

**Item 47.****Traffic Treatment - Footpath Widening - Wilton Street, Surry Hills**

TRIM Container No.: 2018/371274

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the widening of the footpath at the following locations:

- (A) By 4.5 metres, on the southern side of Belvoir Street, Surry Hills, between the points 0 metres and 7.2 metres east of Wilton Street;
- (B) By 2.2 metres, on the southern side of Belvoir Street, Surry Hills, between the points 0 metres and 12 metres west of Wilton Street;
- (C) By 2.1 metres, on the eastern side of Wilton Street, Surry Hills, between the points 0 metres and 6.1 metres south of Belvoir Street; and
- (D) By 2.2 metres, on the western side of Wilton Street, Surry Hills, between the points 0 metres and 6.5 metres south of Belvoir Street.

**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 – Surry Hills PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Newtown	[Insert]	[Insert]

**Decision**

Decisions will be updated after the meeting.

## **Background**

The Access and Inclusion Program includes a proposal to widen the footpaths at the intersection of Wilton and Belvoir Streets, Surry Hills to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, slow vehicle speeds and enhance the streetscape.

## **Comments**

Currently, Wilton Street, Surry Hills is restricted to one-way northbound vehicle movements. Given that the intersection of Wilton Street with Belvoir Street is steep and there is angle parking on the southern side of Belvoir Street east of Wilton Street, visibility for turning traffic is partly impeded.

The proposed footpath widening would decrease the distance a pedestrian needs to cross the road by reducing the road width, improve visibility and safety for turning traffic as well as reduce vehicle speeds at the intersection.

There will be no loss to parking as a result of the proposal.

## **Consultation**

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area on a proposal to provide footpath widening on the eastern side of Belvoir Street only. There were 916 letters sent out with no responses supporting the proposal and one response opposing the proposal.

The response opposing the proposal noted that the western side of the intersection experienced issues with drivers parking within close proximity of the intersection restricting visibility and access at the intersection.

In response, the proposal was amended to include footpath widening on the western side of the intersection to improve safety, increase pedestrian accessibility and visibility at the intersection.

## **Financial**

Funds are available in the current budget as part of the City's works program.

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