

## Relevant Information for Council

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**TO:** Lord Mayor and Councillors

**FROM:** Kim Woodbury, Chief Operating Officer

**THROUGH:** Monica Barone PSM, Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Information Relevant To Item 6.4 - Tender - Reject and Negotiate - T-2023-1144 - Lift/Escalator Upgrade at Kings Cross Library, Andrew Boy Charlton Pool and Railway Square

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### For Noting

This memo is for the information of the Lord Mayor and Councillors.

### Background

At the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on 25 March 2024, further information was sought on:

#### **Ownership of / responsibility for maintenance of the escalators and lift at Railway Square**

The City is the property owner of Railway Square and the pedestrian tunnels which directly adjoin this space including the pedestrian tunnel under Broadway / George Street. The City is responsible for the maintenance and renewal / upgrade of all assets associated with Railway Square and the adjoining tunnels including the lift and escalators.

It is noted that the escalators not only benefit commuters but also bus users, TAFE and UTS students and other businesses to the north/west of Broadway.

The City of Sydney will formally request that Transport for NSW contribute financially to the upgrades.

### **Consideration of whether it is an option to replace the escalators with stairs**

Large volumes of pedestrians travel through the pedestrian tunnels from Central Station to Railway Square and Ultimo. Replacing the escalators with stairs would create a significant pressure on availability of lifts unreasonably impacting on mobility impaired people, people with prams and other commuters carrying heavy items that need to use the lifts. Therefore, the staff recommendation is to retain the escalators.

### **Memo from Kim Woodbury, Chief Operating Officer**

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