

Item 37.**Traffic Treatment - Raised Median - Morley Avenue, Rosebery**

TRIM Container No.: 2019/036129

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a 2.0 metre wide raised median in Morley Avenue, Rosebery, between the points 8 metres and 42 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 Morley Avenue, Rosebery.

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

has a 40 km/h speed limit and previously installed central medians nearby have been effective in reducing speeds in the area.

Comments

Morley Avenue is 12.8 metres wide road with one traffic lane and one parking lane in each direction. The street provides local access within Rosebery and currently service the 304 bus route. A raised median with in-road tree planting can be provided without affecting sight lines 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 median will provide space for the planting of five 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 Morley Avenue, by narrowing travel 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.

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 78 letters sent out with three responses supporting the proposing and two responses opposing the proposal.

One of the submissions opposing the proposal believed that Rosebery was already a well maintained suburb and did not require further 'beautification' work. The intention of the median is not only to improve the street, but also has environmental benefits to increase tree cover, provide shade and reduce the effects of climate change.

The other submission opposing the proposal were concerned about sightlines for drivers and bus access to the street. The trees will be positioned at least ten metres from intersection Stop lines and the lane widths are wide enough for bus access.

Financial

Funds are available in the capital works budget for 2019/2020.

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