ITEM 4. ITEM FOR COMMITTEE INFORMATION – SIGNAL UPGRADE – ELIZABETH AND BOURKE STREETS WATERLOO

TRIM RECORD NO: 2016/330479

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee note the following changes to the intersection of Elizabeth and Bourke Streets. Waterloo:

- (A) Extension of the traffic island on the north western side of the intersection to provide additional standing area;
- (B) Extension of the kerb on the north east corner of the intersection; and
- (C) Provision of a "No Left Turn Vehicles under 9 metres Excepted" restriction for vehicles approaching from the north along Elizabeth Street turning into north-east into Bourke Street.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

The City's Cycle Strategy and Action Plan in 2007 includes a proposal to provide cycle and pedestrian improvements on the intersection of Bourke and Elizabeth Streets in Waterloo.

COMMENTS

In May 2016, the Committee endorsed the provision of a shared path on Bourke Street as part of improved connections to the Bourke Street cycleway. As part of this project, the City identified that improvements to cycle and pedestrian connections are required at the intersection of Elizabeth and Bourke Streets, Waterloo.

The widening of the traffic island on the north western side of the intersection would increase the storage capacity and safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

The provision of the "No Left Turn – Vehicles under 9 metres Excepted" restriction allows the kerb line on the north eastern corner of the intersection to be amended. This would provide increased storage for pedestrians and cyclists. This will also allow the kerb ramps to be aligned to facilitate access for people with visual impairments and reduce conflicts between drivers and pedestrians crossing the road.

Roads and Maritime Services have approved the proposed Traffic Control Plan for the intersection.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 120 letters sent out with no responses supporting or opposing the proposal.

FINANCIAL

Funds will be provided as part of the City Projects Cycle Strategy and Action Plan budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Item for Committee Information – Signal Upgrade – Elizabeth Street Waterloo Anton Leddin, Project Manager Streetscapes

