

**Item 52.****Traffic Treatment - Raised Median - Morehead Street, Redfern**

TRIM Container No.: 2018/328122

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a 2.6 metre wide raised median on Morehead Street, between the following points:

- (A) 8 metres and 68 metres south of Cooper Street, Redfern; and
- (B) 39 metres and 96 metres south of Phillip Street, Waterloo.

**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**

The City's Sustainable Sydney 2030 vision includes commitments to increase tree canopy cover by 50% by 2030, to green our City and improve the amenity of our streets. In 2011, Council adopted the City's Street Tree Master Plan which identifies a range of in-road tree planting sites such as Morehead Street, Redfern.

A raised median on Morehead Street will present a valuable opportunity to increase tree canopy in the street as well as increasing safety by reducing the distance a pedestrian needs to cross the road and reducing vehicle speeds.

### **Comments**

Morehead Street is a 12.8 metre wide road with one traffic lane and one parking lane in each direction. The street provides local access through Redfern and Waterloo and currently does not service any bus routes. Therefore a raised median with in-road tree planting can be provided without impacting sightlines or traffic flow.

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

The raised medians in Morehead Street will provide spaces for the planting of fourteen trees which will provide shade to cool the street, improve the amenity in the street and contribute towards the City's Sustainable Sydney targets. The proposal will not impact existing turning paths or sightlines for vehicles.

### **Consultation**

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 535 letters sent out with six responses supporting the proposal and one response opposing the proposal.

Submissions supporting the proposal noted that the proposal would reduce the speed of vehicles and improve amenity in the street. The submission opposed to the proposal raised concerns about sightlines for drivers between Morehead and Cooper Streets. The proposal has been amended to terminate the raised median eight metres from the intersection of Cooper Street, to ensure the sightlines are maintained.

### **Financial**

Funds are available in the capital works budget for the In-Road Tree Planting Program.

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