ITEM 64. TRAFFIC TREATMENT - SHARED ZONE - OUTRAM STREET CHIPPENDALE

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/514563

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee support the installation of a Shared Zone in Outram Street, Chippendale between Regent and Carlton Streets.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

The Chippendale Pedestrian Cycling and Traffic Calming (PCTC) Plan adopted by Council in 2008 includes a proposal to install a Shared Zone in Outram Street, between Regent and Carlton Streets 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 1 October 2015, 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 Outram Street. On 2 November 2015, RMS granted the approval.

The proposed Shared Zone will create a pedestrian-friendly environment that allows pedestrians 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.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 230 letters sent out with no responses supporting or opposing the proposal.

FINANCIAL

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

ATTACHMENTS

Traffic Treatment – Shared Zone – Outram Street Chippendale

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