

Item 48.**Traffic Treatment - Pedestrian – At-Grade Pedestrian Crossing – Lawson Street, Redfern**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of an at-grade pedestrian crossing in Lawson Street, Redfern between the points 33 metres and 36.5 metres east of Little Eveleigh Street.

Voting Members for this Item

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

Decision

Decisions will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The Cycling Strategy and Action Plan was adopted by Council in 2007, and subsequently incorporated into the City's long term strategic plan, Sustainable Sydney 2030. Part of the plan includes the Lawson Street and Lawson Square cycleway, which provides improved connections for cyclists travelling from Newtown to Redfern and beyond.

On 20 April 2016, the Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee (LPCTCC) endorsed a cycleway and streetscape improvements on Lawson Street, Redfern. The

proposal included a raised pedestrian crossing on Lawson Street east of Little Eveleigh Street on the bridge over the rail line near Redfern Railway Station.

However, Sydney Trains have subsequently raised concerns about the additional structural weight on the bridge. As a result, it is proposed to amend the proposal to provide an at-grade pedestrian crossing in lieu of the raised crossing.

Comments

Lawson Street is a major pedestrian route between Redfern Station and Sydney University.

Currently, there is an existing pedestrian refuge island in Lawson Street, Redfern that facilitates pedestrian access across Lawson Street to Redfern Railway Station. The proposal to replace the existing refuge island with a marked pedestrian crossing would provide improved safety and accessibility for pedestrians.

The previously endorsed raised pedestrian crossing is the preferred treatment; however, Sydney Trains control the bridge over the railway lines and they have not supported a raised crossing in this location because of the additional structural weight it would impose on the bridge.

As a result, it is now recommended that the previous proposal be changed to an at-grade pedestrian crossing in lieu of the raised crossing. The City will continue to negotiate with Sydney Trains on this issue.

Consultation

Consultation was carried out on the original proposal for the Lawson Street improvements between 26 October and 11 November 2015. During this period 580 letters were sent to residents and businesses in the surrounding streets.

The City received 69 submissions, of which 53 submissions were generally supportive of both the streetscape improvements and cycleway works. However, the City received no submissions supporting or opposing the proposed pedestrian crossing.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget for the Lawson Street Upgrade.

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