

Item 49.**Traffic Treatment - Raised Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossing - Wigram Road, Forest Lodge**

TRIM Container No.: 2018/492608

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following in Wigram Road, Forest Lodge, 43 metres west of Minogue Crescent:

- (A) Installation of raised pedestrian and bicycle crossing; and
- (B) Shared paths on the northern and southern footpaths of Wigram Road.

Voting Members for this Item

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

Decision

Decisions will be updated after the meeting.

Background

On 18 October 2017, the Committee endorsed the installation of a marked pedestrian crossing in Wigram Road, Forest Lodge, adjacent to Canal Reserve. The crossing was installed to improve access and safety for pedestrians along the Johnstons Creek path.

To further improve access and safety for pedestrians and provide connectivity to the regional cycle network, it is proposed to raise the existing marked pedestrian crossing and install a bicycle crossing.

Comments

It is proposed to remove the existing road hump west of the marked pedestrian crossing to construct a new raised platform. The new pedestrian crossing will be in the same location as the existing marked pedestrian crossing.

A bicycle crossing and converting the footpaths to shared paths will allow people riding bikes to legally ride across Wigram Road, providing a connection between the existing shared paths in Creek Street Reserve and Canal Reserve. The shared path on the eastern side of Johnstons Creek Canal is a popular recreational cycle route which provides access to Jubilee and Bicentennial Parks at Rozelle Bay.

The new raised crossing will improve safety for people walking and riding, and encourage slower vehicle speeds.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 93 letters sent out with one response supporting the proposal and one response opposing the proposal.

The submission opposing the proposal raised concerns about the ability of drivers to see riders approaching the crossing. To ensure people riding slow down on approach to Wigram Road, the proposed bicycle crossing will be installed slight askew of the shared path and additional pavement markings will be installed on the shared paths to advise people riding to slow down. The construction of the raised platform will also reduce the speed of drivers on approach to the crossing.

Financial

Funds are available in the City's Cycling Safety Program.

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