ITEM 38. TRAFFIC TREATMENT - SHARED ZONE - FARRELL AVENUE DARLINGHURST

TRIM RECORD NO: 2016/120416

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee support the installation of a Shared Zone in Farrell Avenue, Darlinghurst between Darlinghurst Road and a point seven metres west of the intersection with Kirketon Road (South).

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a speed cushion in Kirketon Road, Darlinghurst:

- (A) At a point 1.5 metres north of the intersection with Farrell Avenue; and
- (B) At a point 0.5 metres south of the intersection with Farrell Avenue.

# **VOTING MEMBERS FOR THIS ITEM**

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney		
Roads and Maritime Services		
NSW Police – Kings Cross LAC		
Representative for the Member for Sydney		

#### **DECISION**

# **BACKGROUND**

The City East Pedestrian Cycling and Traffic Calming (PCTC) Plan adopted by Council in 2008 includes a proposal to install a Shared Zone in Farrell Avenue, Darlinghurst between Darlinghurst and Kirketon Roads to prioritise access for pedestrians, control vehicle speeds and preserve residential 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 27 November 2015, in compliance with RMS Technical Direction for the Design and Implementation of Shared Zones (TTD 2014/003), the City sought RMS approval to install a Category 1 Shared Zone in Farrell Avenue, Darlinghurst between Darlinghurst Road and a point seven metres west of the intersection with Kirketon Road (South). On 4 March 2016, 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.

The proposed Shared Zone will not effect on-street parking provision in Farrell Avenue.

# **CONSULTATION**

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 241 letters sent out with one response supporting the proposal and no responses opposing the proposal.

#### **FINANCIAL**

Appropriate funding for the proposal will be secured once greater certainty on the construction timeline is reached.

# **ATTACHMENTS**

Traffic Treatment – Shared Zone – Farrell Avenue Darlinghurst

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