ITEM 28. TRAFFIC TREATMENT - BICYLE LANE - BROWN STREET NEWTOWN

TRIM RECORD NO: 2016/470907

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a bicycle lane in Brown Street, Newtown between Wilson Street and Brown Lane.

VOTING MEMBERS FOR THIS ITEM

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

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.

The City has been working with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) to improve road safety along the one-way section of Wilson Street, Newtown and on surrounding local streets. In June 2016, the City received conditional approval from RMS for the installation of a 40km/h Local Traffic Area in the streets surrounding Wilson Street. This approval was subject to installation of a linemarking treatment along Brown Street to provide a visual narrowing of the road to reduce vehicle speeds. The linemarking treatment would also include a bicycle lane on Brown Street from Wilson Street to Brown Lane to improve the safety of bike riders.

COMMENTS

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

The bicycle lane on Brown Street from Wilson Street to Brown Lane will improve the safety of people riding bikes by providing dedicated space for riders when travelling uphill from Wilson Street to King Street.

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 164 letters sent out with one response supporting the proposal and no responses opposing the proposal.

FINANCIAL

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

ATTACHMENTS

Traffic Treatment – Bicycle Lane – Brown Street Newtown

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