

**ITEM 42. TRAFFIC TREATMENT – PERMANENT ROAD CLOSURE –
BARLOW STREET SYDNEY**

TRIM RECORD NO: 2018/002659

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following in Barlow Street, Sydney, east of George Street:

- (A) The permanent road closure of Barlow Street to vehicular traffic between the points 0 metres and 12.3 metres;
- (B) The reallocation of parking on the northern side of Barlow Street between the points 12.3 metres and 43.4 meters as “No Stopping”;
- (C) The reallocation of parking on the northern side of Barlow Street between the points 43.4 metres and 61.3 metres as “Loading Zone Ticket 6am-6pm Mon-Fri” and “4P Ticket 6pm-12am Mon-Fri, 8am-10pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays”;
- (D) The reallocation of parking on the southern side of Barlow Street between the points 12.3 metres and 27.4 meters as “No Stopping”;
- (E) The reallocation of parking on the southern side of Barlow Street between the points 27.4 metres and 43 meters as “Disability Parking Only”; and
- (F) The reallocation of parking on the southern side of Barlow Street between the points 43 metres and 51 metres as “Loading Zone Ticket 6am-6pm Mon-Fri” and “4P Ticket 6pm-12am Mon-Fri, 8am-10pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays”.

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 PAC		
Representative for the Member for Sydney		

DECISION

BACKGROUND

The City of Sydney on behalf of Transport for NSW, proposes to permanently close Barlow Street, Sydney, at George Street, to eliminate conflicts with the CBD and South East Light Rail. The permanent road closure to vehicular traffic will also improve pedestrian safety and accessibility and enhance the local amenity.

COMMENTS

Barlow Street is one-way westbound, between Parker Lane and George Street.

The construction of the CBD and South East Light Rail (CSELR) has temporarily closed Barlow Street at George Street with all access to and from the street via Pitt Street. Following the construction of the CSELR, Barlow Street is intended to be reopened at George Street.

The CSELR will provide a single southbound kerbside traffic lane on George Street near Barlow Street and any vehicle over 7.5 metres turning left from Barlow Street into George Street would encroach on the southbound Light Rail track.

To eliminate conflicts between vehicles exiting Barlow Street and the Light Rail tracks, it is proposed to permanently close Barlow Street at George Street to vehicular traffic. The permanent closure would also improve pedestrian safety and accessibility following the construction of a new Light Rail Station and bus interchange in Rawson Place.

The permanent road closure will maintain access for pedestrian, cyclists and emergency vehicles.

The permanent road closure is supported by Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime Services have provided in-principle agreement to a Traffic Management Plan for the closure on 27 September 2017.

Before the construction of the CSELR, parking adjacent to the proposed closure was a mixture of Loading Zone Ticket, 4P and 2P Ticket, Disability Parking Only and Authorised Vehicle Zone.

In order to provide a turnaround area adjacent to the proposed permanent closure, it is proposed to introduce "No Stopping" restrictions, relocate the Disability Parking Only spaces and reallocate the Authorised Vehicle Zone and 2P/4P Ticket parking to Loading Zone/4P Ticket parking. The proposed parking changes are in accordance with the City's Central Sydney On-Street Parking Policy.

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 in The Sydney Morning Herald and the City's Have Your Say website.

Letters were sent to local residents and businesses at 22 properties with two submissions supporting the proposal and no submissions opposing the proposal. The supporting submissions agreed that the permanent road closure would improve pedestrian safety and amenity.

Letters were also sent to NSW Ambulance, Fire Brigade and Police, Roads and Maritime Services and Transport for NSW.

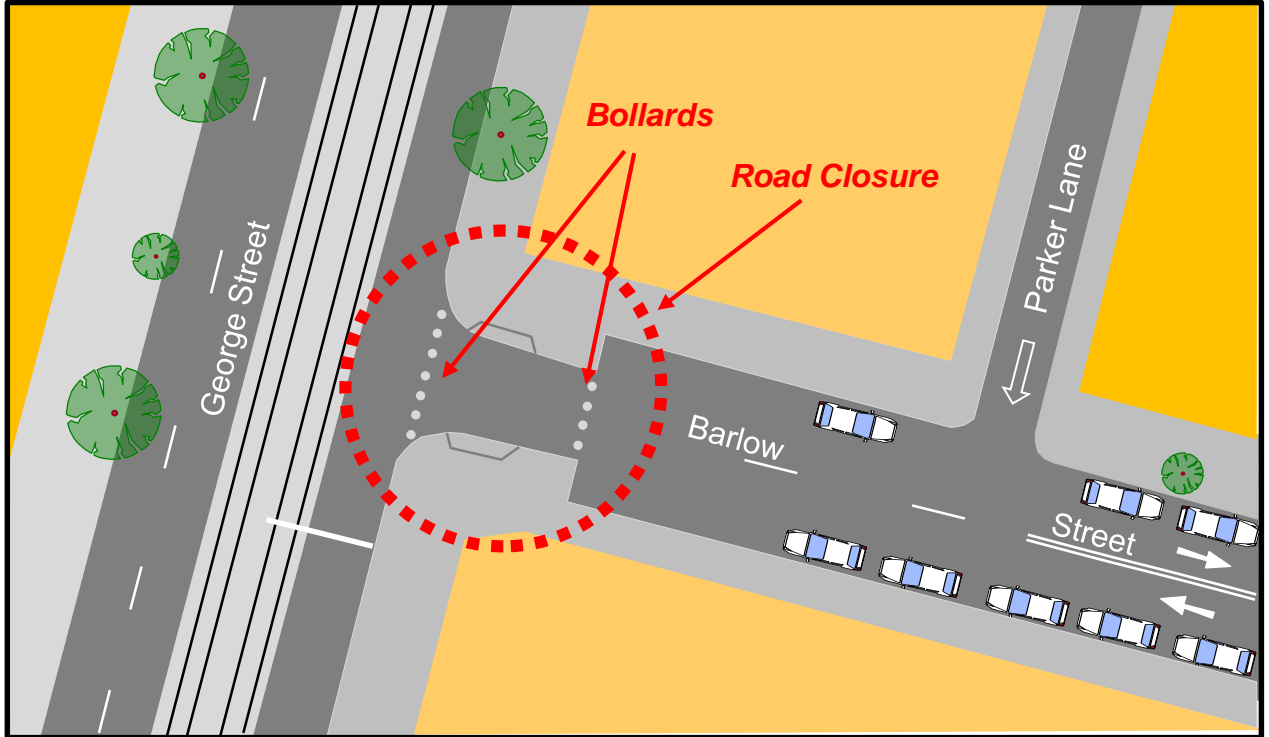
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Appropriate funding for the proposal will be secured once greater certainty on the construction time line is reached.

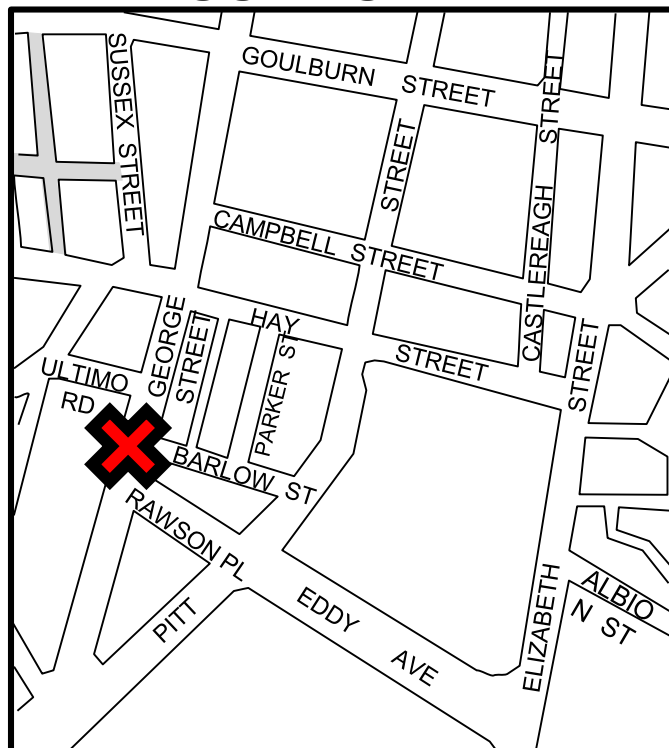
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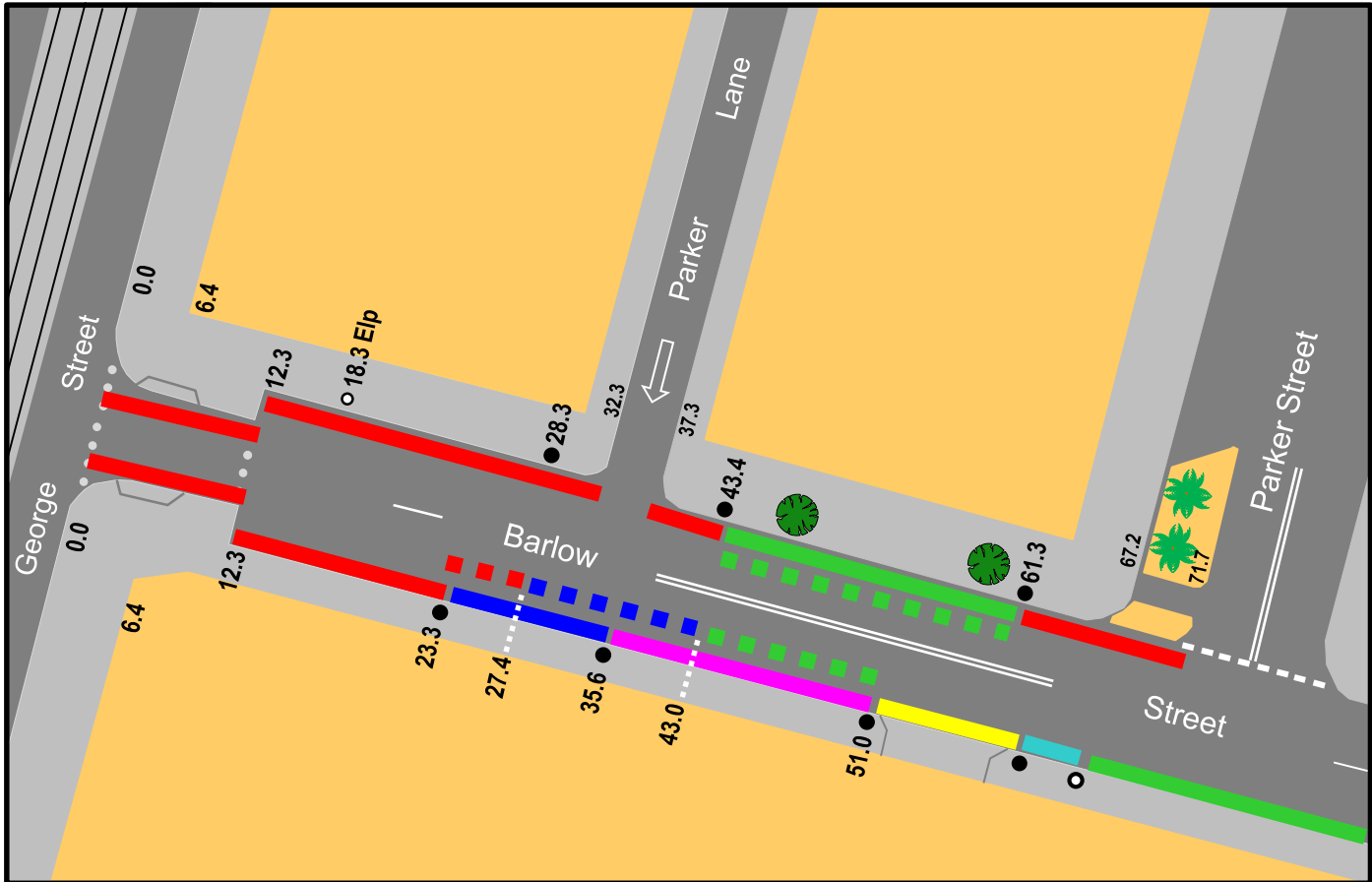
Barlow Street, east of George Street, Sydney Permanent Road Closure



LOCATION MAP



Barlow Street, east of George Street, Sydney Parking Restrictions associated with Permanent Road Closure



Existing

- No Stopping
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- 7am-6pm Mon-Fri Authorised Vehicles Excepted
4P Ticket 6pm-10pm Mon-Fri, 8am-10pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays
- 4P Ticket 6pm-10pm Mon-Fri, 8am-10pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays
2P Ticket 8am-6pm Mon-Fri
- P Motor Bikes Only
- P Only

Proposed

- No Stopping
- 7am-6pm Mon-Fri Authorised Vehicles Excepted
- Loading Zone Ticket 6am-6pm Mon-Fri
4P Ticket 6pm-10pm Mon-Fri, 8am-10pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays
- P Only