ITEM 45. TRAFFIC TREATMENT – STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS – BOWMAN STREET PYRMONT

TRIM RECORD NO: 2017/306546

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following streetscape improvements in Bowman Street, Pyrmont:

(A) Kerb extensions at the following intersections with Bowman Street:

(1) Tambua Street;

(2) Jones Street;

(3) Cadigal Avenue;

(4) Mount Street Walk; and

(5) Harris Street.

(B) Kerb islands on both sides of Bowman Street between Tambua and Harris Streets to allow for in-road tree planting; and

(C) Realignment of kerb ramps to improve pedestrian connections in Bowman Street.

VOTING MEMBERS FOR THIS ITEM

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

DECISION

BACKGROUND

Following requests from the community, the City of Sydney is considering a proposal to replace existing Fig trees in Bowman Street, Pyrmont. 32 Fig trees were originally planted in the footpath by the NSW State Government in the early 2000s, since this time the management of the street has been handed over to the City.

Key elements of the streetscape improvements consulted with the community include:

- Footpath widening and kerb extensions;
- Improved alignments of pedestrian kerb ramps;

- Removal of the existing fig trees planted within the footpath and the installation of replacement street trees (of a more suitable species) planted further away from properties within the road reserve and in footpath extensions; and

- Renewal of footpath pavements, kerb and gutter and stormwater infrastructure.

COMMENTS

The improvements contribute towards the City's Sustainable Sydney 2030 commitments through the provision of long-term tree canopy cover by replacing unsuitable juvenile street trees with a more suitable tree species in improved planting location.

The proposal will improve pedestrian safety and residential amenity in Bowman Street by narrowing the road to reduce traffic speeds, extending footpaths to reduce crossing distances and rectifying damaged footpaths.

Parking restrictions in Bowman Street consist a mixture of "2P Ticket 9am-9pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 20" and "Motor Bike Only". The proposal will result in a loss of 13 timed ticket parking spaces to accommodate the proposed kerb islands for in-road tree planting and to comply with the Roads and Maritime Services' requirement for "No Stopping" distances at intersections.

CONSULTATION

Community consultation has been conducted during May and June 2017 to assist with development of the design for this project.

Letters were sent out to 850 local residents and businesses and information including a concept design was presented on the City's 'Have Your Say' website.

The concept design presented to the community also included reallocation of 13 parking spaces along the frontage of Waterfront Park in Bowman Street to offset the parking loss from the proposal.

During the three week consultation period, the City received a total of 54 submissions. In regards to implementing the tree replacement and pedestrian improvements, the City received 41 submissions in support and 13 objections. Ten objections related to removal of the Hills Fig trees, two were related to loss of metered parking and one supported the tree removal but not the loss of metered parking.

Those in support of the project were in favour of the removal and replacement of the Hill's Fig trees, noted that the footpath was in need of repair and were supportive of it being renewed. The choice of Sydney Red Gum as the replacement species was favoured in the majority of responses received.

Residents also noted concerns for pedestrian safety and high instances of vehicles speeding down Bowman Street as it is used as a 'rat run' for east – west traffic. These residents supported the proposed footpath widening and road narrowing to improve pedestrian safety.

The City also received 21 submissions objecting to the proposed reallocation of parking along the frontage of Waterfront Park in Bowman Street. The submissions cited concerns with driveway access, sightlines and potential overnight parking by campervans.

In response to this feedback, the proposed reallocation of parking spaces was not included in the final concept design.

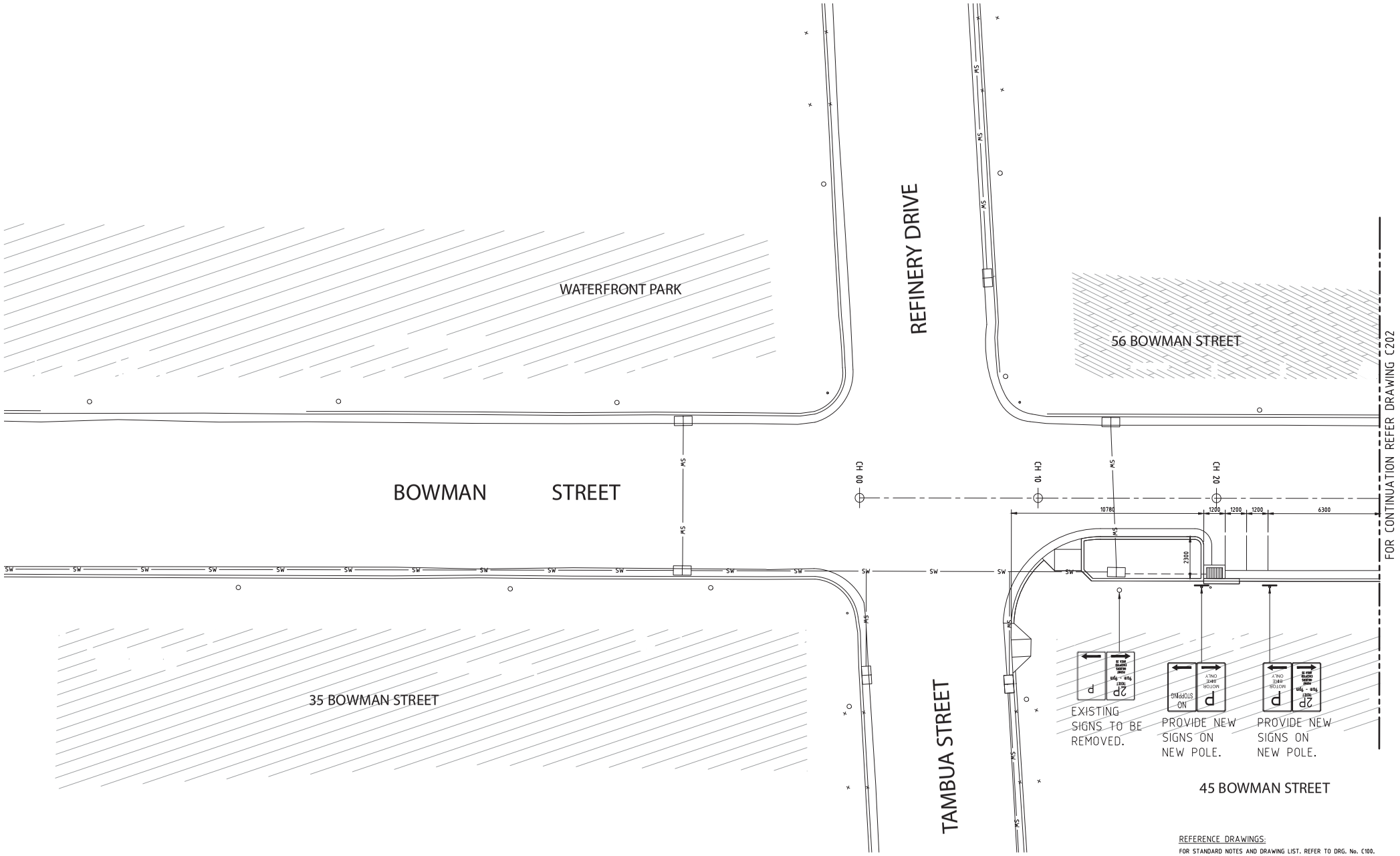
FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the In-Road Tree Planting Program.

ATTACHMENTS

Traffic Treatment – Streetscape Improvements – Bowman Street Pyrmont

James Lawton, Project Manager



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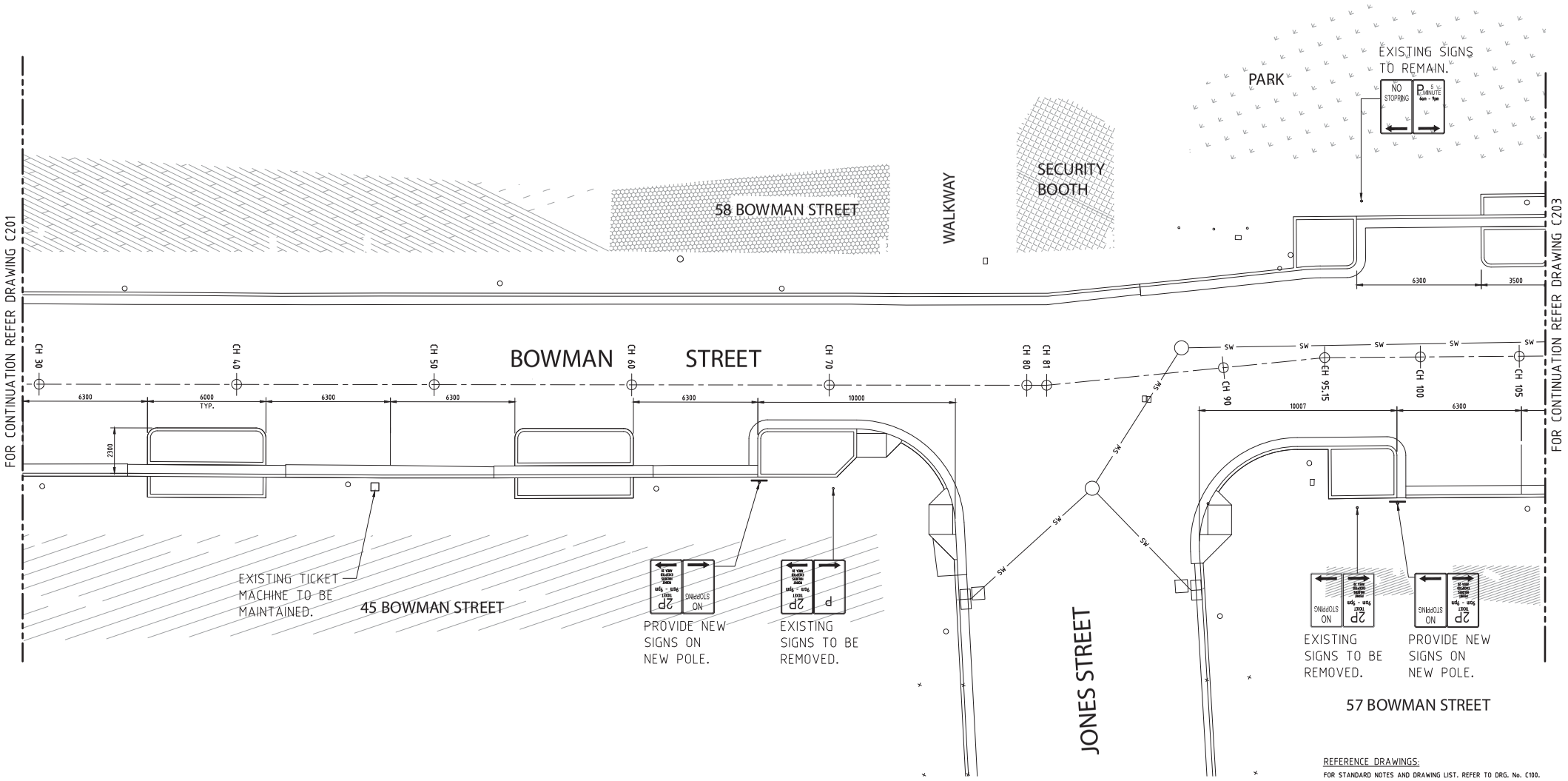

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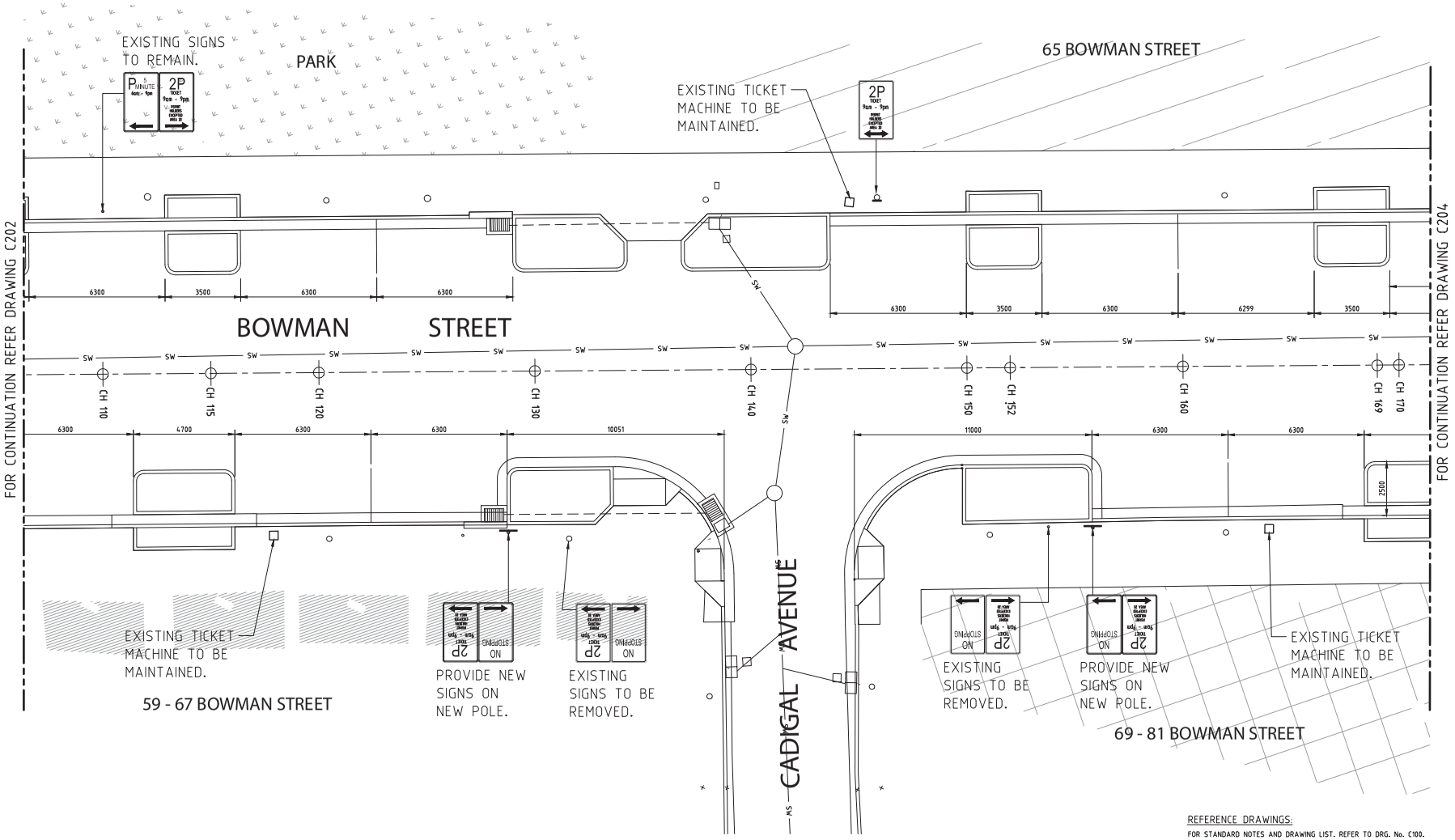

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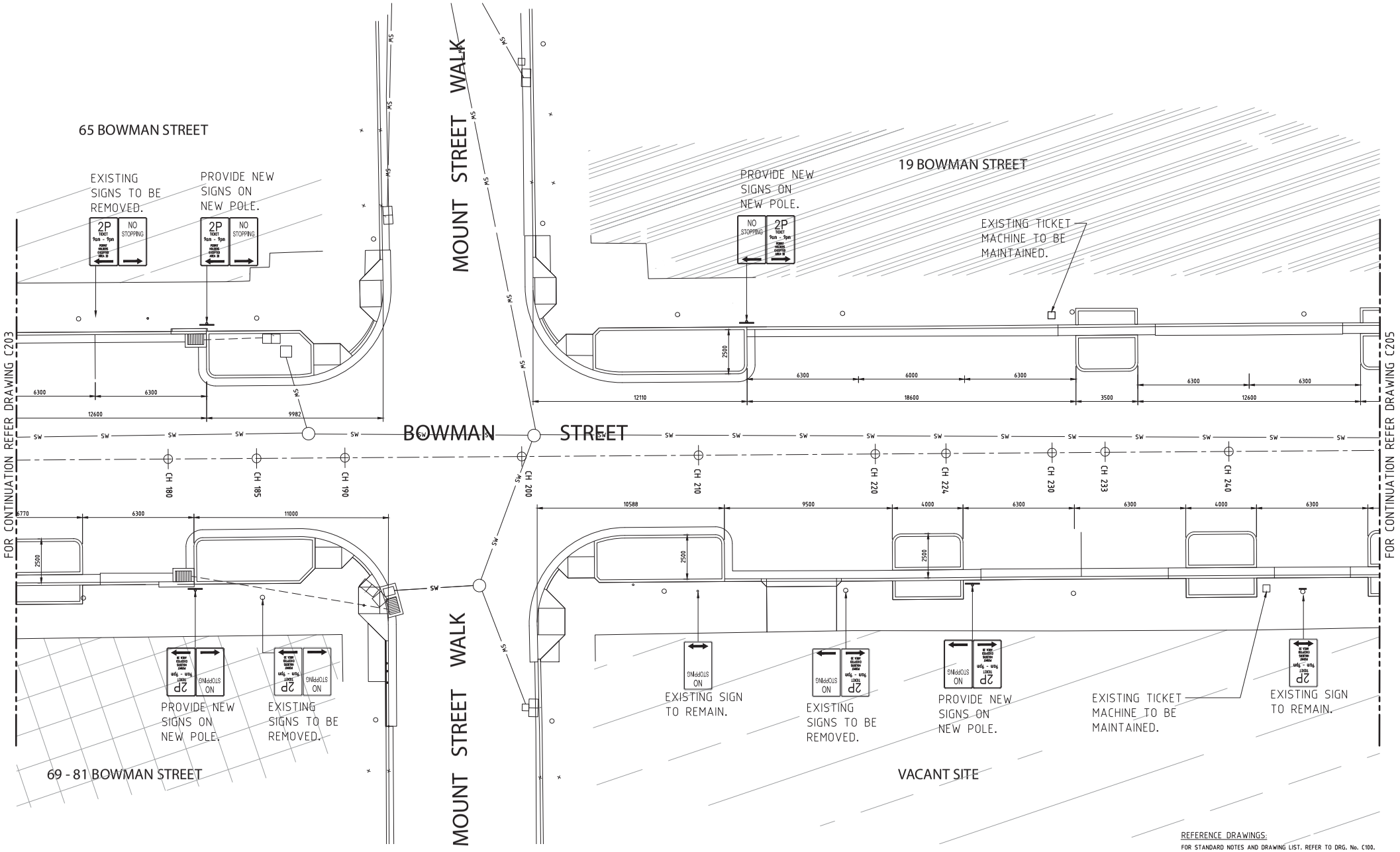

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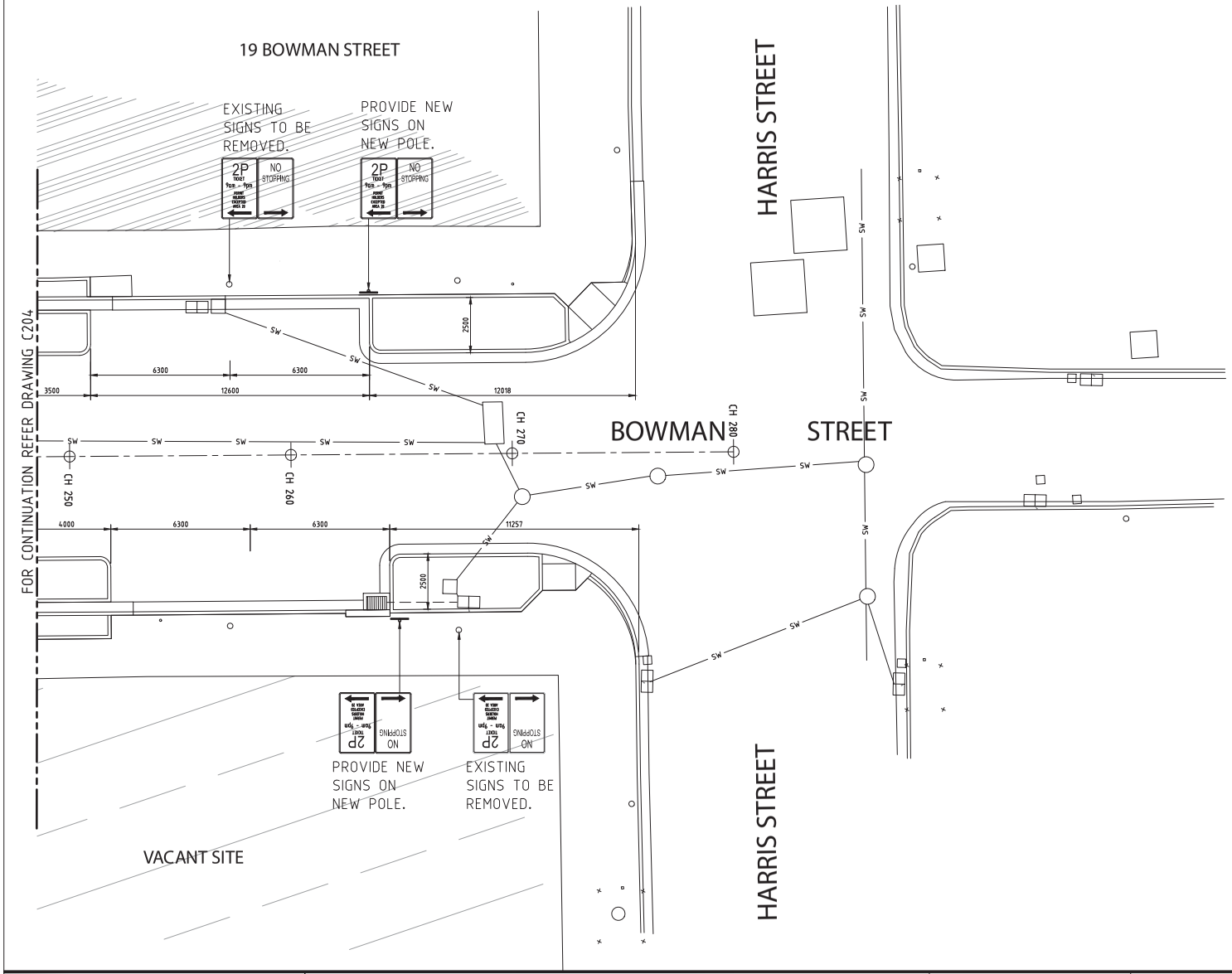

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