

Attachment B

**Item 36 of the Local Pedestrian, Cycling
and Traffic Calming Committee (LPCTCC)
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Traffic Treatment - Pedestrian Boulevard - George Street, Sydney

2020/507361

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following in Sydney:

- (A) Permanent road closure of the southbound traffic lanes of George Street, between Bathurst Street and Rawson Place;
- (B) Permanent road closure of the northbound traffic lanes of George Street, between Ultimo Road and Bathurst Street;
- (C) Formalise the permanent road closures of Wilmot, Central and Barlow Streets at George Street;
- (D) Permanent road closure of Campbell Street, at George Street, and making Campbell Street two-way between George and Pitt Streets;
- (E) Permanent road closure of Hay Street, between George and Sussex Streets;
- (F) Permanent road closure of Thomas Street, at Hay Street, and making Thomas Street two-way between Hay Street and Ultimo Road;
- (G) Restricting Ultimo Road to one-way westbound from George to Quay Streets;
- (H) Removal of the “No Right Turn” restriction in Valentine Street at George Street;
- (I) Footpath widening on the eastern side of George Street, between Rawson Place and Pitt Street;
- (J) Footpath widening on the western side of George Street, between Ultimo Road and Quay Street;

- (K) Footpath widening on the northern side of Hay Street, between Harbour and Sussex Streets; and
- (L) Footpath widening on the northern and southern side of Ultimo Road, between George and Thomas Streets.

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney	✓	
Transport for NSW	✓	
NSW Police – Sydney City PAC	✓	
Representative for the Member for Sydney	✓	

Advice

The Committee unanimously supported the recommendation.

Background

The City of Sydney's Sustainable Sydney 2030 strategic plan identifies George Street as the central spine of the city centre. The vision for George Street is a pedestrianised boulevard designed to provide a focus for public life in the city centre with light rail connecting three city squares – Circular Quay, Town Hall and Central Station. The strategic directions of Sustainable Sydney 2030 includes a city for walking and cycling; a lively and engaging city centre; and resilient and inclusive local communities.

The City's Community Recovery Plan in response to the Covid-19 pandemic includes actions to continue the acceleration of the capital works program to upgrade city streets, parks and playgrounds; work with the NSW Government on city management initiatives such as mobility and transport, temporary footpath widening, cycleways, change signal timing, lower speed limits, travel demand planning and reprioritisation of roads; and invest in the pedestrianisation and activation of south George Street.

The introduction of the CBD and South East Light Rail (CSELR) permanently closed and converted George Street into a pedestrian boulevard between Hunter and Bathurst Streets.

To continue the pedestrian boulevard, it is proposed to permanently close and widen the footpath of George Street between Bathurst Street and Railway Square.

The extension of the proposed pedestrian boulevard includes the permanent closure, changing the traffic arrangement and widening the footpath of nearby streets.