

Item 40.**Traffic Treatment - Raised Median - Boyce Street, Glebe****TRIM Container No.: 2019/083229****Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a two metre wide raised median in Boyce Street, Glebe, west of Bell Street, between the points five metres and 30 metres, 40 metres and 70 metres, and 80 metres and 118 metres.

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Roads and Maritime Services	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – Leichhardt PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Balmain	[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 Boyce Street, Glebe.

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

Comments

Boyce 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 Glebe and currently does not service any bus routes. A raised median with in-road tree planting can be provided without affecting sightlines or traffic flow.

The proposed median would only be two 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 ten 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 Boyce Street, 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

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 40 letters sent out with four responses supporting the proposal and 17 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 majority of submissions opposing the proposal were in regards to the species of trees proposed for the median. The City has since amended the proposal to provide smaller deciduous trees instead of the proposed gum trees to balance summer shade and winter sunlight and sightlines.

Financial

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

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