

**Item 45.****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, between the points five metres and 18 metres, 26 metres and 52 metres, 64 metres and 82 metres, and 91 metres and 117 metres west of Bell Street.

**Voting Members for this Item**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Object</b>
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – Leichhardt PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Balmain	[Insert]	[Insert]

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

**Background**

The City of Sydney'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 local street with one parking and traffic lane in each direction. The street provides local access with no route service buses travelling on the street.

The proposed raised median is two metres wide and would provide a 5.4 metre wide carriageway in each direction - 2.1 metres for parking and 3.3 metres for traffic.

Gaps in the raised median will allow drivers to turn around in the street, however, drivers will not be able to overtake where the median is installed. This will help calm traffic and reduce vehicle speeds.

An independent Road Safety Audit found no major safety concerns with the proposal.

The raised median will provide space to plant at least 10 trees, which would provide shade to cool the street, improve the residential amenity and contribute towards the City's Sustainable Sydney 2030 targets.

## **Consultation**

The City has been actively engaging with the local community on this proposal since November 2018.

The Lord Mayor and City staff have met with residents to discuss their concerns and refine the design of the proposal. Changes to the proposal include reducing the length of the medians to provide more gaps for vehicle access and installing smaller deciduous trees to balance summer shade and winter sunlight and sightlines.

Fire and Rescue NSW have raised no objection to the proposal.

## **Financial**

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

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