

Advice of Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee

14 March 2024

Item 27

Traffic Treatment - Landscaped Median Strip - Thurlow Street, Redfern

2023/598972

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following treatments in Redfern.

- (A) Installation of three, 2 metre wide landscaped median strips on Thurlow Street east of Bourke Street, between the following points:
 - 17.8 metres and 84.80 metres
 - 105.3 metres and 142.9 metres
 - 145 metres and 159.6 metres

- (B) Installation of a 1.65 metre wide, landscaped kerb side traffic island on Thurlow Lane, north of Thurlow Street between points 24.2 metres and 27.7 metres.

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney	✓	
Transport for NSW	✓	
NSW Police – South Sydney PAC	✓	

Voting Members	Support	Object
Representative for the Member for Newtown	✓	

Advice

The Committee unanimously supported the recommendation.

Background

The Greening Sydney Strategy was adopted in July 2021 and sets a vision for a greener Sydney that will help improve our health and wellbeing, reduce urban heat impacts, and bring nature into the city. The Strategy is made up of six directions and 20 key actions.

Streets account for 23 per cent of the total local government area (LGA). The target for streets as a collective land use area is 39 per cent green cover with a minimum of 34 per cent canopy cover. To achieve the overall LGA targets a variety of measures are defined in Action 1 of the Greening Sydney Strategy. The City has committed to develop policies, programs, and projects to increase the number and type of street gardens, increase the number and type of inroad plantings, plant more street trees and ensure the largest tree species appropriate for the space is planted.

The planting of trees within the road pavement area is an opportunity to increase tree canopy within the street network above that provided by typical planting within the verge. Planting in the roadway provides a range of benefits including traffic calming by narrowing roadway down and reducing speed, opportunity to install trees clear of overhead services, opportunity for passive irrigation and integrated stormwater management and the maximised shading of large areas of hardstand.

As part of this strategy, the proposal to install two raised medians strips in Thurlow Street and one kerb side blister in Thurlow Lane will provide space for planting of trees and general landscaping.

