

Item 35.**Traffic Treatment - Footpath Widening - Wyndham Street at Power Avenue
Alexandria**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse a footpath widening on the eastern side of Wyndham Street at Power Avenue, Alexandria.

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

The footpath widening in Wyndham Street is proposed to make it safer for people walking crossing Wyndham Street to get to Power Avenue and Alexandria Park and vice versa.

The footpath widening will provide a combined ramp, which provides access for both pedestrians and the adjacent residential vehicle driveway. Tactile markers and line marking will be installed on the footpath widening to delineate between the area for pedestrians compared to the single vehicle access.

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 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; and
- 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 continuous footpath treatment (CFT) on Power Avenue at Wyndham Street. This treatment has recently been constructed.

While constructing the CFT in Power Avenue at Wyndham Street, the City saw the opportunity to improve pedestrian access across Wyndham Street from Power Avenue (and Alexandria Park) to the opposite side of the road by simply providing a small footpath widening opposite.

This footpath widening along the eastern side of Wyndham Street opposite Power Avenue will assist pedestrians by shortening the distance to cross the road and improve sighting and safety.

This proposal will require the loss of one parking space.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 183 letters sent out with two submissions received in support and none against the proposed footpath widening on Wyndham Street.

The comments received during the Public Consultation are examined and reviewed to determine how a proposal progresses or is modified to address community comments.

In this case, the City intends to proceed with the proposed footpath widening.

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

Comment: Concern with access to two driveways by vehicle including trucks at footpath widening location.

- **Answer:** The City will review footpath widening design to ensure vehicle access is maintained.

Comment: Additional measures to be undertaken to improve pedestrian, cyclist and vehicle safety along Wyndham Street.

- **Answer:** The City will review arrangements along Wyndham Street to ensure safety is maintained for all road users.

Comment: Sign post the pedestrian crossing associated with the footpath widening to warn motorists to reduce speed.

- **Answer:** There is no marked pedestrian crossing associated with the footpath widening works. However, City will inspect the location to ensure sight lines for pedestrians and motorists are not obstructed.

Comment: Provide a marked pedestrian crossing for access to Alexandria Community Park school.

- **Answer:** At this stage, a marked pedestrian crossing will not be provided. However the City will investigate further to see if a crossing could be provided in future.

Comment: Reduce Wyndham Street speed limit to 40km/hr.

- **Answer:** Transport for NSW control speed limits in NSW and the City has no authority to change the existing speed limit.

Financial

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

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