

Item 29.**Traffic Treatment - Streetscape Improvements - Cooper Street and Waterloo Street, Surry Hills**

TRIM Container No.: 2021/119876

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following traffic treatments in Cooper Street at Waterloo Street, Surry Hills:

- (A) Footpath widening by 1.95m on the northern side of Cooper St, between the points 0 metres and 10 metres west of Waterloo Street and between the points 0 metres and 7 metres east of Waterloo Street
- (B) Footpath widening by 1.95m on the southern side of Cooper St, between the points 0 metres and 10.4 metres west of Waterloo Street and between the points 0 metres and 5.9 metres east of Waterloo Street;

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

The City has received ongoing requests to improve the pedestrian safety and accessibility at the intersection of Cooper and Waterloo Streets, Surry Hills. Therefore, the City is proposing the installation of footpath widening to improve general safety in the area.

Comments

There are currently no pedestrian ramps to facilitate wheelchair and people with prams crossing across the Cooper and Waterloo Streets intersection. The proposed footpath widening would help to improve access and general safety in the area and reduce vehicle speeds and calming traffic. Wider footpaths will increase pedestrian safety by reducing the distance that pedestrians need to cross the road.

The proposed changes would not have any significant impact on traffic or parking in the adjacent traffic lanes.

New pram ramps would also be provided facilitating wheelchair and pram access across the intersection.

Consultation

In August 2020, the City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 156 letters sent out with 2 responses supporting the proposal and 1 response opposing the proposal.

The response opposing the proposal was concerned about the loss of on-street parking space. In response to this feedback, the City revised the initial proposal to retain the parking space on northern side Cooper Street, east of Waterloo Street.

Financial

Funds are available in the capitol works budget.

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