

**Item 44.****Traffic Treatment - Proposed Eastbound One-Way Restriction - Corfu Street, Woolloomooloo**

TRIM Container No.: 2019/471395

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following traffic changes in Corfu Street, Woolloomooloo:

- (A) Eastbound one-way restriction of Corfu Street, between Talbot Place and Forbes Street; and
- (B) Signposting for contra-flow bicycle facilities in Corfu Street, between Bourke and Forbes Streets.

**Voting Members for this Item**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Object</b>
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – Kings Cross PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

## Background

Corfu Street, between Bourke and Forbes Streets, is currently a 40km/h, one-way, westbound local street with one traffic lane and one parking lane.

The one-way westbound traffic arrangement of Corfu Street provides access to the Eastern Distributor (ED) from Forbes Street via Bourke Street. Residents have raised concerns about drivers using Corfu Street as a shortcut to the ED when there are queues on Bourke and William Streets.

## Comments

Corfu Street is about 5.5 metres wide with narrow footpaths. The proposal to change Corfu Street to one-way eastbound at Talbot Place will deter drivers from using Corfu Street as a shortcut to the ED, which will improve residential amenity and safety.

Corfu Street between Bourke Street and Talbot Place will remain one-way westbound and “Bicycle Excepted” signs are proposed to be installed to allow cyclists to travel in both directions along the full length of the street.

Traffic surveys carried out in 2017 show an average of 309 vehicles per day travelling westbound in Corfu Street with an average of 121 vehicles per day and a peak of 23 vehicles in an hour using the street as a shortcut to the ED.

Under the proposal to change Corfu Street to one-way eastbound at Talbot Place, drivers can only access Corfu Street from Talbot or Burrahpore Places via Bourke Street.

It is expected that the proposal would redirect the 309 vehicles per day to Bourke Street with an average of 188 vehicles per day at Cathedral Street to access Corfu Street and 121 vehicles per day at William Street to access the ED.

Depending on which section they are in, drivers can exit Corfu Street at either Bourke Street, Forbes Street or Burrahpore Place.

The City originally submitted a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) to change Corfu Street to one-way eastbound between Bourke and Forbes Streets. The TMP was approved by Transport for NSW (TfNSW) in November 2019.

Following community consultation, concerns were raised that the proposed traffic change would prevent drivers from travelling northbound on Bourke Street and park on the western side of the street between Corfu and Cathedral Streets.

In response to the concerns raised by the community and to deter drivers from using Corfu Street as a shortcut to the ED, it is proposed to change Corfu Street to one-way eastbound between Forbes Street and Talbot Place. The TMP for the amended proposal was approved by TfNSW in November 2020.

## Consultation

In February 2020, the proposal to change Corfu Street to one-way eastbound between Bourke and Forbes Streets was consulted with the community via letter box drop and a

public notice in the Sydney Morning Herald in accordance to Section 116 of the Road Act 1993.

There were 176 letters sent out with three submissions supporting the proposal and 13 submissions opposing the proposal.

The submissions opposing the proposal raised concerns that drivers would need to travel further to access Bourke and William Streets and the ED, and the proposed traffic change would prevent drivers from travelling northbound on Bourke Street and park on the western side of the street between Corfu and Cathedral Streets.

In response to the concerns raised by the community and to prevent drivers from using Corfu Street as a shortcut to the ED, it is proposed to change Corfu Street to one-way eastbound between Forbes Street and Talbot Place. Corfu Street between Bourke Street and Talbot Place will remain one-way westbound to allow drivers to travel northbound on Bourke Street and park on the western side of the street between Corfu and Cathedral Streets.

### **Financial**

Funds are available in the current budget

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