

Resolution of Council

20 September 2021

Item 10.9

Creation of a Shared Traffic Zone in Church Street, Paddington

The original motion was moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Vitoulkas.

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) shared Traffic Zones are roads or networks of roads with a speed limit of 10km/h where pedestrians and vehicles safely share road space. The implementation of these spaces has been proven to lower pedestrian injury and mortality from road accidents;
- (ii) the 2013 Sydney Streets Code outlines movement of people around streets and access to infrastructure and services as priorities for the City of Sydney in the design of streets;
- (iii) the 2013 Sydney Streets Code outlines the aim of Shared Traffic Zones as “creat[ing] a shared safe street corridor of movement for pedestrians and vehicles”, with design objectives that promote safety for pedestrians in these streets;
- (iv) residents on Church Street and surrounding streets have been advocating for Church Street to be made a shared zone since at least 2016;
- (v) at the December 2017 meeting of Council a petition of 43 signatures, representing all premises on Church Street, calling for Shared Zones within Church Street Paddington; and Continuous Footway Treatments provided at the entry and exit points of the proposed shared zone was tabled by Councillor Phillip Thalys and accepted unanimously by Council;
- (vi) the City has approved the provision of continuous footpath treatments in Church Street and Seymour Place at the intersection with South Dowling Street;

- (vii) the introduction of these treatments will give priority to pedestrians walking along South Dowling Street and improve accessibility and safety at these locations;
 - (viii) on 29 July 2021, Will Mrongovius, the Convenor of the Paddington-Darlinghurst Community Working Group, wrote to Councillors requesting on behalf of local residents that a Shared Zone be installed on Church Street, Paddington;
 - (ix) the City of Sydney classifies Church Street as a safe street. City staff undertook traffic counts in 2016 and 2020 recording that most drivers were travelling less than the posted speed limit;
 - (x) the counts also recorded low traffic and pedestrian volumes using the street;
 - (xi) the footpath at Church Street, Paddington, is 1.2 metres wide;
 - (xii) the footpath at Church Street, Paddington, is in many sections obstructed by bins, trees, utility and parking poles and residential front steps; and
 - (xiii) the footpath in Church Street, Paddington, is unusable for prams and wheelchairs; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate design options to improve pedestrian amenity in Seymour Place and Church Street, Paddington.

The amended motion was carried unanimously.

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