

Item 12.3

Notices of Motion

Bridge Road Cycleway Safety Audit

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 is having on the local community, including 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 and associated loss of all on street parking spaces; and
- (iii) residents of Bridge Road in Glebe are extremely concerned about the safety of cyclists, pedestrians, motorists and those attempting to access their homes without any ability to stop along Bridge Road. This includes:
 - (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; and
 - (b) congestion down a key arterial road during garbage collection, resulting in the unsafe overtaking of garbage trucks by personal vehicles; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) liaise with Transport for NSW to conduct and publish a safety audit regarding the Bridge Road Cycleway, prior to it being completed and open for use. This audit should relate to all aspects of a cycleway in Bridge Road including, but not limited to:
 - (a) whether the cycleway creates unacceptable risks of death or injury for cyclists, pedestrians, motorists or residents;
 - (b) the impact of any such cycleway on residents, including elderly, vulnerable and disabled residents;
 - (c) the effect of any such cycleway on emergency and essential services including but not limited to, garbage removal, water and electricity;

- (d) any report or investigations, whether final or preliminary, conducted in the last ten years which deals with safety issues concerning a cycleway in Bridge Road;
 - (e) the basis of the determination by the Minister that the making of the Ministerial Order was necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the public during the Covid-19 pandemic;
 - (f) the number of cyclists using the Bridge Road cycleway in the period since it was installed compared with the number of cyclists using Bridge Road in the period immediately prior to the installation of the cycleway; and
 - (g) the number of, and reasons, for cyclists using the footpaths on Bridge Road since the installation of the pop-up cycleways; and
- (ii) report back to Council via the CEO Update.

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