment of Harris Street to "No Stopping";
- (H) Reallocation of kerbside parking on the northern side of Pitt Street, between George Street and Rawson Place to "No Stopping";
- Changes the traffic signal design at Broadway, George, Pitt, Lee and Quay Streets intersection will be subject to final approval by the Roads and Maritime Services; and
- (J) The Applicant (RMS) must return item (D) to pre-construction alignment following the commencement of passenger services of the CBD and South East Light Rail network.

DECISION

The Committee carried the recommendation unanimously out-of-session on 1 October 2015.

BACKGROUND

The Sydney City Centre Capacity Improvement Program (SCCCIP) is a NSW Government initiative to temporarily manage congestion within the Sydney CBD through improved road infrastructure, retaining vehicle capacity and reducing congestion in the City during the construction of the Sydney CBD and South East Light Rail Project (CSELR).

The SCCCIP will be delivered by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and includes:

- Modifying and realigning traffic lanes;
- Introducing changes to kerbside uses;
- Temporarily removing kerb extensions;
- Temporarily reducing footpath widths;
- Traffic signal modifications; and
- Modifying or removing some on-street parking.

The proposals set out as part of the SCCCIP will be reviewed six months after implementation to ensure effective operation of the changes. Following commencement of services for the CBD and South-East Light Rail, and following consultation between the City and RMS, any measures reducing pedestrian and cyclist accessibility will be reinstated by RMS at full cost.

COMMENTS

The kerb space on Jamison Street from York to Clarence Street is generally signposted as Bus Zone, Loading and Motorbike Parking.

The proposed parking change seeks support to provide kerb space dedicated to Bus Zone and Loading Zones.

CONSULTATION

The RMS publically exhibited the Review of Environmental Factors (REF), from 24 November 2014 to 9 January 2015. Notification of the REF included a letterbox drop to 42,000 residents and businesses including about 400 letters to key stakeholders, businesses and residents located adjacent to the various individual proposals.

There were a total of 122 submissions in response to the REF. 104 submission were opposed to the proposal, nine submissions were in support of the proposal.

The submissions in support of the proposal were in favour of increased vehicle capacity in the CBD. The submissions opposed to the proposal were opposed to the reduction in pedestrian space.

FINANCIAL

Implementation of all works associated with the SCCCIP including any restoration works required following the implementation of the CSELR, will be fully funded by the NSW State Government.

ATTACHMENTS

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