

Item 47.**Traffic Treatment - Raised Threshold Upgrade - Cook Road, Centennial Park**

TRIM Container No.: 2021/309365

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following in Cook Road, Centennial Park:

- (A) The provision of 2.1 metre wide kerb extensions at the following locations:
- (i) On the western side, between the points 8.5 metres and 17 metres north of Centennial Lane, and
 - (ii) On the eastern side, between Centennial Lane and the point 17 metres north of Centennial Lane,
 - (iii) On the western side, between the points 78 metres and 86.5 metres north of Centennial Lane,
 - (iv) On the eastern side, between the points 78 metres and 94 metres north of Centennial Lane,
 - (v) On the western and eastern sides, between the points 52.5 metres and 61 metres north of Furber Lane.
- (B) The reconstruction of the existing raised thresholds and removal of the central median island between the points:
- (i) 8.5 metres and 17 metres north of Centennial Lane, and
 - (ii) 78 metres and 86.5 metres north of Centennial Lane,
 - (iii) 52.5 metres and 61 metres north of Furber Lane.

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members⁷	Support	Object
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – Surry Hills PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]

Representative for the Member for Heffron	[Insert]	[Insert]
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Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

Cook Road, Centennial Park between Moore Park Road and Lang Road, currently has three raised thresholds with centre median islands dividing the northbound and southbound travel lanes. The raised thresholds on Cook Road have reached the end of their structural life and are required to be upgraded.

Comments

It is proposed to upgrade the three existing raised thresholds in line with current design standards and work health and safety practices by providing garden beds adjacent to the kerb to clarify that the threshold is not a pedestrian crossing. This will also allow for safe maintenance of the garden beds to be undertaken adjacent to the kerb and not in the middle of the road.

The proposal would help to maintain general safety in the area and create a more pedestrian friendly street. It will also help to maintain slow traffic speeds along Cook Road in line with the City's commitment to calm traffic and improve residential amenity. The raised thresholds will be maintained at 75mm height in line with standards for raised thresholds along bus routes.

The new thresholds will result in a loss of twelve car parking spaces.

Consultation

The City notified local residents and businesses in the area. There were 1,015 letters sent out with no responses supporting and 6 responses opposing the proposal because of the loss to parking.

However, the loss of parking is a consequence of ensuring that the raised thresholds provide a safe effective treatment. The narrow-landscaped medians are no longer supported by the City as they create safety issues for maintenance. TfNSW requires new raised thresholds to be installed with kerbside islands (or fences) to prevent pedestrians using thresholds as crossing points.

Financial

Appropriate funding for the proposal will be secured once greater certainty on the construction timeline is reached.

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