ITEM 32. TRAFFIC TREATMENT - CONTINUOUS FOOTPATH TREATMENT NITHSDALE STREET SYDNEY

TRIM RECORD NO: 2016/235598

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a continuous footpath treatment in Nithsdale Street, Sydney, just south of Liverpool Street.

## VOTING MEMBERS FOR THIS ITEM

| Voting Members | Support | Object |
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| City of Sydney |  |  |
| Roads and Maritime Services |  |  |
| NSW Police - Sydney City LAC |  |  |
| Representative for the Member for Sydney |  |  |

## DECISION

## BACKGROUND

The City proposes to introduce a continuous footpath treatment in Nithsdale Street, Sydney, just south of the intersection with Liverpool Street, to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, slow vehicle speeds and enhance the streetscape.

## COMMENTS

The RMS Technical Direction for Continuous Footpath Treatments (TDT 2013/05) states that continuous footpath treatments are only applicable for intersections carrying no more than 45 vehicles per hour and the driveway layback is no wider than 7 metres.

Traffic counts commissioned for seven days from 8 to14 March 2016, in Nithsdale Street, just south of the intersection with Liverpool Street, recorded a maximum peak-hour volume of 30 vehicles per hour. As this maximum peak is well below the RMS warrant for continuous footpath treatments, the proposal is compliant from a traffic volume perspective.

In addition, the crossing width proposed for the continuous footpath treatment is below the RMS warrant and as such compliant with the Technical Direction - Nithsdale Street just south of the intersection with Liverpool Street, is approximately 5.4 metres wide.

The new continuous footpath treatment will not affect on-street parking or traffic flows in the local area.

Under the road rules, a footpath is a road related area. When entering, or crossing, a road related area from a road, drivers must give way to any pedestrian or other road users on the road related area. The introduction of a continuous footpath treatment reinforces the road rules.

## CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 145 letters sent out with no responses supporting or opposing the proposal.

## FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current budget.

## ATTACHMENTS

Traffic Treatment - Continuous Footpath Treatment - Nithsdale Street Sydney
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