

Item 11.3

Notices of Motion

Bridge Road Cycleway Clearway Restrictions

By Councillor Phelps

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) following a Lord Mayoral Minute of 15 May 2020, pop-up cycleways were identified by Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and the City as part of a solution to ease demand for public transport as the NSW Government eases restrictions on business activity following the Covid-19 lockdown;
- (ii) there has been significant community opposition to the City of Sydney and Transport for NSW proposal for a temporary cycleway on Bridge Road, Glebe, due to the adverse impact the pop-up cycleway will have on the local community, including:
 - (a) the imposition of a 24/7 clearway outside of residences on both sides of Bridge Road, where houses already have no stopping along the laneway to the rear;
 - (b) the associated loss of all on street parking spaces (including a disability parking spot between Hewitt Ave and 182 Bridge Road) outside of clearway hours in a community which already has limited on street parking, and where many properties don't have any rear access; and
 - (c) a complete lack of community consultation about the temporary cycleway;
- (iii) residents on Bridge Road are already experiencing the adverse effects of having no vehicle access to their properties. This has included:
 - (a) no ability for ambulances, buses, taxis and other vehicles to stop along the entirety of Bridge Road to pick up or drop off residents who are unable to cycle;
 - (b) congestion down a key arterial road during garbage collection, resulting in the unsafe overtaking of garbage trucks by personal vehicles;
 - (c) deliveries from supermarkets being refused or being returned to the depot for collection when general delivery vehicles have been unable to stop or park on Bridge Road;

- (d) particular impacts during any heightened Covid-19 restrictions where contactless delivery options will be necessary for food as well as medications and other essentials for elderly and vulnerable residents; and
 - (e) tradespeople being unable to park their vehicles and access properties; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
- (i) liaise with Transport for NSW to strongly advocate for:
 - (a) the Bridge Road cycleway to operate only in clearway hours Mondays to Fridays;
 - (b) kerbside parking outside of clearway hours to be returned to Bridge Road; and
 - (c) the reinstatement of a disability parking space between Hewitt Ave and 182 Bridge Road, Glebe, as a matter of urgency; and
 - (ii) report back to Council via the CEO Update.

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