

Item 30.**Traffic Treatment - Shared Zone - Parkham Place and Parkham Lane, Surry Hills**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a continuous footpath treatment across Parkham Place, Surry Hills, just north of Parkham Street;

It is also recommended that the Committee support the installation of a Shared Zone in Surry Hills at the following locations:

- (A) Parkham Place between Parkham Street and Parkham Lane; and
- (B) Parkham Lane between Parkham Place and Wimbo Park.

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – Surry Hills PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Newtown	[Insert]	[Insert]

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

As part of the development of the City to South East Light Rail (CSELR), Parkham Lane was converted to one-way westbound and a new park, named Wimbo Park, was constructed at the western end of the lane. Wimbo Park has a 'right of way' signposted as 10km/h allowing drivers to continue along Parkham Lane to access Bourke Street.

A Shared Zone including coloured paving is proposed to provide a consistent pedestrian priority with a 10km/h speed limit along the laneway, prioritising safe access for pedestrians, reducing vehicle speeds and maintaining access to properties.

Comments

A Shared Zone is a road, network of roads or a road-related area with a posted speed limit of 10km/h and where pedestrian access and safety takes precedence over the ease of vehicle movement.

Approval to install a Shared Zone however is not delegated to Councils. Shared Zones involve speed limits and approval to install them must be obtained from Transport for NSW directly.

On 3 December 2019, in compliance with the Technical Direction for the Design and Implementation of Shared Zones (TTD 2014/003), the City sought approval from TfNSW to install a Shared Zone in Parkham Place and Parkham Lane, Surry Hills, between Parkham Street, Surry Hills and Wimbo Park. On 17 December 2019, TfNSW granted 'in-principle' approval for the proposal.

The proposed Shared Zone will create a pedestrian-friendly environment that allows pedestrians to walk safely and legally within the road carriageway. The appearance of the Shared Zone will be considerably different to nearby local streets to clearly communicate to road users that there is a change in the street environment and that pedestrians have priority.

As there is no on-street parking in Parkham Place or Parkham Lane, the proposed Shared Zone will not impact on-street parking provision.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area on the overall park design, including the proposed shared zone. There were 7,190 letters sent out with 33 responses to the overall project received. No submissions specifically supporting the shared zones were received but 12 submissions raised concerns about the proposed shared zones.

The submissions raising concerns on the proposal for the Shared Zone were on the grounds that it would mix pedestrians, bicycle riders and cars and that this would cause congestion, particularly during events in Moore Park.

The number of vehicles travelling along Parkham Place and Parkham Lane is low and is unlikely to change as a result of the implementation of a Shared Zone, however the Shared Zone will ensure that drivers are required to give way to pedestrians and that vehicle speeds are low and will facilitate a safer environment.

Financial

All costs associated with the proposal will be funded under the City of Sydney's Wimbo Park improvement works budget.

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