

**ITEM 36. TRAFFIC TREATMENTS – PERMANENT ROAD CLOSURE –
BARRACK STREET SYDNEY**

TRIM RECORD NO: 2016/075356

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the permanent road closure of Barrack Street, Sydney, between York and George Streets.

VOTING MEMBERS FOR THIS ITEM

<i>Voting Members</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Object</i>
City of Sydney		
Roads and Maritime Services		
NSW Police – Sydney City LAC		
Representative for the Member for Sydney		

DECISION

BACKGROUND

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) proposes to close Barrack Street, Sydney to vehicles between York and George streets to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, enhance local amenity and provide better integration with the upcoming CBD and South East Light Rail (CSELR) project.

COMMENTS

Barrack Street between York and George streets, is currently designated as a Shared Zone to prioritise pedestrians over vehicular traffic in an area where pedestrian volumes are significantly high.

Traffic flow is restricted to one-way eastbound and on-street parking is limited to seven spaces for loading between 7am and 6pm, Monday to Friday and between 6am and 10am on Saturdays. On-street parking reverts to “No Parking” outside these times.

As a result of the upcoming CSELR project, Barrack Street will be permanently closed at George Street. The proposed closure between York and George Streets would significantly improve pedestrian safety and accessibility in an area where pedestrian volumes are significantly high and ensure better integration with the CSELR project.

Given the proposed closure would permanently remove access to the seven part-time loading spaces, TfNSW is proposing to reallocate on-street parking in Barrack Street between York and Clarence Streets for loading activities to off-set the loss.

The City, in collaboration with TfNSW, also considered the introduction of a two-way traffic flow in Barrack Street, east York Street. However, this would result in the loss of at least four mature trees, removal of street furniture, outdoor dining, significant reduction in the

existing footpath width to accommodate road widened, new turning circle and compromise safety, the two-way option was abandoned.

On 7 March 2016, the City submitted a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for the proposed road closure to Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) which is pending approval. Once approved, the City will undertake stakeholder consultation under Section 116 of the *Roads Act 1993*.

CONSULTATION

The City has advertised the proposed safety improvements in accordance with Section 116 of the *Roads Act 1993*.

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. The proposal was also published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and on the City of Sydney website. Consultation commenced on 8 January 2016 and concluded on 25 February 2016 – a total consultation period of seven weeks.

The City received 11 responses supporting the proposal and no responses opposing the proposal.

The responses supporting the proposal considered the proposed closure of Barrack Street, between George and York Streets, would considerably improve pedestrian safety and local amenity. Responses also noted that the proposal would reactivate the public domain providing new opportunities for outdoor dining and entertainment.

FINANCIAL

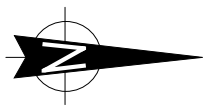
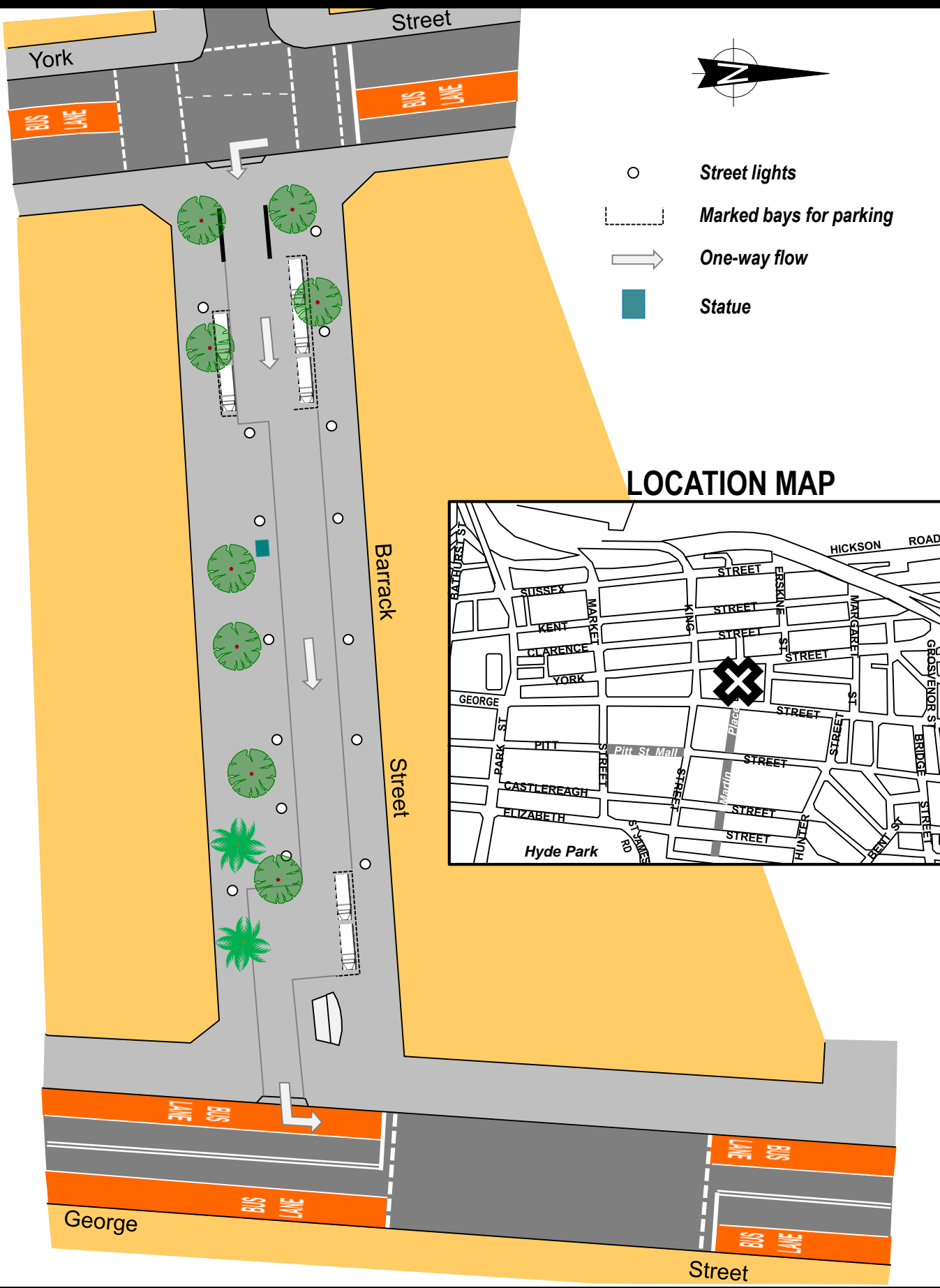
Funds for the project will be sought from TfNSW as part of the CSELR project.

ATTACHMENTS

Traffic Treatments – Permanent Road Closure – Barrack Street Sydney

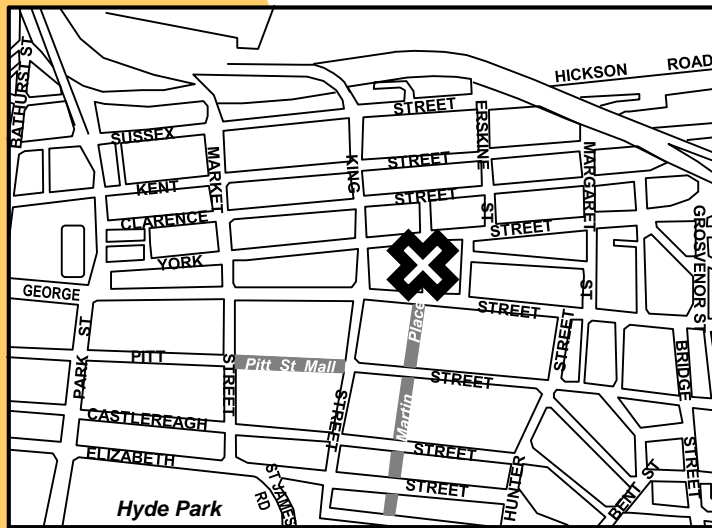
Col Warne, Traffic Project Manager

EXISTING BARRACK STREET ARRANGEMENTS

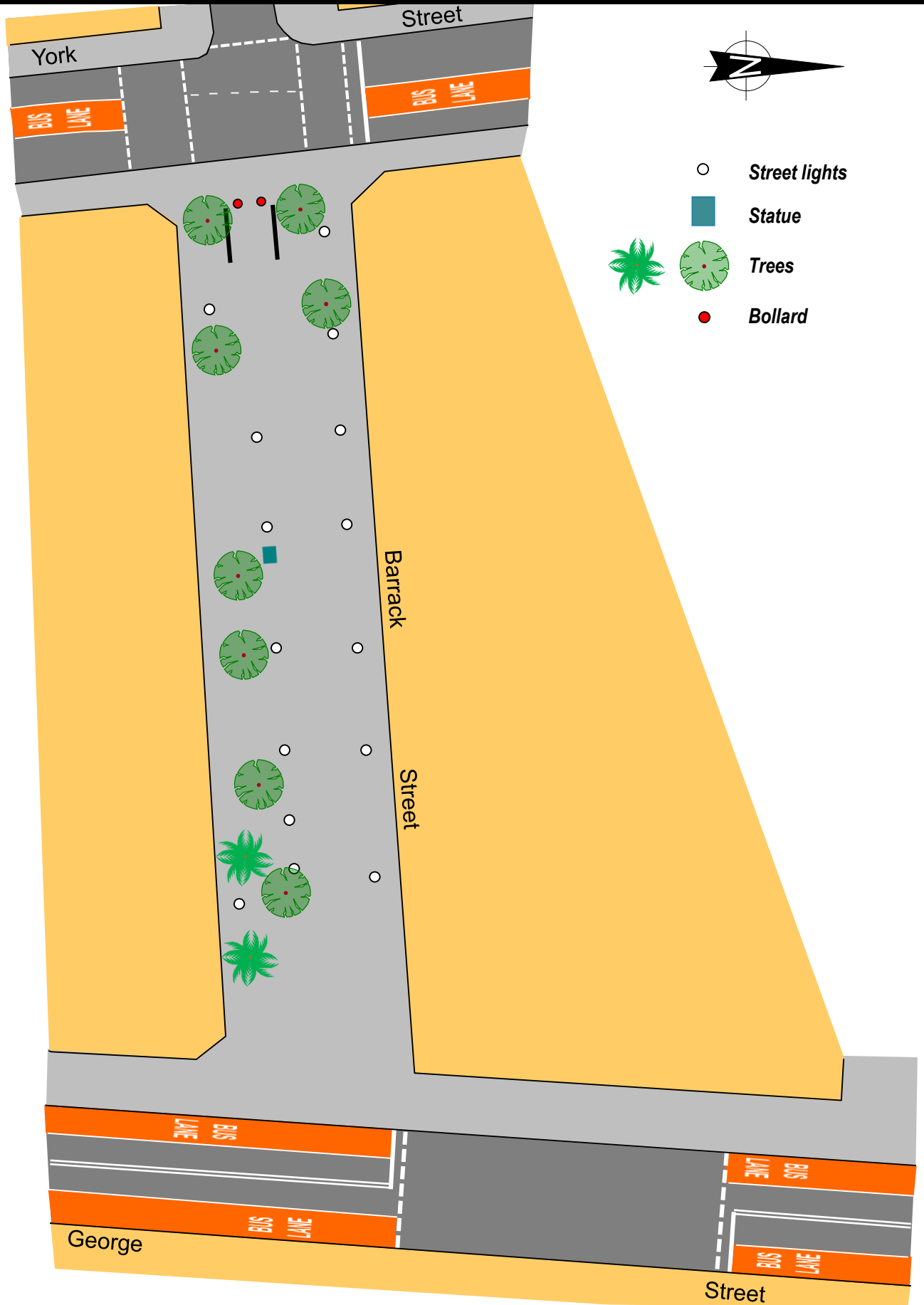


- Street lights
- ┌─┐ Marked bays for parking
- ➔ One-way flow
- Statue

LOCATION MAP



PROPOSED CLOSURE TO VEHICLES



PROPOSED CLOSURE WITH FUTURE LIGHT RAIL

