

**ITEM 43. TRAFFIC TREATMENT – SHARED PATH – BOURKE STREET
SURRY HILLS**

TRIM RECORD NO: 2017/036320

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (A) endorse the installation of a Shared Path on the eastern side of Bourke Street, Surry Hills, between Mort and Parkham Streets; and
- (B) note the installation of bicycle lanterns at the signalised mid-block pedestrian crossing on Bourke Street, Surry Hills between Mort and Parkham Streets.

VOTING MEMBERS FOR THIS ITEM

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

DECISION

BACKGROUND

The City has received a request to improve cycle connectivity between the Bourke Street Cycleway, Bourke Street Public School and Mort and Parkham Streets, Surry Hills.

COMMENTS

To address the identified “missing link” for cyclists, the City proposes to provide the following:

- a Shared Path on the eastern footpath of Bourke Street between Mort and Parkham Streets; and
- addition of bicycle lanterns to the existing signalised mid-block pedestrian crossing on Bourke Street to provide a legal connection between the Bourke Street Cycleway, Bourke Street Public School and the proposed Shared Path.

On 23 February 2017, Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) approved the Traffic Control Signal (TCS) Plan for the addition of bicycle lanterns to the mid-block signalised pedestrian crossing on Bourke Street. The Shared Path on the eastern footpath of Bourke Street, between Mort and Parkham Streets, is required as part of the RMS approval for bicycle lanterns on the mid-block bicycle crossing.

The proposed Shared Path will considerably improve cyclist connectivity and safety in a location that has a high volume of vulnerable users.

Pavement markings will be installed to increase awareness of the shared environment and encourage low speeds for cyclists using the Shared Path.

Concerns were recently raised by NSW Police about a potential conflict between adult cyclists and school children. The City has advised that this Shared Path will mainly provide for local access and will not form part of a greater regional cycle route. It is not expected to be used by adult cyclists during school hours. As a result the NSW Police has agreed in principle to support the proposal.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 117 letters sent out with no responses supporting or opposing the proposal.

FINANCIAL

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

ATTACHMENTS

Traffic Treatment – Shared Path – Bourke Street Surry Hills

Justin Murphy, Senior Designer – Cycling

Bourke Street, Surry Hills Cyclist Accessibility Improvements



