

**ITEM 43. TRAFFIC TREATMENT – PERMANENT ROAD CLOSURE –
CENTRAL STREET SYDNEY**

TRIM RECORD NO: 2018/002590

RECOMMENDATION

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

- (A) The permanent road closure of Central Street to vehicular traffic between the points 0 metres and 20 metres;
- (B) The reallocation of parking on the southern side of Central Street between the points 0 metres and 27 metres as “No Stopping”;

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 of Sydney on behalf of Transport for NSW, proposes to permanently close Central 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

Central Street is one-way eastbound, between George and Pitt Streets.

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

The CSELR will provide a single southbound kerbside traffic lane on George Street near Central Street and any vehicle over 7.5 metres would be required to encroach on the southbound Light Rail track in order to turn left into Central Street.

There is also potential for through southbound vehicles on George Street to overtake left turning vehicles into Central Street. Overtaking vehicles would drive onto the tracks and pass a vehicle immediately on the approach to a set of pedestrian signals on George Street.

To eliminate conflicts between vehicles entering Central Street and the Light Rail tracks and vehicles overtaking immediately before the pedestrian signals, it is proposed to permanently close Central Street at George Street to vehicular traffic. The permanent closure would also improve pedestrian safety and amenity.

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 22 June 2017.

As the proposed permanent closure will restrict through traffic, the Loading Zone on the southern side of Central Street, east of George Street, will be reallocated to "No Stopping".

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.

There were 358 letters sent out with 12 submissions supporting the proposal and one submission (representing 100 residents) opposing the proposal.

The supporting submissions agreed that the permanent road closure would improve pedestrian safety and amenity.

The submission opposing the proposal raised concerns that residents would have difficulty accessing their property if Pitt Street was congested.

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

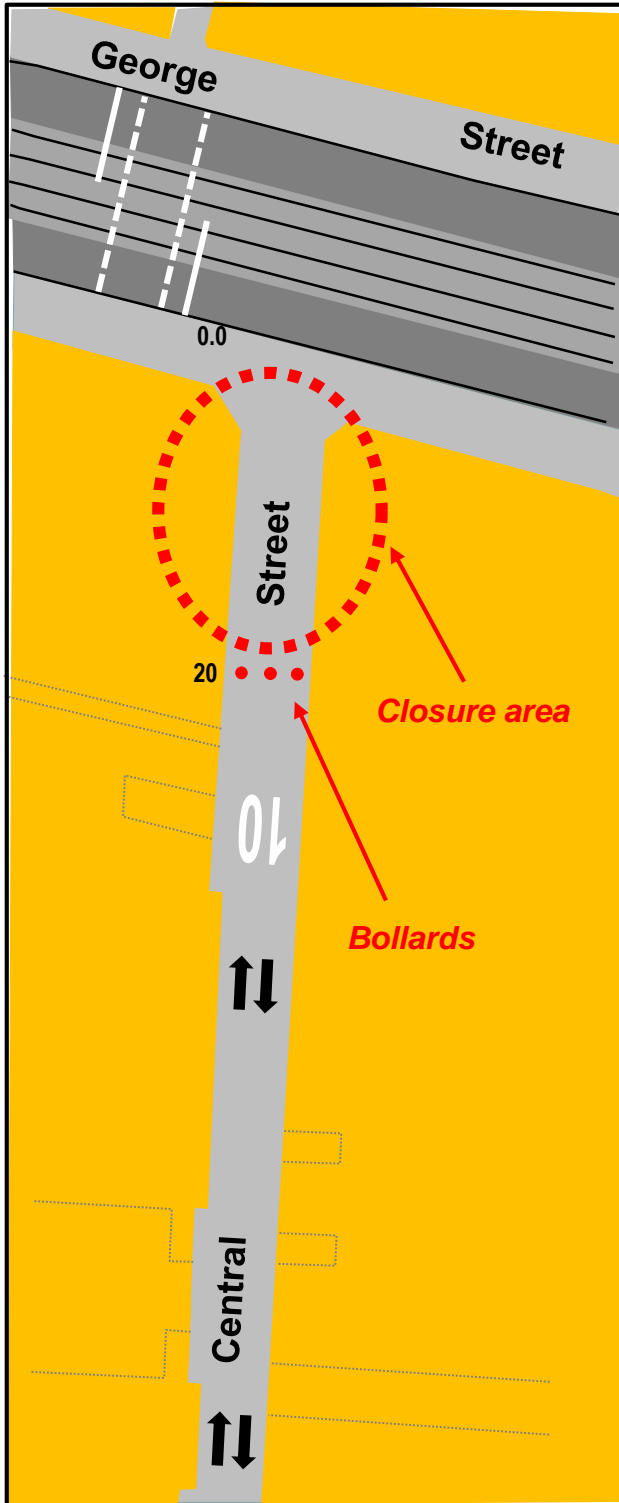
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Appropriate funding for the proposal will be secured once greater certainty on the construction time line is reached.

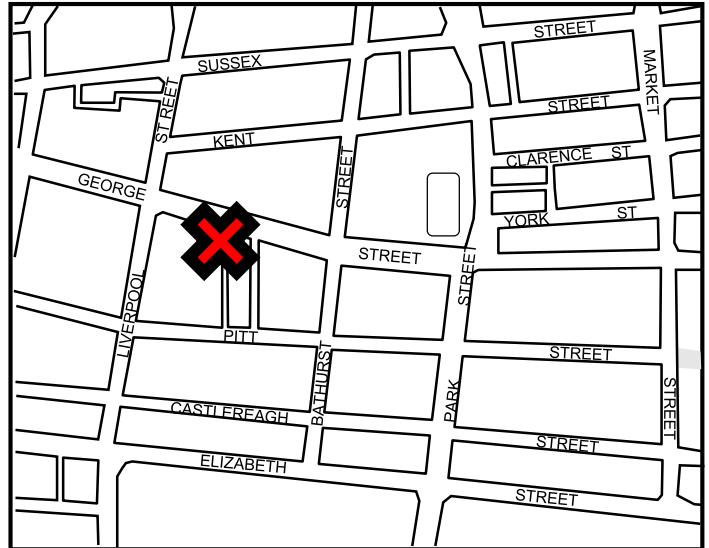
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Col Warne, Traffic Project Manager

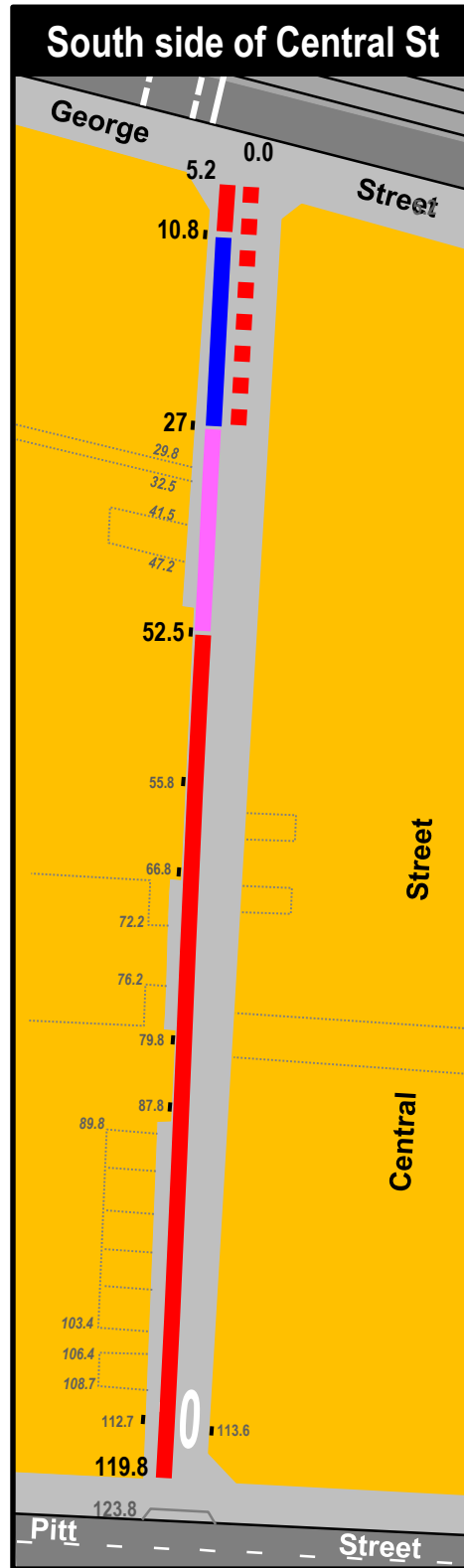
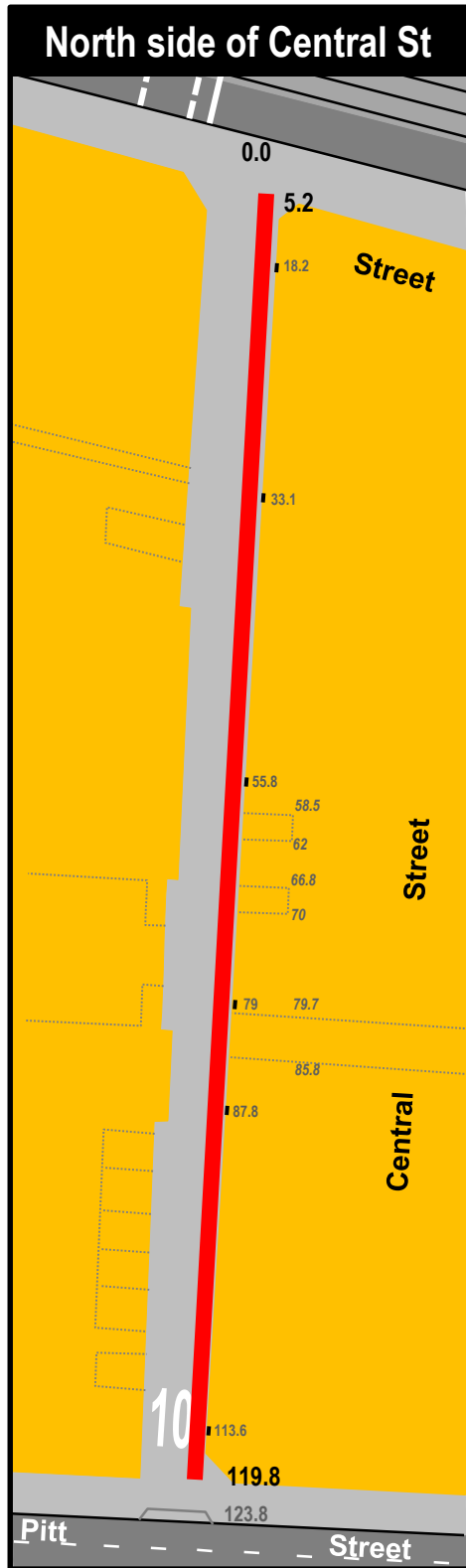
Central Street, east of George Street, Sydney Proposed Permanent Road Closure



LOCATION MAP



Central Street, east of George Street, Sydney Proposed Parking Restriction associated with Permanent Road Closure



EXISTING

- █ No Stopping
- █
- █ Loading Zone
7am-6pm Mon-Fri
7am-10pm Sat

PROPOSED

- █ No Stopping