

**Item 41.****Traffic Treatment - Speed Cushions - Buckland Lane, Alexandria**

TRIM Container No.: 2018/092870

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of speed cushions in Buckland Lane, Alexandria, at the following locations:

- (A) At a point 26 metres west of Garden Street;
- (B) At a point 27 metres west of Gerard Street; and
- (C) At the points 65 metres and 138 metres west of Phillips Street.

**Voting Members for this Item**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Object</b>
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Roads and Maritime Services	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – Redfern PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Heffron	[Insert]	[Insert]

**Decision**

Decisions will be updated after the meeting

**Background**

In June 2017, the City received a petition signed by 15 residents seeking support for traffic calming measures in Buckland Lane, Alexandria. The petition raised concerns about

vehicles speeding in Buckland Lane, and future increases in traffic from WestConnex and nearby residential developments.

## **Comments**

### **Traffic Calming**

Buckland Lane, Alexandria runs east–west, parallel to Buckland Street, and links Mitchell Road to Garden Street, with cross links to Gerard and Phillips Streets.

Residents believe that drivers are using the lane as a short–cut route to avoid nearby congestion on Mitchell Road and Buckland Street. They are also concerned about the speed of cars using the laneways and believe it is a safety issue since it is not possible to view on-coming traffic when exiting a rear-lane driveway.

Given the initial support from residents, the City developed a proposal for traffic calming in Buckland Lane. Traffic calming devices, such as speed cushions, would improve safety by reducing the speed of traffic and discouraging the use of Buckland Lane as a short-cut route.

It is proposed to install one speed cushion in the section of Buckland Lane, bound by Gerard and Garden Streets, and Gerard and Phillips Streets. Additionally, it is proposed to install two speed cushions in the section of Buckland Lane bound by Mitchell Road and Phillips Street.

Speed cushions generally do not impede turning manoeuvres into adjacent driveways, however they will be located between driveways where possible.

This proposal would help to improve general safety in the area by reducing the speed of traffic travelling along Buckland Lane. This measure is part of the City's commitment to calm traffic and improve residential amenity.

### **Consultation**

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 214 letters sent out with seven responses supporting the proposal and no responses opposing the proposal.

Submissions supporting the proposal noted that the changes would calm traffic, increase safety and improve residential amenity.

### **Financial**

Funds are available in the current budget.

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