

## Resolution of Council

**15 November 2021**

### **Item 13.6**

#### **Pedestrian Safety Audit for School Zones**

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

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) there are 36 schools in the City of Sydney with school zones associated with them;
- (ii) that the definition and implementation of school zones are the responsibility of Transport for NSW, however all levels of government have a role in increasing road safety and reducing the road toll;
- (iii) Transport for NSW have nominated a list of school sites within the City which were recommended for upgrade by the Centre for Road Safety;
- (iv) to undertake this work, the City of Sydney received a funding offer under the Federal and State Government's Stimulus Commitment - Road Safety Program (School Zone Infrastructure) on 31 May 2021, to construct 11 raised pedestrian crossings at seven schools within the City of Sydney;
- (v) these projects are expected to be completed by 31 December 2021;
- (vi) the City prioritises and actions road safety reviews for schools that have recorded crash data on the Centre of Road Safety database;
- (vii) in the five years between 2014 and 2018 one incident occurred in an active school zone involving a child;
- (viii) both the school and streetscape has since been significantly changed to enhance safety;

- (ix) road safety reviews for schools follow the Road Safety Audit Guidelines, but are tailored to focus primarily on safety issues affecting school students;
  - (x) the City is currently working on a Road Safety Action Plan that coordinates all the work the City does for schools to include the promotion of its school road safety programs;
  - (xi) the City's Road Safety Officer works collaboratively with Parents and Citizens' Associations across the Local Government Area and responds and actions any concerns raised by residents about pedestrian safety;
  - (xii) Google mobility data shows that movement from driving in October 2021 was six per cent above baseline levels;
  - (xiii) between January 2021 and June 2021 driving was 40 per cent above baseline levels. A Transurban survey conducted in July found that an average of eight per cent more people in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane intended to travel by car following the pandemic;
  - (xiv) in May 2020, the City of Sydney published its Active Travel to School Toolkit, encouraging school aged students to use active transport to get to school; and
  - (xv) the City supports the NSW Active Transport Charter for Children and runs programs annually targeted at children's road safety;
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to write to the Secretary of Transport to investigate conducting a pedestrian safety audit in City of Sydney school zones; and
- (C) Council note that the City of Sydney's Road Safety Officer will provide support to Transport for NSW if a Safety Audit is undertaken.

The amended motion was carried unanimously.

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