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Item 39

Traffic Treatment - Proposed Timed Road Closure and Streetscape Improvements - Loftus Street, Customs House Lane and Reiby Place, Sydney

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following traffic and parking changes in Sydney, subject to Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) approving the Traffic Management Plan (TMP):

- (A) Installation of a one-way northbound 10km/h Shared Zone treatment in Loftus Street, between the points 0 metre and 76 metres north of Reiby Place;
- (B) Installation of a one-way eastbound 10km/h Shared Zone treatment for the whole of Customs House Lane between Loftus and Young Streets;
- (C) Timed closure of the proposed Shared Zones in Loftus Street and Customs House Lane between 11am and 12 midnight 7 days a week;
- (D) Installation of a mid-block raised threshold in the Customs House Lane Shared Zone;
- (E) Widening the footpath on the northern side of Reiby Place between Loftus and Pitt Streets;
- (F) Installation of a continuous footpath treatment in Reiby Place, west of Loftus Street;
- (G) Installation of a continuous footpath treatment in Reiby Place, east of Pitt Street;
- (H) Reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Loftus Street, between the points 0 metre and 42 metres north of Reiby Place as "Loading Zone 12 midnight - 11am"; and
- (I) Reallocation of parking on the western side of Loftus Street, between the points 0 metre and 76 metres north of Reiby Place as "No Stopping".

Voting Members for this Item

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

Advice

The Committee unanimously supported the recommendation.

Background

The City seeks to conduct public domain and pedestrian upgrade works within the road reserves across Loftus Street, Reiby Place, Customs House Lane in Sydney.

The works seek to revitalise and upgrade the public spaces through the prioritisation of pedestrian movements whilst maintaining appropriate vehicle access through a 'shared pedestrian/vehicle' traffic arrangement.

The works will result in additional public spaces being prioritised for pedestrians through increasing the size of the pedestrian footpaths, creation of a shared zone and provision of footpath continuations. The works will also encompass demolition, tree removal, earthworks, public embellishment works including new trees, benches, smartpoles and lighting. The development works are primarily along Loftus Street but extend towards Reiby Place and Custom House Lane.

As a result of the works, the northern end of Loftus Street (north of Reiby Place) will be prioritised to pedestrians, with a shared zone for special service and delivery vehicles. The vehicle lanes along Reiby Place and Custom House Lane will be narrowed and the pedestrian area widened.

The project is consistent with Council's strategic vision for the locality outlined in the City North Public Domain Plan 2015 and implements the City's Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision Project Idea: City Space Improvement Program. This Plan highlights ideas for improving streets and open spaces which can be used as guidelines for future development. The proposed works will implement targets set by the plan with regards to improving pedestrian links and providing for a more walkable CBD.

