

**ITEM 56. TRAFFIC TREATMENT – STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS – BENT
LOFTUS AND OCONNELL STREETS SYDNEY**

TRIM RECORD NO: 2017/575024

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of footpath widening at the intersection of Bent, Loftus and O’Connell Streets, Sydney.

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 Sydney		

DECISION

BACKGROUND

The City proposes to widen the footpaths at the intersection of Bent, Loftus and O’Connell Streets, Sydney, to improve pedestrian access and safety and local amenity.

COMMENTS

The crossing distance for pedestrians along the desire line at the intersection of Bent, Loftus and O’Connell Streets, Sydney, is 19.7 metres in Loftus Street, 17.7 metres in Bent Street and 11.5 metres in O’Connell Street.

The intersection is heavily used by pedestrians trying to access nearby dining and retail shops, commercial and government offices and train stations and precincts – Circular Quay, Martin Place and Wynyard. An increase in pedestrian movements is expected when the buildings for Department of Education and Lands is converted to a hotel and the opening of the Grosvenor Street Light Rail Stop and Martin Place Metro Station.

In order to improve pedestrian access and safety and local amenity, it is proposed to widen the footpaths at the intersection to reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians to 11.5 metres in Loftus Street, 9.7 metres in Bent Street and 7.9 metres in O’Connell Street.

The footpath widening will also ensure that the marked pedestrian crossing in Loftus Street, north of Bent Street, complies with *Australian Standard 1742 Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices* and *Roads and Maritime Supplement to Australian Standard* by ensuring one travel lane in each direction at the pedestrian crossing and taxis do not over queue or parking illegally in “No Stopping” zones.

The footpath widening will result in no loss to parking and will not affect existing vehicular access arrangements.

CONSULTATION

The City notified local residents and businesses in the area. There were 15 letters sent out with no responses supporting or opposing the proposal.

The proposal was also consulted with the Applicant converting the Department of Education and Lands buildings to a hotel who supported the proposal.

FINANCIAL

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

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EDUCATION

LOFTUS STREET

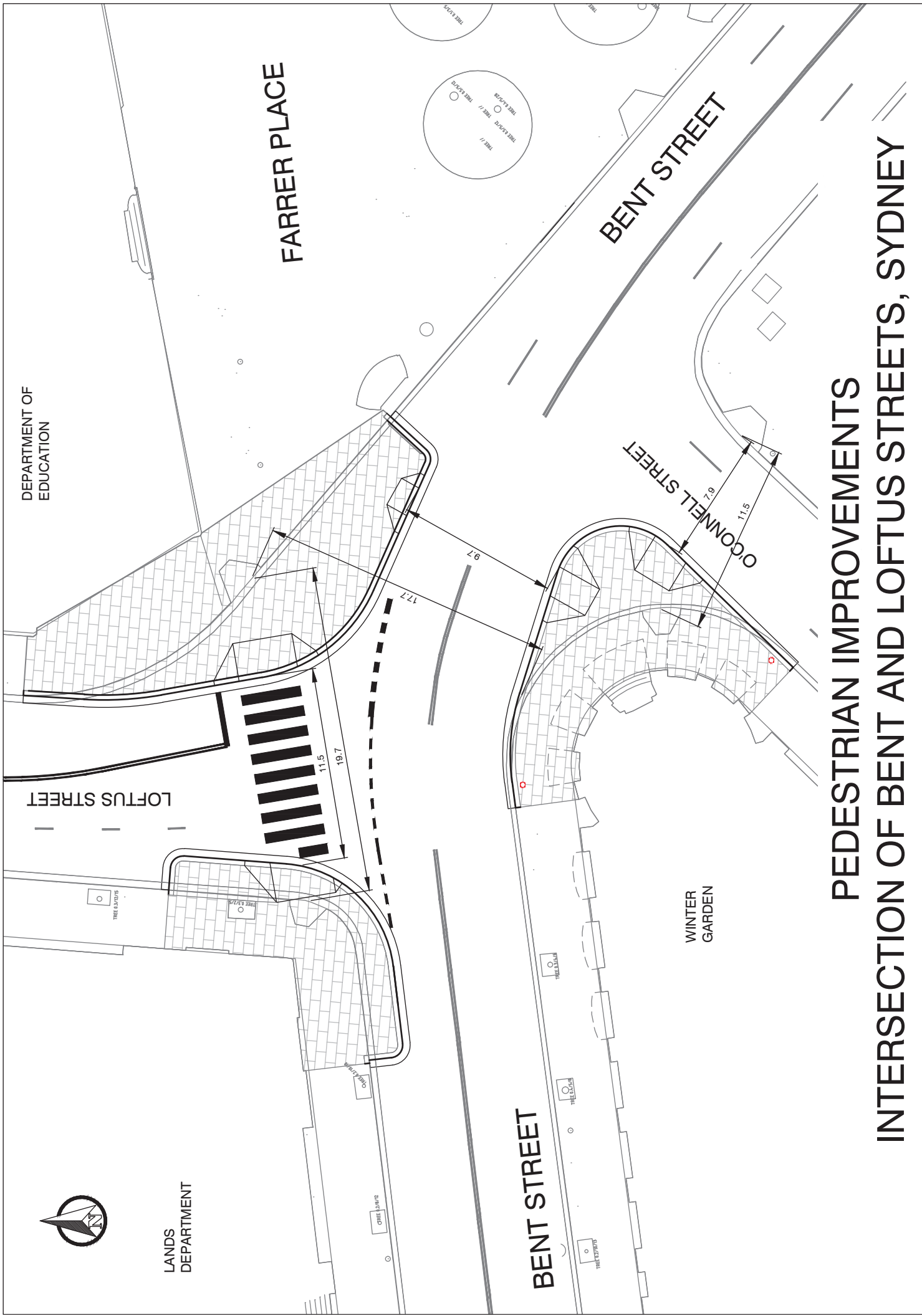
FARRER PLACE

BENT STREET

BENT STREET

O'CONNELL STREET

WINTER
GARDEN



PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS INTERSECTION OF BENT AND LOFTUS STREETS, SYDNEY

