

Advice of Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee

19 November 2020

Item 37

Traffic Treatment - Pedestrian Boulevard - Devonshire Street, Surry Hills

2020/507362

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following permanent road closures in Surry Hills:

- (A) Devonshire Street, between Randle and Elizabeth Streets; and
- (B) Buckingham Street and Chalmers Lane at Devonshire Street.

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney	✓	
Transport for NSW	✓	
NSW Police – Surry Hills PAC	✓	
Representative for the Member for Newtown	✓	

Advice

The Committee unanimously supported the recommendation.

Background

The City of Sydney's Sustainable Sydney 2030 strategic direction includes a city for walking and cycling; a lively and engaging city centre; and resilient and inclusive local communities.

The City's Community Recovery Plan in response to the Covid-19 pandemic includes actions to continue the acceleration of the capital works program to upgrade city streets, parks and playgrounds; and work with the NSW Government on city management initiatives such as mobility and transport, temporary footpath widening, cycleways, change signal timing, lower speed limits, travel demand planning and reprioritisation of roads.

The introduction of the CBD and South East Light Rail (CSELR) permanently closed and converted Chalmers Street into a pedestrian boulevard between Elizabeth and Randle Streets.

To continue the pedestrian boulevard, it is proposed to permanently close Devonshire Street between Randle and Elizabeth Streets.

The proposed pedestrian boulevard includes the permanent road closure of Buckingham Street and Chalmers Lane at Devonshire Street.