

Item 17.**Traffic Treatment - Continuous Footpath Treatment - Richards Lane, Surry Hills**

TRIM Container No.: 2020/062700

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a continuous footpath treatment in Richards Lane, Surry Hills, just south of the intersection with Foveaux Street.

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – Surry Hills PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Newtown	[Insert]	[Insert]

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The City proposes to introduce a continuous footpath treatment in Richards Lane, Surry Hills, just south of the intersection with Foveaux Street, to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, slow vehicle speeds and enhance the streetscape.

Comments

The TfNSW Technical Direction for Continuous Footpath Treatments (TDT 2013/05) states that continuous footpath treatments are only applicable for intersections carrying no more than 45 vehicles per hour and the driveway layback is no wider than 7 metres.

Traffic counts commissioned for seven days from 17/02/2020 to 23/03/2020, in Richards Lane, Surry Hills, just south of the intersection with Foveaux Street, recorded a maximum peak-hour volume of 21 Vehicles. As this maximum peak is well below the TfNSW warrant for continuous footpath treatments, the proposal is compliant from a traffic volume perspective.

In addition, the crossing width proposed for the continuous footpath treatment is below the TfNSW warrant and as such compliant with the Technical Direction – Richards Lane, just south of the intersection with Foveaux Street, is approximately 5.2 metres wide.

The new continuous footpath treatment will not effect on-street parking or traffic flows in the local area.

Under the road rules, a footpath is a road related area. When entering, or crossing, a road related area from a road; drivers must give way to any pedestrian or other road users on the road related area. The introduction of a continuous footpath treatment reinforces the road rules.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 55 letters sent out with no responses supporting or responses 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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