

Item 29.**Traffic Treatment - Speed Cushions - Bulwara Road, Ultimo**

TRIM Container No.: 2021/004574

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of speed cushions in Bulwara Road, Ultimo, at the points (approximate distances) 60 metres, 100 metres, 230 metres and 290 metres, north of William Henry Street.

Voting Members for this Item

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

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The City has received requests from residents seeking support for traffic calming measures in Bulwara Road between William Henry Street and Fig Street.

The residents raised concerns about vehicles speeding and utilising Bulwara Road as a short-cut to access the northern parts of Ultimo/Pymont.

At the 6 August Ultimo Village Voice (UVV) community meeting the City presented two proposals for Bulwara Road. A Shared Zone with a slow point (meandering treatment) and

an alternative proposal, additional Speed Cushions, with agreement reached for the City to progress with the development of the additional Speed Cushion proposal. This position was re-affirmed at the 5 November 2020 UVV community meeting.

Comments

Bulwara Road, between William Henry Street and Fig Streets, is a one way northbound street with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h with a mid-block 10km/h Shared Zone at Quarry Street.

The street provides local access to residential properties as well as the Ultimo Community Centre, Mustard Seed Uniting Church, Quarry Green, Lord Wolseley Hotel, the KU Ultimo Childcare Centre and Fig Lane Park.

Residents are concerned about the speed of drivers using Bulwara Road between William Henry Street and Fig Street and as a short-cut to access the Pymont area.

The City commissioned traffic surveys in Bulwarra Road showed that most vehicles travelled at 28 km/h, with a maximum peak traffic volume of 49 vehicles per hour.

Given the support from the community, the City developed a proposal for traffic calming on Bulwara Road between William Henry Street and Fig Streets. Traffic calming devices such as speed cushions, would improve safety by reducing the speed of traffic.

Four speed cushions are proposed along Bulwara Road, two between William Henry Street and Quarry Street and the remaining two speed cushions between Quarry Street and Fig Street.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area on the 23 February 2021 regarding the proposed speed cushions. There were 641 letters sent out with 14 responses supporting the proposal and 4 responses opposing the proposal.

Submissions supporting the proposal noted that the change would calm traffic, increase pedestrian safety and improve residential amenity.

Submissions opposing the proposal noted the increase in noise and vibrations. As speed cushions are made of rubber and are bolted to the road, they have relatively minimal vibrations and noise impacts on nearby properties. Other perspectives provided, included, there is already enough traffic calming within the street and the existing 10km/h Shared Zone be extended to Fig Street and William Henry Street respectively.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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