

Item 14.2

Notices of Motion

State Government Changes to Bus Routes

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the NSW Government has released details on an integrated network plan for Sydney's South East that will affect key bus routes for the City of Sydney;
- (ii) residents in the City of Sydney suburbs of Alexandria, Botany, Redfern, Rosebery, Surry Hills, Waterloo and Zetland will be directly impacted by the proposed changes;
- (iii) a number of routes will be changed or lost altogether significantly impacting vulnerable City of Sydney residents including:
 - (a) 301, 302 and 303 services will be lost completely affecting Redfern, Waterloo, Zetland and Rosebery residents;
 - (b) 309 will no longer operate between Redfern and Central;
 - (c) Surry Hills residents will lose a number of bus services including routes 309, 338, 372, 376, 391, 393 and 395;
 - (d) 370 route – used to run from Coogee to Leichardt via the University of Sydney – will no longer operate from University of Sydney to Leichardt, impacting residents who used to travel to Coogee from Glebe and Newtown and residents who also want to travel between Glebe and Newtown easily; and
 - (e) 418 – will no longer operate between Sydenham and Kingsford impacting residents in Alexandria;
- (iv) these changes to bus routes will drastically decrease accessibility in the local area, leaving many people, including the most vulnerable, increasingly isolated and disconnected;
- (v) an integrated transport network, including regular bus services, is crucial to creating a sustainable city and accommodate the high growth in residents, workers and visitors to the local area in the future; and
- (vi) a key role for the City is to make representations on behalf of residents to other levels of government;

- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to submit feedback, detailing concerns about the impact of proposed changes to bus routes, to the NSW Government by the 30 June 2021 deadline specifically requesting:
- (i) all 'lost' services to be reinstated;
 - (ii) bus route 370 to continue to Glebe, Newtown and all the way to Leichardt;
 - (iii) bus route 418 to continue through Alexandria all the way to Kingsford; and
 - (iv) bus frequency on all routes be increased to provide a better level of service for City of Sydney residents; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Minister for Transport Andrew Constance:
- (i) reiterating Council's support for stronger public transport links in the City of Sydney;
 - (ii) requesting funding for Green Square Light Rail, that an additional Green Square rail stop be committed to and key bus routes preserved;
 - (iii) detailing concerns about the impact the changes to the bus routes will have on City of Sydney residents and visitors;
 - (iv) calling on the NSW Government to extend the community consultation period for the changes due the significant impact on the community; and
 - (v) asking the Government to listen to the community and reconsider the proposed changes.

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