

Item 39.**Traffic Treatment - Continuous Footpath Treatment - Brisbane Street, Surry Hills**

TRIM Container No.: 2019/118480

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse a proposal to replace the existing marked pedestrian crossing on Brisbane Street, Surry Hills, just south of Oxford Street, with a continuous footpath treatment.

Voting Members for this Item

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

Decision

Decisions will be updated after the meeting.

Background

Under existing conditions, vehicles travelling westbound along Oxford Street and entering into Brisbane Street, turn at speed through the marked pedestrian crossing, failing to give-way for pedestrians. This scenario creates unsafe conditions for pedestrians crossing Brisbane Street.

Comments

To resolve the existing safety concerns and enhance local amenity, the City proposes to raise and replace the marked pedestrian crossing with a continuous footpath treatment to limit vehicle speeds.

The proposal will considerably improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, particularly in an area of high activity near the Oxford Street dining and retail precinct and Hyde Park; and limit the speed of through traffic.

It should be noted that the proposed safety improvements will not result in a change to the existing on-street parking in Brisbane or Oxford Streets.

The RMS has raised no objections to this proposal.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 551 letters sent out with no responses supporting and one response opposing the proposal.

The submission opposing the proposal did not think the treatment is necessary and was concerned about further slowing down vehicles at this intersection. However, the City prioritises pedestrian safety and accessibility over vehicular movements, and therefore supports this proposal.

Financial

Appropriate funding for the proposal will be secured once greater certainty on the construction timeline is reached.

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