

**ITEM 52. TRAFFIC TREATMENT – FOOTPATH WIDENING AND LINE  
MARKING – ASHMORE AND BRIDGE STREETS ERSKINEVILLE**

**TRIM RECORD NO: 2017/367733**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of the following:

- (A) Footpath widening on both sides of Bridge Street, between 7.6 metres and 17.6 metres north of the southern Ashmore Street;
- (B) Footpath widening on both sides of Ashmore Street, between 0 and 7.9 metres east of the eastern Bridge Street;
- (C) Footpath widening on the eastern side of Bridge Street, between 0 metres and 7.9 metres south of the southern side of Ashmore Street;
- (D) Double unbroken centre line marking, between 7.6 metres and 17.6 metres north of the southern side of Ashmore Street;
- (E) Double unbroken centre line marking, between 0 and 7.9 metres east of the eastern side of Bridge Street;
- (F) Double unbroken centre line marking, between 0 and 7.9 metres south of the southern Ashmore Street kerb line;
- (G) Adjusting the existing “Give Way” line marking and signage to reflect the new kerb line;
- (H) Double unbroken centre line marking around the bend at the intersection of Bridge and Victoria Streets.

**VOTING MEMBERS FOR THIS ITEM**

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

**DECISION**

**BACKGROUND**

Residents have requested that the City investigate pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of Ashmore and Bridge Streets, Erskineville. This intersection is on a major north-south pedestrian desire line between the nearby Ashmore Precinct Urban Renewal Area and the Erskineville Public School and Erskineville Railway Station.

The City therefore proposes to widen parts of the footpath at the intersection of Ashmore and Bridge Streets, to improve pedestrian safety and access and to calm traffic.

## **COMMENTS**

Ashmore and Bridge Streets are wide roads with a single lane of traffic in each direction and on-street parking on both sides.

Site observations identified large numbers of pedestrians crossing Ashmore Street at Bridge Street to get to and from Erskineville Public School and Erskineville Railway Station. Traffic counts commissioned on Tuesday 5 April 2016 from 7am to 7pm, recorded peak hour volumes of 130 pedestrians in both morning and evening peaks at this intersection.

To resolve the residents' safety concerns and enhance local accessibility and amenity, the City proposes the following improvements:

- Widen the footpaths at the intersection to reduce the crossing distance;
- Re-align the kerb ramps to guide pedestrians to the point with the shortest crossing distance;
- Encourage pedestrians to cross at a location which provides more visibility to vehicles;
- Provide additional footpath space for pedestrians;
- Narrow the road to reduce vehicle speeds at the intersection;
- Provide double unbroken centre line marking to guide vehicles on the correct side of the road and encourage drivers to not cut the corners in Bridge Street at both the intersections of Ashmore and Victoria Streets.

The proposed footpath widenings will result in the loss of two parking space on the western side of Bridge Street. However, the City believes that the benefits of increased pedestrian safety outweighs the small loss of kerb side parking.

## **CONSULTATION**

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 57 letters sent out with one response supporting and two responses opposing the proposal.

The response supporting the proposal agreed that the proposal will reduce conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles and improve safety.

The responses opposing the proposal did not think the treatments are necessary at this intersection and were concerned about loss of kerb side parking.

## **FINANCIAL**

Appropriate funding for the proposal will be secured once greater certainty on the construction timeline is reached.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Traffic Treatment – Footpath Widening and Line Marking – Ashmore and Bridge Streets  
Erskineville

Tony Ly, Engineering Traffic Officer



Proposed Garden Beds

Proposed Kerb Ramps

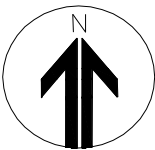
Proposed Footpath Widening

**Ashmore Street**

**Bridge Street**

**Victoria Street**

Proposed Double Unbroken Centre Lines



Proposal

Ashmore and Bridge Streets, Erskineville  
Proposed Footpath Widening and Line Marking

