

Item 31.**Traffic Treatment - Shared Path - Portman Lane, Zetland**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a Shared Path in Portman Lane, Zetland between the existing southern end of Portman Lane and Elizabeth Street (i.e. a new section of the laneway).

Voting Members for this Item

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| City of Sydney | [Insert] | [Insert] |
| Transport for NSW | [Insert] | [Insert] |
| NSW Police – South Sydney PAC | [Insert] | [Insert] |
| Representative for the Member for Heffron | [Insert] | [Insert] |

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The Green Square Masterplan includes the requirement to provide a connection from the southern end of Portman Lane and Green Square.

The Development Consent for 77-93 Portman Street, Zetland (D/2018/517) requires the Applicant to deliver a new laneway, extending the southern end of Portman Lane (currently a dead-end) to provide a connection through to Portman Street. At the completion of the works, the new laneway will be dedicated to the City.

Comments

The Green Square Town Centre is bound by Bourke Street, Botany Road, Hansard Street, Joynton Avenue and includes the development site, and the proposed new laneway.

The City has approved the redevelopment of 77-93 Portman Street, Zetland which includes the extension to the southern end of Portman Lane (currently a dead end) to connect through to Portman Street.

The new laneway is proposed as a Shared Path and will link to the existing Shared Zone in Portman Lane. Vehicle access through the new laneway will not be provided, to ensure it maintains safety along the Shared Path and is not used as a short cut route by drivers. Local access for resident's vehicles will be maintained as it currently exists ie as a dead end lane.

The Shared Path will provide pedestrian and cycle access between Green Square Town Centre, Green Square Railway Station and surrounding residential buildings - A bollard will be provided at the southern end of Portman Lane, to prevent vehicle access into the new Shared Path.

According to Transport for NSW Centre for Road Safety, the recommended minimum shared path width is 2.5 metres, which is based on Austroads guidelines. The Shared Path in the extension to Portman Lane is between 4 metres and 2.5 metres wide and as such, complies with this guideline.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents in the area and a held community meeting discussing the proposal. There were no submissions supporting the proposal and four responses raising concerns about the proposal.

The responses raised concerns that the proposal would impact vehicle accesses to properties on the existing section of Portman Lane and requested that a bollard be provided preventing drivers entering the shared path.

The design has been amended to include a bollard preventing vehicle access into the Shared Path and no changes are proposed to impact vehicle access to properties on the existing section of Portman Lane.

Financial

All costs associated with the proposal will be borne by the Applicant.

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