

Item 41.**Traffic Treatment - Raised Signalised Rainbow Crossing and Parking Changes - Bourke and Campbell Streets, Surry Hills****TRIM Container No.: 2018/427832****Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee note the following in Surry Hills:

- (A) Widen and raise the existing signalised crossing at the intersection of Bourke and Campbell Streets;
- (B) Combine the pedestrian and cycle signal crossings;
- (C) Trial the painting of the raised area of the crossing with the Rainbow Flag;
- (D) Trial signal phasing to prioritise pedestrians and cyclists over vehicles at the crossing; and
- (E) Permanently close Bourke Street, between Campbell and Oxford Streets (Taylor Square South), to vehicular traffic.

It is also recommended that the Committee endorse the following in Surry Hills:

- (F) The reallocation of parking on the western side of Bourke Street, between the points 12.8 metres and 21.8 metres (one car space) south of Campbell Street, as "No Stopping";
- (G) The reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Bourke Street, between the points 10 metres and 34.3 metres (four car spaces) north of Linden Lane, as "Loading Zone Ticket 8am-6pm" and "4P Ticket 6pm-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 18 (1/4P Free)";
- (H) The reallocation of parking on the southern side of Campbell Street, between the points 0 metres and 16 metres (three car spaces) west of Bourke Street, as "Loading Zone Ticket 8am-6pm" and "4P Ticket 6pm-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 18 (1/4P Free)"; and
- (I) The installation of a shared path on the south-western corner of Bourke and Campbell Streets.

Voting Members for this Item

| Voting Members | Support | Object |
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| 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

In June 2018, the City announced the return of the rainbow crossing to Taylor Square at the signalised intersection of Bourke and Campbell Streets, Surry Hills. Following in-principle support from Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), the proposed rainbow crossing will include the following:

- Widening and raising the existing signalised crossing to the footpath level;
- Combining the pedestrian and cycle signal crossings;
- Trialling the painting of the raised area with the Rainbow Flag;
- Trialling signal phasing to prioritise pedestrians and cyclists over vehicles;
- Permanently close Bourke Street, between Campbell and Oxford Streets (Taylor Square), to vehicular traffic.

In New South Wales, only RMS can approve changes to traffic signals including the proposed changes to the existing traffic signals at the intersection of Bourke and Campbell Streets.

As part of the rainbow crossing, a shared path is proposed to be installed on the south-western corner of the intersection to maintain the cycle connections on the regional cycle routes of Bourke Street and Campbell Street, through Taylor Square.

The proposed traffic changes would improve access and safety for pedestrians and cyclists, calm traffic and improve the local amenity.

To improve access to on-street parking for delivery vehicles, it is proposed to reallocate four parking spaces in Bourke Street and three spaces in Campbell Street as Loading Zone during business hours.

Comments

Bourke and Campbell Streets, Surry Hills, are two-way, 40km/h local streets. Bourke Street runs north-south and Campbell Street runs east-west and intersects at Taylor Square. Bourke Street, between Oxford and Campbell Streets, is closed except for emergency service and authorised delivery vehicles and Campbell Streets ends east of Bourke Street. The intersection of Bourke and Campbell Streets is controlled by traffic signals with separate locations for pedestrians and cyclists to cross the street.

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) have provided an "Agreement in Principle" for the City to upgrade the existing signalised crossing at the intersection of Bourke and Campbell Streets to a raised signalised rainbow crossing.

Installing the rainbow crossing at the intersection of Bourke and Campbell Streets, adjacent to Taylor Square, will be significant to Sydney's LGBTQI community.

The proposed upgrades to the existing signalised crossing include widening and raising the crossing to the footpath level and combining the pedestrian and cycle crossing. RMS also propose to trial the painting of the raised area of the crossing with the Rainbow Flag and prioritise the signal phasing for pedestrians and cyclists over vehicles.

To maintain the cycle connections on the regional cycle routes of Bourke Street and Campbell Street, through Taylor Square, a shared path is proposed to be installed on the south-western corner of the intersection.

It is also proposed to further restrict the existing permanent road closure of Bourke Street, between Campbell and Oxford Streets (Taylor Square South), to allow emergency vehicles only. This would eliminate the conflict of delivery vehicles entering Taylor Square making the intersection safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

The proposed upgrades to the existing signalised crossing, shared path and permanently closing Taylor Square to vehicles would significantly improve access and safety for pedestrians and cyclists, calm traffic and improve the local amenity. Access to Taylor Square will be maintained for pedestrians, cyclists and emergency vehicles.

Parking on the western side of Bourke Street, between the points 12.8 metres and 21.8 metres (one car space) south of Campbell Street, is currently signposted as "Loading Zone 8am-6pm". It is proposed to reallocate this parking space as "No Stopping" to improve the sight distance of the traffic signals.

Parking on the eastern side of Bourke Street, between the points 10 metres and 34.3 metres (four car spaces) north of Linden Lane, is currently signposted as "1P 8.30am-6pm Mon-Fri 8.30am-12.30pm Sat", and parking on the southern side of Campbell Street, between the points 0 metres and 16 metres (three car spaces) west of Bourke Street, is currently signposted as "2P Ticket 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 18 (1/4P Free)" and "4P Ticket 6pm-10pm Mon-Fri 8am-10pm Sat-Sun & Public Holidays Permit Holders Excepted Area 18 (1/4P Free)". It is proposed to reallocate these parking spaces as "Loading Zone Ticket 8am-6pm" and "4P Ticket 6pm-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 18 (1/4P Free)" to improve access to on-street parking for delivery vehicles during business hours, seven days a week.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 537 letters sent out with five responses supporting the proposal and three responses opposing the proposal.

The responses opposing the proposal raised concerns about the impact to loading operations and parking for customers.

The proposal to further restrict the use of the existing permanent road closure of Bourke Street, between Campbell and Oxford Streets (Taylor Square), to allow pedestrians, cyclists and emergency vehicles only, would eliminate any conflicts with delivery vehicles entering Taylor Square and make the intersection safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

To improve access to on-street parking for delivery vehicles, it is proposed to reallocate four parking spaces in Bourke Street and three parking spaces in Campbell Street as Loading Zones during business hours.

To improve parking for customers, 1/4P Free parking is provided in the area and the proposal will improve access to local businesses for pedestrians and cyclists.

The proposal will improve the local amenity and is significant to Sydney's LGBTQI community.

Financial

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

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