

Item 36.**Traffic Treatment - Raised Median - Hayes Road, Rosebery**

TRIM Container No.: S069640

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a 2.0 metre wide raised median in Hayes Road, Rosebery between the points 5 metres and 27 metres west of Dalmeny Avenue.

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 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 Hayes Road, Rosebery.

A raised median on Hayes Road will present a valuable opportunity to increase tree canopy in the street as well as increasing safety by reducing vehicle speeds. Hayes Road has a 40

km/h speed limit and previously installed central medians nearby have been effective in reducing speeds in the area.

Comments

Hayes Road is a 12.8 metre wide road with one traffic lane and one parking lane in each direction. The street provides local access through Rosebery 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.

The proposed median would only be 2 metres wide which retains a 2.1 metre wide parking lane and a 3.3 metre wide travel lane in each direction so that it does not impact traffic flow.

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

This proposal would also help to improve general safety in the area by reducing the speed of traffic travelling along Hayes Road, by narrowing traffic lanes from 4.3 metres to 3.3 metres. 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

The proposed median will align with the already constructed medians in nearby streets.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 50 letters sent out with four responses supporting the proposal and one responses opposing the proposal. A consultation page was also provided on the City's website.

The responses supporting the proposal noted the improvements that the median would provide shade, improve the amenity of the street and slow down vehicles.

The response opposing the proposal preferred speed humps instead of the median to narrow down the road. However, the City would only consider speed humps if they are supported by the majority of the residents in the street. Speed humps have undesirable impacts on the adjacent homes such as increased noise and vibrations and therefore are generally not supported by the residents.

Financial

There are sufficient funds in the 2019/2020 capital works budget.

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