

Item 43.**Traffic Treatment - Continuous Footpath Treatment - Seymour Place, Paddington**

TRIM Container No.: 2018/251531

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a continuous footpath treatment in Seymour Place, Paddington, just east of Flinders Street.

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Roads and Maritime Services	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – Surry Hills PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]

Decision

Decisions will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The City proposes to introduce a continuous footpath treatment in Seymour Place, Paddington, just east of Flinders Street, to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, slow vehicle speeds and enhance the streetscape.

Comments

The RMS Technical Direction for Continuous Footpath Treatments (TDT 2013/05) states that continuous footpath treatments are only applicable for intersections carrying no more than 45 vehicles per hour and the driveway layback is no wider than 7 metres.

Seymour Place carries one-way eastbound traffic from South Dowling Street. Traffic counts commissioned for seven days from 5 August 2016 to 12 August 2016, in Seymour Place just east of the intersection with Flinders Street, recorded a maximum peak-hour volume of 22 vehicles. As this maximum peak is well below the RMS warrant for continuous footpath treatments, the proposal is compliant from a traffic volume perspective.

In addition, the crossing width proposed for the continuous footpath treatment is below the RMS warrant and as such compliant with the Technical Direction – Seymour Place just east of the intersection with Flinders Street, is approximately six metres wide.

The new continuous footpath treatment will not affect on-street parking or traffic flows in the local area. However, the treatment will improve access and safety for pedestrians.

Under the road rules, a footpath is a road related area. When entering, or crossing, a road related area from a road, drivers must give way to any pedestrian or other road users on the road related area. The introduction of a continuous footpath treatment reinforces the road rules.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 148 letters sent out with three responses supporting and no responses opposing the proposal.

The responses supporting the proposal noted that the change would increase safety and pedestrian accessibility

Financial

Appropriate funding for the proposal will be secured once greater certainty on the construction timeline is reached.

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