

**Item 48.****Traffic Treatment - Raised Median - Morehead Street, Redfern**

TRIM Container No.: 2018/328122

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a 2.2 metre wide raised median in Morehead Street, Redfern between the points:

- (a) 4.5 metres and 30.5 metres south of Phillip Street; and
- (b) 6 metres and 49 metres north of Phillip 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 – Redfern PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Heffron	[Insert]	[Insert]

**Decision**

Decisions will be updated after the meeting.

**Background**

The City's Sustainable Sydney 2030 vision includes commitments to increase tree canopy cover by 50% by 2030, to green our City and improve the amenity of our streets. In 2011, Council adopted the City's Street Tree Master Plan which identifies a range of in-road tree

planting sites such as Morehead Street, Redfern.

A raised median on Morehead Street will present a valuable opportunity to increase tree canopy in the street as well as increasing safety by reducing vehicle speeds. Morehead Street has a 40 km/hr speed restriction and previous central medians have been effective in reducing speeds in this street.

## Comments

Morehead Street is a 12.8 metre wide road with one traffic lane and one parking lane in each direction. The street provides local access through Redfern and Waterloo and currently does not service any bus routes. Therefore, a raised median with in-road tree planting can be provided without affecting sightlines or traffic flow.

This proposal would help to improve general safety in the area by reducing the speed of traffic travelling along Morehead Street, by narrowing traffic lanes. This measure is part of the City's commitment to calm traffic and improve residential amenity. The proposal will not affect existing turning paths or sightlines for vehicles.

In July 2018, the LPCTCC endorsed a 2.6 metre wide raised median with tree planting directly to the south of this location - this median has subsequently been constructed. A similar proposal for 2.6 metre wide median in the current location was presented at the October 2018 LPCTCC but was deferred for further consultation with Redfern Police.

City staff have met with Redfern Police and have amended the proposal to reduce the width of the proposed medians from 2.6 metres to 2.2 metres. Additional line marking will also be provided on the approach to the medians.

The proposed medians will still align with the already constructed median and has received in-principle approval from the RMS.

The raised medians in Morehead Street will provide space for the planting of seven trees, which will provide shade to cool the street, improve the amenity in the street and contribute towards the City's Sustainable Sydney targets.

## Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 535 letters sent out with eight responses supporting the proposal and three responses opposing the proposal.

Submissions supporting the proposal noted that the proposal would reduce the speed of vehicles and improve amenity in the street.

All of the responses opposing the proposal related to visibility of the medians and width, which have been addressed in the modified design of the proposal.

## Financial

Funds are available in the capital works budget.

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