

**18 February 2021**

**Item 34**

**Traffic Treatment - Bicycle Improvements - Swanson Street, Erskineville**

2020/539100

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the provision of the following changes in Erskineville:

- (A) A contraflow bicycle facility in Elliott Avenue, between Swanson Street and Binning Street;
- (B) A Shared Path on the southern side of Swanson Street, between Elliott Avenue and Fox Avenue;
- (C) A Shared Path on the northern side of Swanson Street, between the points 0 metres and 18.3 metres west of Park Street;
- (D) A Shared Path on the northern side of Swanson Street, between Park Street and Newton Street;
- (E) A Shared Path with a 2.2 metre wide footpath widening on the western side of Park Street between the points 0 metres and 19.3 metres north of Swanson Street
- (F) A Shared Path with a 4.8 metre wide footpath widening on the eastern side of Park Street between the points 0 metres and 17.4 metres north of Swanson Street
- (G) The provision of a raised pedestrian and bicycle crossing across Park Street, just north of Swanson Street;
- (H) Widening the footpath by 3.1 metres on the northern side of Swanson Street, between the points 0 metres and 18.3 metres west of Park Street;
- (I) Widening the footpath by 3.4 metres on the northern side of Swanson Street, between the points 0 metres and 18.3 metres east of Park Street;

- (J) The provision of a continuous footpath treatment across Fox Avenue just south of Swanson Street; and
- (K) Widening the footpath by 1.1 metres on the eastern and western sides of Fox Avenue, between 0 metres and 12 metres south of Swanson Street.

(A)

#### **Voting Members for this Item**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Object</b>
City of Sydney	✓	
Transport for NSW	✓	
NSW Police – Surry Hills PAC	✓	
Representative for the Member for Sydney	✓	

#### **Decision**

The Committee unanimously supported the recommendation.

#### **Background**

The City’s Cycling Strategy and Action Plan adopted by Council in 2018, identifies a requirement to improve connectivity for bicycle riders across the City’s bicycle network.

The new links are located on well-used bike routes and connect Alexandria and Erskineville to the broader bike network of shared paths, low traffic/low speed streets and separated cycleways. The connections “support children, school communities and families to ride safely and increase cycling participation by women” (Action 2.6, Priority 2 Supporting people to ride, Cycling Strategy and Action Plan).

Swanson Street, Copeland Street and Mitchell Road are state classified roads. Providing “shared paths on state roads, as well as alternative routes, for where the City is not currently permitted to reallocate road space” is called for in Action 1.7 Priority 1 Connecting the network, Cycling Strategy and Action Plan.

These connections align with the NSW Government’s bike network plans for inner Sydney and make bike riding a safer option for people who choose to ride to access local schools, parks, businesses or for work.

