

ITEM 37. TRAFFIC TREATMENT - SHARED PATH - BRIDGE ROAD GLEBE

TRIM RECORD NO: 2016/111580

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a shared path on the northern side of Bridge Road, Glebe, between Taylor Street and 130 metres east to the Glebe Foreshore Path.

VOTING MEMBERS FOR THIS ITEM

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

DECISION

BACKGROUND

The City is committed to supporting existing cyclists and encouraging more people to cycle by improving safety and the connectivity of the City's cycling network.

The City proposes to install a shared path on the northern side of Bridge Road, Glebe, to provide a connection between the signalised crossing at Taylor Street and the Glebe Foreshore Path.

COMMENTS

Bicycle riding is supported as a low cost, environmentally friendly mode of transport that can help improve the liveability of our towns and cities.

The proposal will help make the area more accessible for bike riders by connecting the existing shared path along the Glebe Foreshore with the signalised crossing on Bridge Road at Taylor Street.

The footpath on the northern side of Bridge Road, where the shared path is proposed, is 3.2 metres wide. According to Transport for NSW Centre for Road Safety, the recommended minimum path width of a shared path is between 2.5 and 3 metres, which is based on Austroads guidelines.

The proposal consists of signage and pavement markings only and will not effect on street parking.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 97 letters sent out with three responses supporting the proposal, one response opposing the proposal and one neutral response.

The response opposing the proposal raised concerns about the interaction of pedestrians and bicycle riders on the proposed shared path. The footpath on the northern side of Bridge Road is 3.2 metres wide and as such meets the minimum requirements for a shared path based on Austroads guidelines. According to Transport for NSW Centre for Road Safety research findings published in August 2015, shared paths represent a relatively low safety risk.

The neutral response suggested that signage and pavement markings be provided on the shared path to promote pedestrian priority and slow rider speeds; and the installation of a signalised pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Bridge and Wentworth Park Roads.

FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current budget as part of the City's Cycling Safety Program.

ATTACHMENTS

Traffic Treatment - Shared Path - Bridge Road Glebe

Justin Murphy, Senior Designer - Cycling

PROPOSED SHARED PATH BRIDGE ROAD, GLEBE



