

**ITEM 56. TRAFFIC TREATMENT – RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING –
WARD AVENUE POTTS POINT**

TRIM RECORD NO: 2017/355445

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following:

- (A) Installation of a raised pedestrian crossing, with associated kerb extensions, in Ward Avenue, Potts Point, just north of the intersection with Kings Cross Road;
- (B) Upgrade of an existing pedestrian refuge in Ward Avenue, Potts Point, just south of the intersection with Kings Cross Road; and
- (C) Reallocation of on-street parking on the western side of Ward Avenue, Potts Point, between the points 10 metres and 16 metres, north of Kings Cross Road as “No Stopping”.

VOTING MEMBERS FOR THIS ITEM

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

DECISION

BACKGROUND

Under existing conditions, the two pedestrian refuges in Ward Avenue, just north and south of the intersection with Kings Cross Road, are not wide enough to safely accommodate wheelchair-bound patrons, pedestrians with prams, and cyclists. This scenario creates unsafe conditions for pedestrians, particularly those in the vulnerable categories like the mobility-impaired, the young and the elderly.

COMMENTS

To resolve the existing pedestrian safety concerns and enhance local amenity, the City proposes the following improvements:

- Replace the existing pedestrian refuge in Ward Avenue, just north of the intersection with Kings Cross Road, with a raised pedestrian crossing;
- Introduce kerb extensions in conjunction with the raised pedestrian crossing to reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians from 13 metres to approximately 9.5 metres;
- Widen the existing pedestrian refuge in Ward Avenue, just south of the intersection with Kings Cross Road; and
- Improve the streetscape in the vicinity of the raised pedestrian crossing with upgraded street lighting and landscaping.

Combined, the proposal will considerably improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, particularly those in the vulnerable categories like the mobility-impaired, the young and the elderly; significantly improve sight lines between pedestrians and approaching traffic; and limit the speed of through traffic on approach to the intersection with Kings Cross Road.

The City has discussed the proposal with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and received “in principle” support for the safety improvements.

To deliver the raised pedestrian crossing, the City will need to remove one on-street parking space along the western kerb of Ward Avenue and replace with “No Stopping” to ensure compliance with the RMS Technical Direction for Stopping and Parking Restrictions at Intersections and Crossings (TDT 2002/12c).

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 411 letters sent out with six responses supporting the proposal and no responses opposing the proposal.

Submissions supporting the proposal noted the raised pedestrian crossing would considerably improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians crossing Ward Avenue in the vicinity of Kings Cross Road.

FINANCIAL

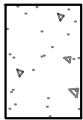
Appropriate funding for the proposal will be secured once greater certainty on the construction timeline is reached.

ATTACHMENTS

Traffic Treatment – Raised Pedestrian Crossing – Ward Avenue Potts Point

Ganesh Vengadasalam, Senior Traffic Engineer

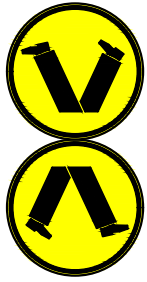
LEGEND



CONCRETE PAVEMENT



GARDEN



CAR SHARE SPACE TO REMAIN

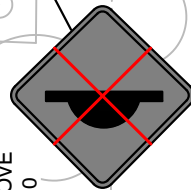
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WARD

REMOVE W5-10



RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING WARD AVENUE, POTTS POINT NOT TO SCALE

Existing "1P 8am-10pm
Permit Holders Excepted
Area 19"

Existing "No Stopping"

Proposed "No Stopping"

