

**Item 25.****Traffic Treatment - Raised Pedestrian Crossing - Portman Street, Zetland**

TRIM Container No.: X011413.004

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following in Portman Street, Zetland:

- (A) Provision of a raised pedestrian crossing between the points 59.2 metres and 65.8 metres north of Zetland Avenue;
- (B) The removal of the raised pedestrian crossing between the points 73.4 metres and 80 metres north of Zetland Avenue;
- (C) The removal of the 2.4 metre wide kerb extension on the western side, between the points 71.3 metres and 84 metres (two car spaces) north of Zetland Avenue;
- (D) The reallocation of parking on the western side between the points 71.3 metres and 84 metres (two car spaces) north of Zetland Avenue as "2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri, Permit Holders Excepted Area 22"; and
- (E) The removal of the 2.4 metre wide kerb extension on the eastern side, between the points 78 metres and 88.5 metres north of Zetland Avenue;

The reallocation of parking on the eastern side between the points 78 metres and 88.5 metres (two car spaces) north of Zetland Avenue as "2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri, Permit Holders Excepted Area 22";

**Voting Members for this Item**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Object</b>
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

On 15 November 2018, the Committee endorsed the provision of a raised pedestrian crossing on Portman Street as part of a suite of streetscape improvements along Portman Street. On 2 February 2021, the City held a community meeting with residents about ongoing changes related to the development of Green Square Town Centre. At the meeting residents requested the relocation of the previously endorsed crossing to the south, where the street is narrower, to provide additional parking along Portman Street.

On 16 July 2020, the Committee also endorsed a proposal for a new shared path, named Frog Park Lane connecting Portman Street to Elizabeth Street. The relocation of the pedestrian crossing would align with the pedestrian desire line along the new path.

## Comments

The proposal will help improve general safety in the area as part of the City's commitment to calm traffic and improve residential amenity.

Portman Street is currently undergoing significant upgrades and the existing crossing is closed for pedestrians and partially closed to vehicles. As such, accurate pedestrian and traffic volumes could not be obtained. However, the pedestrian demand is well established and given the ongoing development in the area related to Green Square Town Centre, pedestrian volumes is expected to increase in the future.

## Consultation

As part of the original consultation for the streetscape changes on Portman Street the City consulted with local residents and businesses for a period of 29 days and advertised the proposal in The Sydney Morning Herald, Central Sydney Magazine and "Sydney Your Say". There were 1000 letters sent out with 3 submissions supporting the proposal and 18 submissions opposing the proposal. Submissions supporting the proposal noted how the proposal would improve amenity, character and functionality of the street.

Submissions opposing the proposal at this time noted the removal of parking and diversion of traffic to surrounding streets. The recommendations amend the original proposal to better address these community concerns which have been raised again at community meetings.

Given the construction works are currently underway, if endorsed, the City will notify the local community about the updated design by letter.

Given that the proposal will increase parking provision and promote pedestrian accessibility, it is proposed to proceed with the proposal.

**Financial**

Funds are available in the current project budget for the Portman Street Upgrade works.

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