

**ITEM 7.            ITEM FOR COMMITTEE INFORMATION – TRAFFIC TREATMENT –  
STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS – BENT LOFTUS AND  
OCONNELL STREETS SYDNEY**

**TRIM RECORD NO:    2017/575024**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee note the installation of footpath widening at the intersection of Bent, Loftus and O’Connell Streets, Sydney, subject to the following condition:

- (A)    A live trial is conducted by Sydney Buses regarding the treatment which is observed by the City, Roads and Maritime Services and Transport for New South Wales Sydney Coordination Office.

**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 – Sydney City LAC	✓	
Representative for the Member for Sydney	✓	

**DECISION**

The Committee carried the recommendation unanimously out-of-session on the 5 February 2018.

**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, 9.2 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 consulted with the Roads and Maritime Services, Sydney Coordination Office and Sydney Buses, who raised no objections subject to the City conducting a live trial with Sydney Buses.

The proposal was also consulted with the architect 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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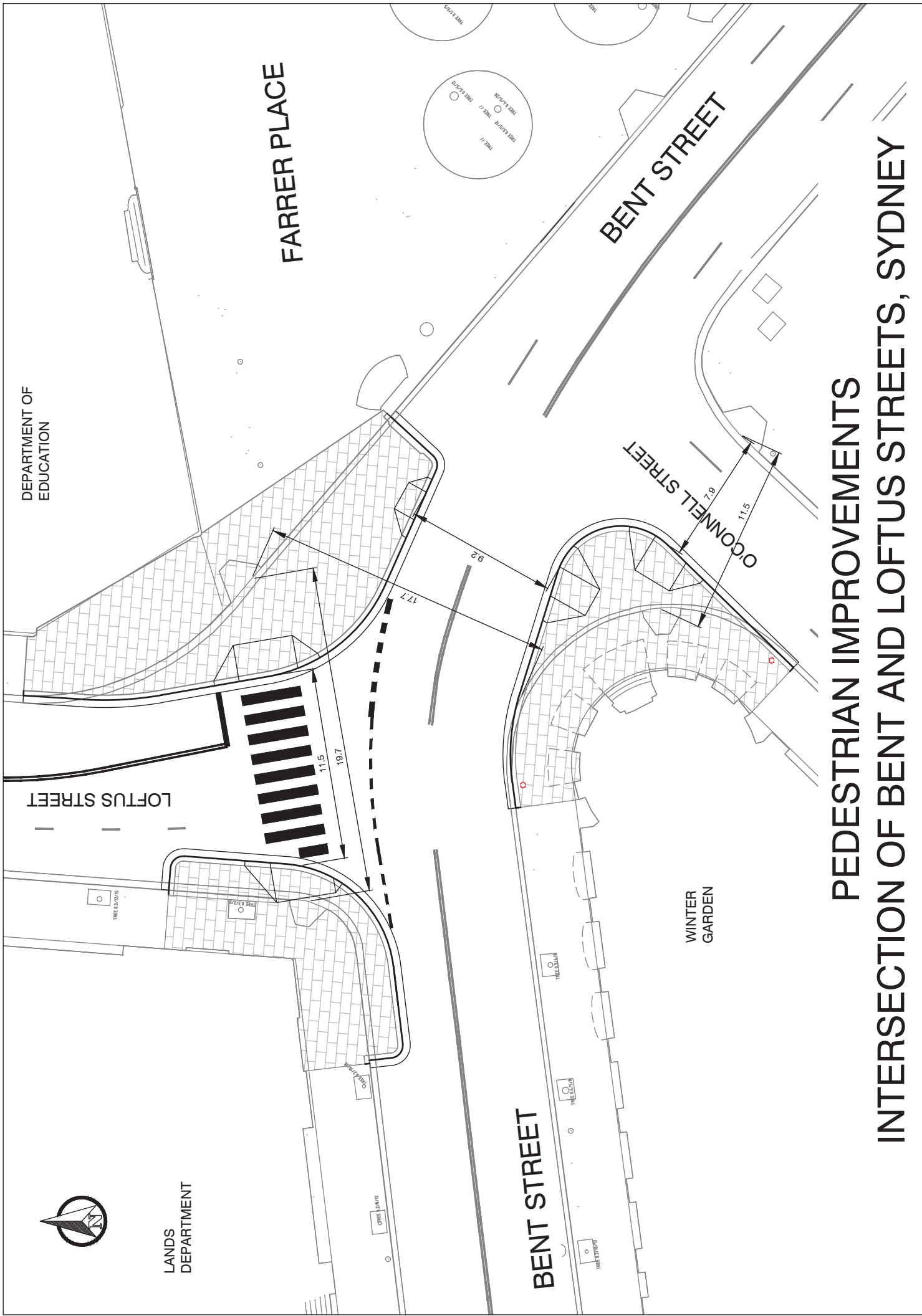
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# PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS INTERSECTION OF BENT AND LOFTUS STREETS, SYDNEY

