

Item 27.**Traffic Treatment - Raised Median - Cressy Street, Rosebery**

TRIM Container No.: 2020/052471

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a two metre wide raised median, with in-road trees, in Cressy Street, Rosebery, between the points 14 metres and 56 metres east of Mentmore Avenue.

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – South Sydney PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Heffron	[Insert]	[Insert]

Advice

Advice 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 Cressy Street, Rosebery.

A raised median on Cressy Street will present a valuable opportunity to increase tree canopy in the street as well as increasing safety by reducing vehicle speeds. Cressy Street has a 40

km/h speed limit and previously similar raised medians in nearby streets have been effective in reducing speeds in the area.

Comments

Cressy Street 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.

The proposed median, with in-road tree planting, 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 or affect sight lines. There will be no changes to parking as part of the proposed median, with in-road tree planting.

The raised median will provide space for the planting of trees which will provide shade to cool the street, improve the amenity in the street and contribute towards the City's Sustainable Sydney targets.

The existing at-grade pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Cressy Street with Rothschild Avenue, have previously been approved for improvement. This will include:

- Raising the existing marked pedestrian crossings to reduce vehicle speeds;
- Reduce the road width of Rothschild Avenue and Cressy Street, at the pedestrian crossings, to reduce the distance required for pedestrians to cross the road;
- Provide increased street lighting to increase visibility at the crossing; and
- Widen the footpath to prevent vehicles parking too close to the crossing and obstructing visibility of pedestrians.

The raised median, with in-road tree planting, combined with the pedestrian crossing upgrades, will improve residential amenity and pedestrian safety and accessibility in this developing area.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 1,766 letters sent out and a consultation website available on the City's website under 'Sydney Your Say.' The City received a total of eight submissions, with five responses supporting the proposal and three responses opposing the proposal.

Submissions supporting the proposal noted that the median would reduce vehicle speeds, improve road safety and improve amenity on the street.

Submissions opposed to the proposal noted that the median would slow traffic and prevent vehicles from overtaking. As the intention of the median is to also reduce vehicle speeds and improve safety, it is proposed to proceed with the proposal.

Financial

There are sufficient funds to deliver this project within the street tree capital works budget.

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