

**Item 19.****Traffic Treatment - Permanent Road Closure - Anderson Street at Mitchell Road Alexandria****TRIM Container No.:** 2020/185990**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the permanent road closure of Anderson Street, Alexandria, at Mitchell Road.

**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 – South Sydney PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Heffron	[Insert]	[Insert]

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

**Background**

The City in April 2018, consulted the community on the Alexandria Local Area Traffic Management Plan, which recommended a number of traffic calming treatments to mitigate the impacts of WestConnex on local roads.

The permanent road closure of Anderson Street at Mitchell Road was a recommended treatment to reduce short-cut traffic using the street, make it safer for people walking in the area and increase open space in Alexandria.

## Comments

In April 2018 we developed a local area traffic management (LATM) plan for Alexandria, Erskineville and St Peters. The LATM Plan proposed a suite of treatments, including road closures and streetscape improvements to:

- Protect local amenity and maintain property access;
- Apply a precinct-wide approach to ensure the problem is tackled collectively rather than street by street;
- Consider the impact on pedestrians and cyclists as well as vehicles.

The City consulted with the local community to gather their feedback on the proposed suite of treatments from April 2018 to June 2018. At the end of the consultation period the City received 731 submissions with 75% of the submissions received supporting the City's LATM plan.

The City is now progressing on the approval of several of these treatments, including the closure of Anderson Street at Mitchell Road. The closure of Anderson Street at Mitchell Road will help to improve general safety in the area by eliminating by-pass traffic.

## Consultation

The City has advertised the proposed road closure in Anderson Street at Mitchell Road, Alexandria, in accordance with Section 116 of the Roads Act, 1993 for a minimum 28 days' notice (Wednesday 11 March 2020 to Wednesday 8 April 2020).

A Public Notice was placed in the Sydney Morning Herald, letterbox drop undertaken in and around Anderson Street and information placed on the City's Website.

The City received a total of 33 submissions with 15 in support and 18 against the proposed road closure of Anderson Street.

All comments raised in submissions during consultation are reviewed to determine how a proposal progresses or is modified to address community comments.

In this case, given the need to protect these local streets prior to the opening of the St Peter Interchange, the City intends to proceed with the proposed road closure.

There were a number of comments raised during the community consultation and the City's responses are shown as follows:

Comment:

*Access to Anderson Street from south and west will be restricted by the closure at Mitchell Road.*

Answer:

- Access from the south - vehicles can use Euston Road, McEvoy Street and Wyndham Street.
- Access from the west - vehicles can use Erskineville Road, Swanson Street, Henderson Road, turn right into Mitchell Road and use Buckland Street.
- Alternatively, access from the west - vehicles can continue on Swanson /Copland Streets to Mitchell Road, turn into Fountain Street, McEvoy Street and turn left into Wyndham Street.

Comment:

- Buckland Lane will be the only right turn from Mitchell Road near Anderson Street and it is unsafe to have any additional traffic entering this narrow lane.

Answer:

- A footpath continuation will be constructed across Buckland Lane at Mitchell Road to promote pedestrian access and slow vehicles down entering and leaving the lane.
- Generally, Buckland Lane provides resident's with rear garage access and does not have high pedestrian use. Speed cushion have been installed in the lane to maintain low vehicle speeds.
- City will monitored Mitchell Road and Buckland Lane to determine any further action.

Comment:

- Make Buckland Lane one-way west between Mitchell Road and Phillips Street to eliminate by-pass movement to improve safety.

Answer:

- Conversion of Buckland Lane to one-way west between Phillips Street and Mitchell Road would restrict local access and increase speed in the lane.

Comment:

- Remove the existing No Right Turn restrictions on Mitchell Road at Buckland Street to improve local access.

Answer:

- Removal of right turn bans in and out of Buckland Street at Mitchell Road would open up a by-pass to the east via Botany Road and Wellington Street, impact of traffic signal operation especially pedestrian movements, induce delays on Mitchell Road and Buckland Street and compromise safety.
- Right turning traffic should use the Mitchell Road and Fountain Street intersection, which already has a right turn arrow from Mitchell Road.
- Buckland Street has traffic treatments to reduce speed for safety as it is next to Alexandria Park Community School and Alexandria Park.

**Financial**

Funds are available in the budget as part of the City's Capital Works Program.

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