

Item 29.**Traffic Treatment - Continuous Footpath Treatment - Forbes Place, Newtown**

TRIM Container No.: 2020/206198

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a continuous footpath treatment in Forbes Place, Newtown, just west of the intersection with Forbes Street.

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – Inner West 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 Forbes Place, Newtown, just west of the intersection with Forbes Street, to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, slow vehicle speeds and enhance the streetscape.

Comments

The RMS 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 have not been taken as Forbes Place is within a closed network, composing of a narrow road width leading to a one-way and very low traffic usage. The maximum peak is well below the TfNSW warrant for continuous footpath treatments. Hence, the proposal is compliant from a traffic volume perspective.

This treatment will provide constant pedestrian access along the route for residents from Wilson Street/North Eveleigh to King Street retail and restaurants (as well as bus services).

In addition, the crossing width proposed for the continuous footpath treatment is below the TfNSW warrant and as such compliant with the Technical Direction – Forbes Place just west of the intersection with Forbes Street, is approximately 4.5 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 enhances pedestrian safety.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 205 letters sent out with no responses supporting or 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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