

**ITEM 41. TRAFFIC TREATMENT – MARKED BICYCLE CROSSING – BOURKE
STREET REDFERN**

TRIM RECORD NO: 2018/019837

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a marked bicycle crossing on the raised threshold in Bourke Street, Redfern, just south of Zamia Street.

VOTING MEMBERS FOR THIS ITEM

| <i>Voting Members</i> | <i>Support</i> | <i>Object</i> |
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| City of Sydney | | |
| Roads and Maritime Services | | |
| NSW Police – Redfern PAC | | |
| Representative for the Member for Newtown | | |

DECISION

BACKGROUND

The City proposes the installation of a marked bicycle crossing on the existing raised threshold in Bourke Street, Redfern, just south of Zamia Street, to provide improved connectivity between the Bourke Street separated cycleway and the Eastern Suburbs via Edmund Resch Reserve and the bridge over South Dowling Street and the Eastern Distributor.

COMMENTS

The City is committed to encouraging people to ride bicycles more often and safely. The City is improving the safety and amenity of cycling infrastructure by making bicycle riding a real and convenient option for short local trips.

Residents have raised safety concerns about the crossing arrangements on the existing raised threshold in Bourke Street, Redfern, south of Zamia Street, and requested that the current arrangements be clarified.

The raised threshold on Bourke Street currently includes a marked pedestrian crossing which provides safe access to cross the street. A dedicated space has been provided on the raised threshold, adjacent to the pedestrian crossing, so that cyclists can also cross the street. However no marked bicycle crossing has been provided at this location.

The raised crossing on Bourke Street provides a key connection for cyclists between the Bourke Street separated cycleway and the Eastern Suburbs via Edmund Resch Reserve and the bridge over South Dowling Street and the Eastern Distributor. The raised crossing directly connects with Bourke Street separated cycleway which forms part of the Sydney Harbour to Botany Bay regional cycle route.

The City proposes to mark the bicycle crossing on the raised threshold adjacent to the existing marked pedestrian crossing. The change will improve safety by clarifying the crossing arrangements. Pedestrian priority will be maintained. The changes will only involve signage and pavement markings and will not effect on-street parking.

On 7 November 2017 the City applied to RMS for in-principle support to change the crossing. On 8 November 2017 RMS provided in principle support for the change.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 75 letters sent out with no responses supporting opposing the proposal.

FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current budget as part of the City's Cycling Safety Program.

Traffic Treatment – Raised Bicycle Crossing – Bourke Street Redfern

Justin Murphy, Senior Designer – Cycling

Bourke Street, Redfern Cycling Improvements



