

**ITEM 42. TRAFFIC TREATMENT – PERMANENT ROAD CLOSURE AND  
PARKING CHANGES – HILL STREET AND BOURKE STREET AND  
CLARE STREET SURRY HILLS**

**TRIM RECORD NO: 2017/430570**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee support the installation of a Shared Zone in Hill Street, Surry Hills, between Bourke and Flinders Streets.

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

- (A) Permanent road closure of Hill Street, Surry Hills, between Short Place and Clare Street;
- (B) Continuous footpath treatment in Hill Street, Surry Hills, just east of Bourke Street;
- (C) Continuous footpath treatment in Hill Street, Surry Hills, just west of Flinders Street;
- (D) Eastern side of Bourke Street, Surry Hills, between the points 7.5 metres and 35.9 metres (5 car spaces) north of Hill Street, as “2P Ticket 8am-10pm, Mon-Wed; 8am-6pm, Thurs-Sun” and “Taxi Zone 6pm-6am, Thurs-Sun”;
- (E) Eastern side of Bourke Street, Surry Hills, between the points 35.9 metres and 48.6 metres (2 car spaces) north of Hill Street, as “No Parking 7am-6pm; Wesley Mission Vehicles Excepted” and “2P Ticket 6pm-10pm, Mon-Wed” and “Taxi Zone 6pm-6am, Thurs-Sun”;
- (F) Northern side of Hill Street, Surry Hills, between the points 10 metres and 28 metres (3 car spaces) east of Bourke Street, as “2P Ticket 8am-10pm”; and
- (G) Western side of Clare Street, Surry Hills, between the points 7 metres and 23.7 metres (2 car spaces) north of Hill Street, as “Loading Zone 8am-6pm, Mon-Fri” and “1P 6pm-10pm, Mon-Fri; 8am-10pm, Sat, Sun and Public Holidays; Permit Holders Excepted Area 18”.

**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 – Surry Hills LAC		
Representative for the Member for Sydney		

**DECISION**

## **BACKGROUND**

On 16 August 2017, the Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee (LPCTCC), supported the installation of Shared Zones in the following streets:

- Short Place, between Short and Hill Streets;
- Clare Street, between Short Street and Marys Place;
- Marys Place, between Bourke and Clare Streets; and
- Floods Place, between Albion Street and Marys Place.

However, the Committee deferred the recommendation for the implementation of a Shared Zone in Hill Street, between Bourke and Flinders Streets, and the permanent road closure of Hill Street, between Short Place and Clare Street.

The recommendation was deferred due to community concerns about taxi operations and accessibility for loading vehicles in Hill Street.

As a result of the community concerns raised at the LPCTCC meeting, the City has amended the proposal to include the following:

- A night-time Taxi Zone in Bourke Street, Surry Hills, between Short and Hill Streets; and
- A Loading Zone in Clare Street, between Short and Hill Streets.

## **COMMENTS**

### **Shared Zone and Road Closure**

Given that the City is committed to creating a pedestrian friendly environment that encourages people to walk safely, Shared Zones are part of this commitment. In a designated Shared Zone, pedestrians have the right of way and it is important to note that drivers are legally required to give way to pedestrians in this zone.

The introduction of a Shared Zone in Hill Street would prioritise access for pedestrians, improve safety, control vehicle speeds and preserve residential amenity. The Shared Zone in Hill Street would match the Shared Zones already approved in the adjacent streets and would therefore provide a consistent approach to all side street treatments along Bourke and Flinders Streets. The inclusion of Hill Street would ensure pedestrian links are complete, connected and consistent to benefit both pedestrians and vehicles, and highlight the need to take care especially at intersections.

Additionally, the road closure in Hill Street was considered an essential part of the proposal to ensure that the Shared Zone would operate safely, by reducing the use of the street as a short-cut from Bourke Street to Flinders Street and minimise conflicts with pedestrians.

### **Ticket Parking**

The kerb space on the eastern side of Bourke Street, Surry Hills, between Hill and Short Streets, is currently signposted as “2P 8.30am-6pm, Mon-Fri; 8.30am-12.30pm, Sat”.

The City is proposing to update the parking restrictions to “2P Ticket 8am-10pm, Mon-Wed; 8am-6pm, Thurs-Sun” to increase parking turnover and improve access to on-street parking.

The proposed parking changes include relocating the existing dedicated Wesley Mission parking spaces slightly north and to consolidate the proposed ticket parking in one location. There will be no loss to parking spaces and the proposal is supported by the Wesley Mission.

Ticket parking is proposed to align with other restrictions in the immediate area and improve compliance for all road users.

### **Taxi Zone**

A night-time Taxi Zone is proposed to operate between 6pm and 6am Thursdays to Sundays, on the eastern side of Bourke Street, Surry Hills between Short and Hill Streets. This Taxi Zone will improve access to taxis at nights and reduce the use of Hill Street and other nearby streets by taxis which would therefore reduce conflicts with pedestrians.

This request has the support of the NSW Taxi Council.

To accommodate the Taxi Zone, the existing “No Parking 7am-7pm; Wesley Mission Vehicles Excepted” is proposed to operate from 7am-6pm only. This change is supported by the Wesley Mission.

### **Loading Zone**

The kerb space on the western side of Clare Street, Surry Hills, between Short and Hill Streets, is currently signposted as “1P 8am-10pm, Mon-Sat; Permit Holders Excepted Area 18”.

In response to community concerns about access for loading vehicles, if the proposed road closure in Hill Street proceeds, the City is proposing a Loading Zone in Clare Street near Hill Street.

A Loading Zone in Clare Street near Hill Street will accommodate loading and unloading operations for surrounding businesses.

Clare Street is 4.9 metres wide with parking on parts of the western side of the street. Traffic counts commissioned over a seven day period in Clare Street show the volume of traffic is low (ie 94 vehicles per day), with a maximum of 22 vehicles per hour, or less than one vehicle per two minutes. Given the low volume of traffic in the street, and the provision for vehicles to pass each other, a Loading Zone would not cause any conflicts or traffic/parking issues.

The proposed Loading Zone would operate from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday. The current 1P permit parking restrictions would operate outside these times until 10pm and from 8am-10pm on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays.

**CONSULTATION**

In compliance with Section 116 of the *Roads Act 1993*, the City consulted with local residents and businesses for a period of 28 days and advertised the proposal for the road closure in Hill Street in The Sydney Morning Herald and the Central Sydney Magazine.

The City notified local residents and businesses in the area regarding the proposed parking changes to enable the Shared Zone and permanent road closure in Hill Street to proceed. There were 442 letters sent out with no responses supporting or opposing the proposal.

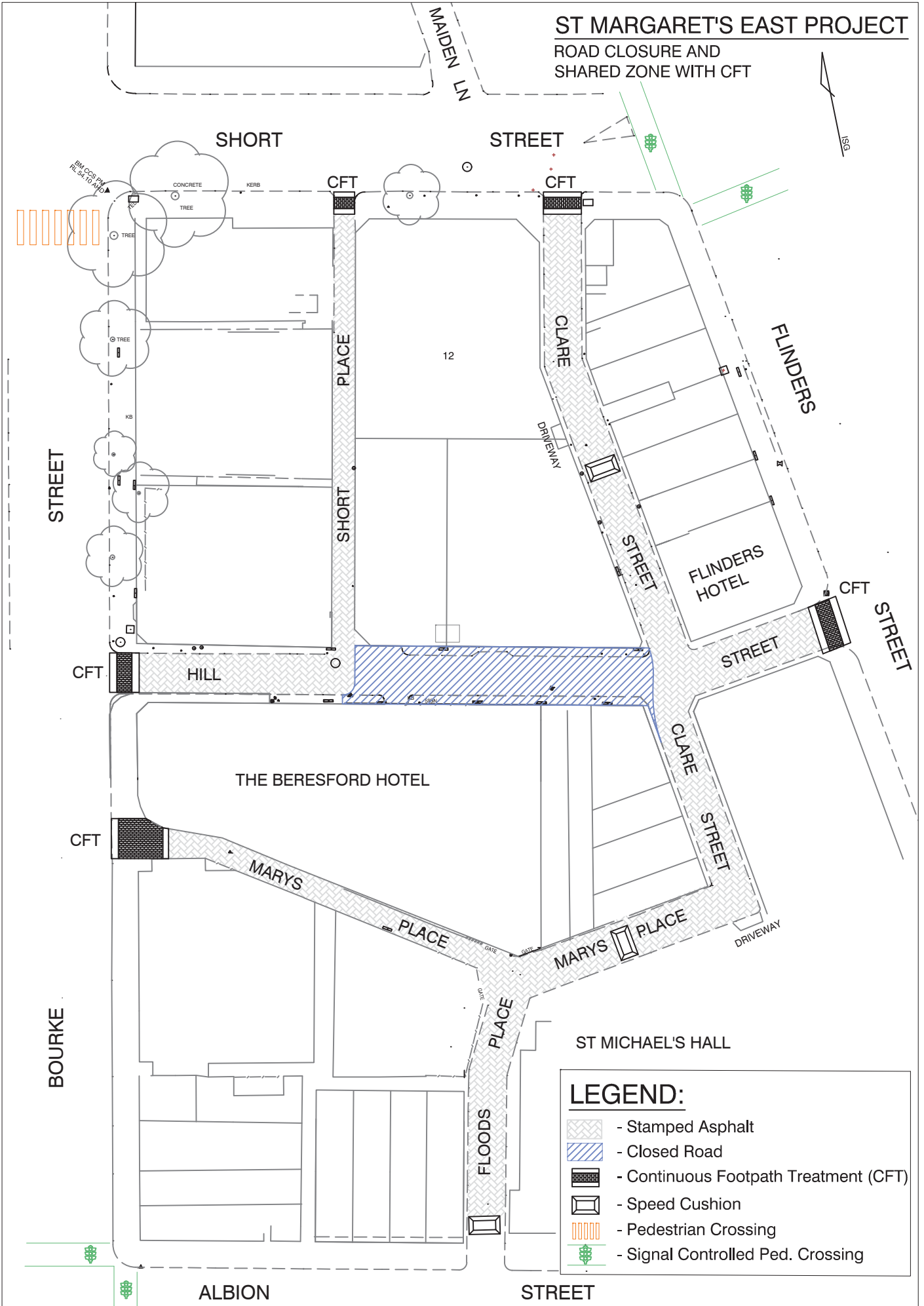
**FINANCIAL**

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

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Manbir Singh, Senior Traffic Engineer

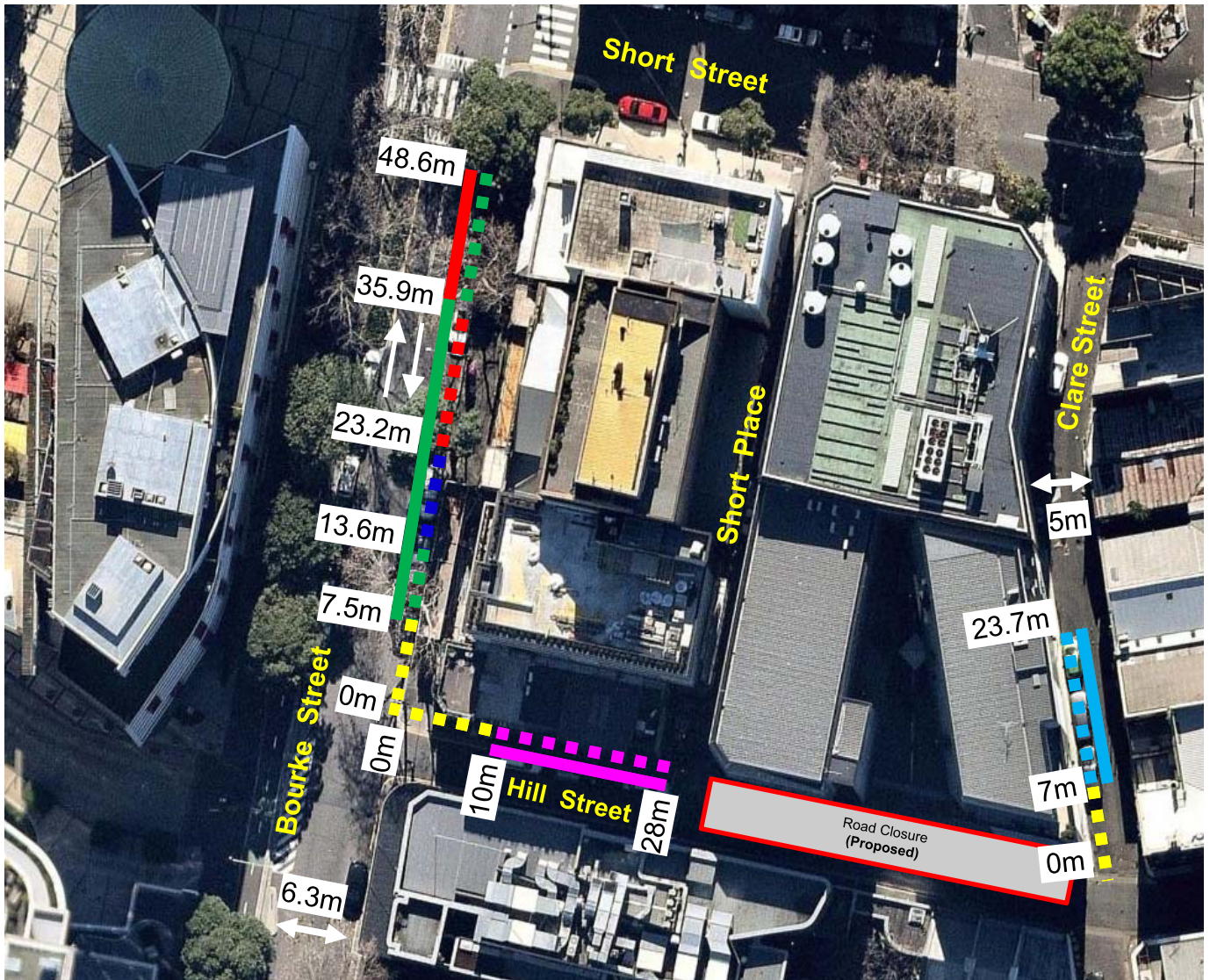
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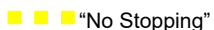


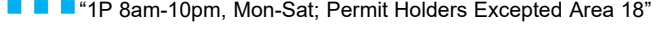
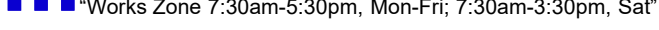
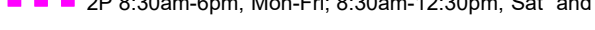
-  - Stamped Asphalt
-  - Closed Road
-  - Continuous Footpath Treatment (CFT)
-  - Speed Cushion
-  - Pedestrian Crossing
-  - Signal Controlled Ped. Crossing

## Hill, Bourke and Clare Streets, Surry Hills Proposed parking changes



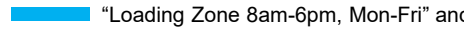


Source: Nearmap – 18 July 2017

### Existing

-  "No Stopping"
-  "No Parking 7am-7pm; Wesley Mission Vehicles Excepted"
-  "2P 8:30am-6pm, Mon-Fri; 8:30am-12:30pm, Sat"
-  "1P 8am-10pm, Mon-Sat; Permit Holders Excepted Area 18"
-  "Works Zone 7:30am-5:30pm, Mon-Fri; 7:30am-3:30pm, Sat"
-  "2P 8:30am-6pm, Mon-Fri; 8:30am-12:30pm, Sat" and  
"No Stopping 6pm-6am; Taxis Excepted 1 Minute Limit"

### Proposed

-  "No Parking 7am-6pm; Wesley Mission Vehicles Excepted" and  
"2P Ticket 6pm-10pm, Mon-Wed" and  
"Taxi Zone 6pm-6am, Thurs-Sun"
-  "2P Ticket 8am-10pm, Mon-Wed; 8am-6pm, Thurs-Sun" and  
"Taxi Zone 6pm-6am, Thurs-Sun"
-  "Loading Zone 8am-6pm, Mon-Fri" and  
"1P 6pm-10pm, Mon-Fri; 8am-10pm, Sat, Sun and Public Holidays;  
Permit Holders Excepted Area 18"
-  "2P Ticket 8am-10pm"