

## Item 13.7

### Notices of Motion

#### Protecting Cyclists

By Councillor Phelps

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the implementation of a safe cycling network throughout the City of Sydney has significant public benefits in terms of exercise, public health and transport;
- (ii) it is a public duty of the City of Sydney to ensure that any cycleway (including a pop-up cycleway) is safe before it is opened, encouraging cyclists to use it in the reasonable expectation that all safety issues have been fully assessed;
- (iii) during Covid-19 restrictions six pop-up cycleways have been installed for use in the City of Sydney local government area;
- (iv) a Report of the Safety Audit undertaken on 6 September 2020 by Traffic Engineering Centre Pty Ltd, commissioned and paid for by residents, established that the Bridge Road Glebe/Forest Lodge cycleway was critically unsafe for cyclists to use;
- (v) a number of cyclists have been injured in accidents on the Bridge Road pop up cycleway since it officially opened on 21 September 2020 and the safety audit undertaken by Traffic Engineering Centre Pty Ltd identified that there is a high risk of more accidents with potentially catastrophic consequences including death and serious injury;
- (vi) at the Council meeting on 21 September 2020, Council was informed that safety assessments will not be conducted until after a pop up cycleway is installed;
- (vii) the Bridge Road Cycleway was designed and installed without adequate planning or safety assessment;
- (viii) no response has been provided by Council or Transport for NSW to the findings in the Report of the Safety Audit on Bridge Road commissioned by the residents which was tabled at the Council meeting on 21 September 2020;
- (ix) due to a lack of proper planning and consultation, the Bridge Road pop up cycleway created many adverse consequences for residents including:
  - (a) residents, their friends and family and service providers experience difficulties accessing residences, especially those with no rear lane access;
  - (b) profound anxiety and upset for residents from accidents that have occurred on the cycleway and may be expected to occur in the future;

- (c) profound anxiety for residents arising from concern about accidents happening due to lack of appropriate traffic management during garbage collection;
  - (d) significantly increased costs of delivery/removal of goods imposed by Council due to permits required for delivery vehicles; and
  - (e) removal of disabled parking space then relocation of the space to Jarocin Avenue, a dangerous and inconvenient location for people who live on Bridge Road and use the disabled parking space; and
- (x) that Council has a responsibility to ensure that all cycleways, both pop-up and permanent, meet a minimum safety standard as required by s10.2.1 of the Cycling Aspects of Austroads Guides (2017); and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
- (i) undertake a complete review (including obtaining all documents) relating to the design, planning and safety assessment conducted for each pop up cycleway installed in 2020;
  - (ii) provide a report of the findings of this review (which includes copies of all documents) to Councillors;
  - (iii) ensure that every proposed cycleway in the City of Sydney Local Government Area - temporary or permanent - must have a safety assessment conducted during the design phase and prior to opening;
  - (iv) ensure that every cycleway under construction in the City of Sydney Local Government Area - temporary or permanent - is clearly identified as not in operation until construction is complete;
  - (v) provide recommendations to ensure that no temporary cycleway is made permanent and that no cycleway is ever again considered or installed without proper planning and safety processes being adopted and followed; and
  - (vi) provide an update to Councillors via the CEO update.

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