ITEM 59. TRAFFIC TREATMENT – REDUCTION OF NO ENTRY TIMES – PITT STREET MALL SYDNEY

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/593277

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse:

- (A) "No Entry 8am-3am" restriction in Pitt Street Mall, between Market and King Streets;
- (B) The No Entry restriction is trialled for 6 months from December 2015 to May 2016;
- (C) The Committee to consider making the "No Entry 8am-3am" restriction permanent following a review at the end of the trial; and
- (D) Should any issues arise during the trial, the original restriction "No Entry 8am-5am" is reinstated immediately.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

Pitt Street between King Street and Market Street, Sydney was closed (*Roads Act 1993*, *Section 34*) to vehicle traffic in 1987 to create a pedestrian shopping Mall. At the time, delivery and service vehicles were only allowed access to the Mall from 6am to 10am each day. Westfields, formally Centrepoint Tower, and Imperial loading docks were permitted access anytime, except between 12 noon and 2pm due to higher pedestrian activity.

The delivery times were later changed to 9pm to 9am due to safety concerns.

The redevelopment of Westfields and Imperial Arcade removed their delivery vehicles need to access the Mall as new off-street loading docks were available in the development. The only businesses that required access were The Strand Arcade and Soul Pattison Chemist.

Pitt Street Mall was upgraded in 2009 and the Committee in July 2010 (Item 49) endorsed that delivery access time were to be restricted between 5am to 8am.

However, there are special arrangements that can be made for vehicle access outside the 5am to 8am period such as for special events, garbage collection and shop fit-outs.

COMMENTS

The CBD and South East Light Rail (CBDSELR) project when finished will run from Circular Quay to Central Station via George Street, and on to Kingsford and Randwick via Surry Hills and Moore Park.

Construction work for the CBDSELR has started on 23 October 2015 on George Street between King Street and Market Street. This work has restricted access in this section of the street to only businesses and residents that have driveways off George Street. No vehicles are permitted to deliver or parking in the closed section of George Street.

The Stand Arcade had out-of-hours rubbish and recyclables collections that occur at night off George Street and the closure has impacted on this activity.

There are over 80 tenants in The Stand that currently receive deliveries via the 7 loading bays in the Pitt Street Mall between 5am and 8am. The delivery period are satisfactory during normal business times but during the Christmas and Easter periods, significant additional stock is require for shops and an extension to the Pitt Street Mall service time will assist.

Ipoh Management Services who manage The Stand have requested on behalf of their tenants that access to the Mall be extended earlier than the current 5am start to a 3am start.

It is considered a 3am access to the Mall be trialled for 6 month period which includes Christmas and Easter peak times.

CONSULTATION

The loading off Pitt Street Mall was primarily set up for The Stand and Soul Patterson Chemist. These business support an earlier start.

FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Traffic Treatment – Reduction of No Entry Times – Pitt Street Mall Sydney

Col Warne Traffic Project Manger

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PROPOSED SIGN CHANGE IN RED

