

Item 42.**Traffic Treatment - Footpath Widening - Hiles Street, Alexandria****TRIM Container No.: 2020/098545****Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of footpath widening, by 1.2 - 1.4 metres, on eastern side of Hiles Street, Alexandria between the points 0 metres and 180 metres south of McEvoy Street.

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 footpath on the eastern side of Hiles Street, Alexandria south of McEvoy Street, is unsafe for pedestrians due to the damage caused by tree roots.

The City has investigated this issue and found resurfacing the existing footpath along Hiles Street would not solve the safety risk to pedestrians walking on the footpath. Furthermore, removing trees without damaging the adjacent buildings is not possible at this point in time.

Therefore, the City is proposing to widen the footpath by 1.2 - 1.4 metres to provide safe access to pedestrians past the tree roots.

Comments

The City has received ongoing requests to improve the pedestrian safety, accessibility and residential amenity in Hiles Street, Alexandria.

Hiles Street is approximately 12.8 metres wide with parking on both sides and two-way traffic. The proposed footway widening on the eastern side of Hiles Street, south of McEvoy Street, would provide safe access to pedestrians past the tree roots, reduce the distance a pedestrian needs to cross the road and reduce vehicle speeds along the street.

The proposed changes would not impact two-way traffic, local truck access or parking in the street.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were nine (9) letters sent out with one response opposing the proposal due to loss of parking.

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Financial

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

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