

**ITEM 66. TRAFFIC TREATMENT – SHARED ZONE – MORT STREET SURRY HILLS**

**TRIM RECORD NO: 2014/396280**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee support the installation of a Shared Zone in Mort Street, Surry Hills between South Dowling and Bourke Streets.

**DECISION**

**BACKGROUND**

In response to concerns raised by the Bourke Street Public School, the City has proposed the installation of a 10km/h Shared Zone in Mort Street, Surry Hills between South Dowling and Bourke Streets, to improve safety for children attending the Bourke Street Public School.

Mort Street has narrow, cluttered footpaths which force pedestrians and wheelchair users onto the roadway. Maintaining safe access to and from the entrance to the school for children is a key concern for both the City and the school.

The Surry Hills Pedestrian Cycling and Traffic Calming (PCTC) Plan adopted by Council in 2008 also includes a proposal to install a Shared Zone in Mort Street, to prioritise access for pedestrians, control vehicle speeds and enhance local amenity.

**COMMENTS**

A Shared Zone is a road, network of roads or a road-related area with a posted speed limit of 10km/h and where pedestrian access and safety takes precedence over the ease of vehicle movement.

Approval to install a Shared Zone however is not delegated to Councils. Shared Zones are speed limits and approval to install them must be obtained from Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) directly.

On 20 August 2014, in compliance with the RMS Technical Direction for the Design and Implementation of Shared Zones (TTD 2014/003), the City sought RMS approval to install a Category 2 Shared Zone in Mort Street. On 23 June 2015, RMS granted the approval.

The proposed Shared Zone will create a pedestrian-friendly environment that allows pedestrians (especially children) to walk safely and legally within the road carriageway. The appearance of the Shared Zone will be considerably different to nearby local streets to clearly communicate to road users that there is a change in the street environment and that pedestrians have priority.

The proposed Shared Zone will not effect on-street parking provision in Mort Street.

**CONSULTATION**

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 65 letters sent out with one response supporting the proposal and no responses opposing the proposal.

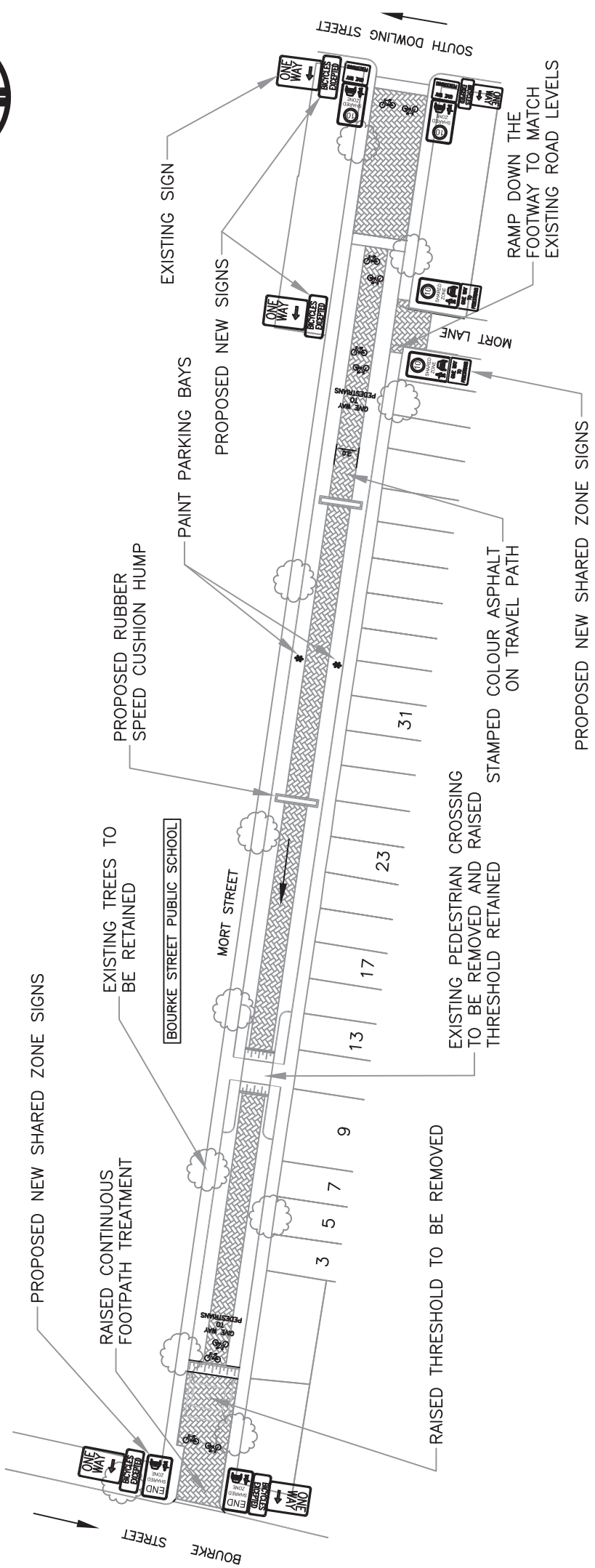
**FINANCIAL**

Funds are available in the City's 2015/16 Capital Works Program.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Traffic Treatment – Shared Zone – Mort Street Surry Hills

Joseph Gomes, Area Traffic Engineer



# PROPOSED SHARED ZONE, MORT STREET, SURRY HILLS NOT TO SCALE

