

**Item 20.****Traffic Treatment - Speed Cushions - Walker Street, Redfern**

TRIM Container No.: 2021/225768

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of speed cushions in Walker Street, Redfern at 10 metres south of Arthur Street.

**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 Newtown	[Insert]	[Insert]

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

**Background**

The City received a petition signed by 31 residents seeking support for traffic calming measures in Walker Street, Redfern. The petition raised concerns about vehicles speeding in Walker Street.

## **Comments**

Walker Street, Redfern runs north-south, parallel to Elizabeth Street, and links Cleveland Street to Wellington Street, with cross links to Redfern, Cooper and Phillip Streets.

Residents are concerned that drivers are using the road as a short-cut route to avoid congestion on nearby streets. Concerns were also raised about the speed of drivers on approach to the traffic lights at Cleveland Street.

Given the initial support from residents, the City developed a proposal for traffic calming in Walker Street. Traffic calming devices, such as speed cushions, would help to reduce the speed of traffic and improve safety on Walker Street.

Previously, City staff proposed speed cushions in Walker Street south of James Street, however, residents asked for additional treatments further south closer to Cooper Street on the other side of the crest in the street.

Therefore, it is proposed to install two additional speed cushions in Walker Street, south of Arthur Street. The proposal would help to improve general safety in the area by reducing the speed of traffic travelling along Walker Street as part of the City's commitment to calm traffic and improve residential amenity.

## **Consultation**

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 273 letters sent out with no responses supporting or opposing the proposal.

## **Financial**

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

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