

**Item 45.****Traffic Treatment - Marked Pedestrian Crossing - Ashmore Street, Erskineville**

TRIM Container No.: 2019/275010

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of the following in Ashmore Street, Erskineville:

- (A) A marked pedestrian crossing just east of Bridge Street; and
- (B) The reallocation of parking on the southern side of Ashmore Street, between the points 10 metres and 14.1 metres (one car space) east of Bridge Street, as "No Stopping".

**Voting Members for this Item**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Object</b>
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]

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

## Background

The intersection of Ashmore and Bridge Streets is on a major north-south pedestrian desireline linking the nearby Ashmore Precinct Urban Renewal Area and the Erskineville Public School and Erskineville Railway Station.

Site observations showed large numbers of pedestrians crossing Ashmore Street at Bridge Street to get to and from Erskineville Public School and Erskineville Railway Station. A large portion of the observed foot traffic were parents with young children.

Therefore the City has received requests to improved safety and access for pedestrians along Bridge Street.

## Comments

In 2018 the City widened the footpath at the intersection of Ashmore and Bridge Streets, Erskineville to improve pedestrian safety and access, and to calm traffic at this intersection. This proposal was based on traffic surveys conducted in April 2016, which showed peak pedestrian volumes of 129 in the morning (8.15am to 9.15am) and 134 in the evening (5.15pm to 6.15pm), crossing Ashmore Street.

Since 2016, four addition developments within the Ashmore Precinct have been completed, adding 389 dwellings to the area just south of the proposed crossing. Two more developments are due to be complete soon, which will add a further 256 dwellings. The City recommissioned traffic surveys in July 2019 to investigate the impact of these developments on pedestrian numbers.

The surveys revealed that the peak pedestrian volumes crossing Ashmore Street had increased to 147 in the morning (8.15am to 9.15am) and 170 in the evening (5.30pm to 6.30pm). With Erskineville Station being the closest train station to these developments it is likely that this trend will continue.

The City proposes to install a marked pedestrian crossing in Ashmore Street, at the intersection with Bridge Street, to provide pedestrian priority when crossing the road and to calm traffic at the intersection.

In order to comply with the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) Technical Direction, the "No Stopping" on the southern side of Ashmore Street, just east of Bridge Street, will be extended by 4.1 metres, removing one 2P permit parking space. This will ensure adequate clear sighting of pedestrians is available at all times.

The City has discussed the proposal with the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and the RMS have raised no objections.

## Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 110 letters sent out with one response supporting and none opposing the proposal.

**Financial**

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

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