

**ITEM 29. CYCLEWAYS – BICYCLE CONTRA-FLOW LANE – BULWARA  
ROAD ULTIMO**

**TRIM RECORD NO: 2016/176431**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following on the western side of Bulwara Road, Ultimo, between Mary Ann and Macarthur Streets:

- (A) The installation of a northbound bicycle contra-flow lane; and
- (B) The reallocation of parking as 'No Stopping'.

**VOTING MEMBERS FOR THIS ITEM**

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

**DECISION**

**BACKGROUND**

The City is committed to encouraging people to ride bicycles more often and safely. The City is improving the safety and amenity of cycling infrastructure by making bicycle riding a real and convenient option for short local trips.

RMS released Technical Direction TTD 2014/002 in April 2014 which provides guidance for the application of contra-flow bicycle facilities on one-way streets.

Bulwara Road carries one-way southbound traffic between Macarthur and Mary Ann Streets. The City proposes to install a northbound contra-flow bicycle lane on the western side of this section of Bulwara Road to allow bicycle movements in either direction.

The contraflow bicycle lane in the street would; improve access for cyclists by increasing the permeability of the neighbourhood; provide an alternative route for bike riders instead of roads with high traffic speeds and volumes, such as Harris Street; and increase driver awareness of the presence of cyclists in the local environment.

**COMMENTS**

The City supports bicycle riding as a low cost, environmentally friendly mode of transport that can help to improve the liveability of our towns and cities.

RMS Technical Direction TTD 2014/002 recommends bicycle contra-flow lanes be a minimum of 1.8 metres wide, based on Austroads guidance. This width can be achieved for the contra-flow lane bicycle proposed on Bulwara Road.

Bulwara Road is an ideal street for a contra-flow bicycle lane as it is a low volume and low speed local road with good forward visibility for motorists and cyclists.

Coloured pavement, pavement markings and warning signage will be installed to improve driver and pedestrian awareness of the presence of riders in the street.

To improve the safety of riders using the bicycle contra-flow lane it is proposed to reallocated kerb space on the western side of Bulwara Road between Mary Ann and Macarthur Streets from the existing 'No Parking' to 'No Stopping'. This would prevent motorists from parking and obstructing the cycleway. Under this proposal there will be no loss of parking.

### **CONSULTATION**

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 235 letters sent out with no responses supporting the proposal, four responses opposing the proposal and one neutral submission.

Two of the responses opposing the proposal raised concerns about vehicle access to the Aspire Hotel. The hotel has a porte cochere which allows off-street pick-up and drop-off at the hotel's entrance. The contra-flow bicycle lane would not significantly impact vehicular access to the hotel.

The other two responses opposing the proposal raised concerns about pedestrian safety along Bulwara Road. Coloured pavement, pavement markings and warning signage are proposed to improve pedestrian awareness of the presence of riders. On the basis of existing facilities across the City and design guidance issued by Roads and Maritime Services, bicycle contra-flow lanes do not adversely impact pedestrian safety.

The neutral submission sought clarification on the proposal.

### **FINANCIAL**

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

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Cycleways – Bicycle Contra-flow Lane – Bulwara Road, Ultimo

Justin Murphy, Senior Designer – Cycling



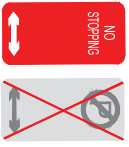
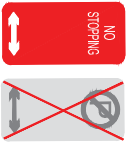
HACKETT STREET

MACARTHUR STREET

MARY ANN STREET

BULWARA ROAD

Mary Ann Street Park



PROPOSED BICYCLE CONTRAFLOW LANE

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EXIT ENTRY

TYPICAL CROSS SECTION (LOOKING SOUTH)



# BULWARA ROAD, ULTIMO PROPOSED BICYCLE CONTRAFLOW LANE

NOTE: THIS PROPOSAL WILL NOT REMOVE ON-STREET PARKING SPACES



Footpath 2.1m  
Parking lane  
Southbound travel lane 3.0m  
Footpath 1.8m  
Proposed northbound bicycle contra-flow lane

