

Traffic Treatment - Parkham Place, Surry Hills - Permanent Road Closure to Traffic from Nobbs Lane to Parkham Lane

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Summary

This report recommends that Council approve the permanent road closure of Parkham Place, Surry Hills to traffic between Nobbs Lane and Parkham Lane.

The CBD and South East Light Rail Environmental Impact Statement has changed the local traffic access in Parkham Place to close a section of the road to operate the CBD and South East Light Rail.

Parkham Place crosses the light rail route and as a result is required to be closed to traffic to ensure safe light rail operation.

The closed section of Parkham Place will be shared between light rail, pedestrians, cyclists and new open space (Wimbo Park).

As part of the closure, Parkham Lane needs to be changed to one-way westbound from Parkham Place with a vehicle connection through community parkland to Bourke Street.

The one-way westbound in Parkham Lane was endorsed by the Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee at its February 2019 meeting.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the permanent closure of Parkham Place between Nobbs Lane and Parkham Lane; and
- (B) a Traffic Management Plan be submitted to the Roads and Maritime Services for the permanent closure of Parkham Place between Nobbs Lane and Parkham Lane.

Attachments

Attachment A. Map of Permanent Closure of Parkham Place

Attachment B. Parkham Place - Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee Minutes of 21 March 2019 – Item 35

Background

1. The City of Sydney on behalf of Transport for NSW, proposes to permanently close Parkham Place between Nobbs Lane and Parkham Lane, Surry Hills.
2. The property located at 625-629 South Dowling Street will require infrequent vehicle access over a short section of the road closure.
3. The permanent road closure to vehicular traffic will be shared between light rail, pedestrians, cyclists, new open space and improve safety.
4. The permanent road closure was shown in the CBD and South East Light Rail Environmental Impact Statement.
5. Parkham Lane will become one-way westbound with a single lane (Approximately 3 metres wide) next to the closure and across community parkland to Bourke Street.

Key Implications

6. Parkham Lane conversion from two-way to one way westbound will have a single access lane next to the closure and across community parkland to Bourke Street.
7. Special infrequent vehicle access will be provided to property located at 625-629 South Dowling Street over a short section of the road closure.
8. The one-way westbound connection to Bourke Street will retain local, service and Ausgrid vehicle access to a substation.
9. Emergency vehicle access will still be maintained via the Light Rail corridor.

Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030 Vision

10. Sustainable Sydney 2030 is a vision for the sustainable development of the City to 2030 and beyond. It includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the City, as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. This plan is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
 - (a) Direction 4 - A City for Walking and Cycling - The proposal also helps develop a network of safe, linked pedestrian paths which gives greater priority to pedestrian movements and amenity in the City Centre.
 - (b) Direction 5 - A Lively and Engaging City Centre - The proposal is consistent with Direction 5 as it would increase the quality of open space.

Budget Implications

11. The CBD and South East Light Rail project will deliver the Parkham Lane closure and associated works.

Relevant Legislation

12. The Roads and Maritime Services is responsible for the control of traffic on all NSW roads and has delegated to Council certain functions to regulate traffic on local roads.
13. The Roads and Maritime Services delegation gives Council authority to approve traffic management road closures under Part 8, Division 2 of the Roads Act 1993.
14. This delegation can only be exercised by the elected Council and is subject to a number of conditions and limitations, including the need to obtain the advice of Council's Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee.
15. If Council agrees to the proposed traffic management road closure, the City must lodge a Traffic Management Plan for approval and implementation by the Roads and Maritime Services.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

16. Works are to be constructed in the 2018-19 financial year and delivered by CBD and South East Light Rail project.

Public Consultation

17. The CBD and South East Light Rail SELR Environmental Impact Statement and further consultation during light rail design and construction has met requirements for Parkham Place closure.
18. The property owner of 625-629 South Dowling Street requires access to an existing plant room for maintenance of the building and new Wimbo Park design will incorporate special access.
19. Emergency services (NSW Ambulance, Fire Brigade, Police and Roads and Maritime) have been consulted and are satisfied with access arrangements for their vehicles.
20. The Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee meeting on 21 March 2019 endorsed the proposed permanent closure of Central Street to traffic at George Street (Attachment B).

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