

Item 10.9

Notices of Motion

Creation of a Shared Traffic Zone in Church Street Paddington

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) shared Traffic Zones are roads or networks of roads with a speed limit of 10km/h where pedestrians and vehicles safely share road space. The implementation of these spaces has been proven to lower pedestrian injury and mortality from road accidents;
- (ii) the 2013 Sydney Streets Code outlines movement of people around streets and access to infrastructure and services as priorities for the City of Sydney in the design of streets;
- (iii) the 2013 Sydney Streets Code outlines the aim of Shared Traffic Zones as “creat[ing] a shared safe street corridor of movement for pedestrians and vehicles”, with design objectives that promote safety for pedestrians in these streets;
- (iv) residents on Church Street and surrounding streets have been advocating for Church Street to be made a shared zone since at least 2016;
- (v) at the December 2017 meeting of Council a petition of 43 signatures, representing all premises on Church Street, calling for Shared Zones within Church Street Paddington; and Continuous Footway Treatments provided at the entry and exit points of the proposed shared zone was tabled by Councillor Phillip Thalys and accepted unanimously by Council;
- (vi) on 29 July 2021, Will Mrongovius, the Convenor of the Paddington-Darlinghurst Community Working Group, wrote to Councillors requesting on behalf of local residents that a Shared Zone be installed on Church Street, Paddington;
- (vii) the footpath at Church Street, Paddington, is 1.2 metres wide;
- (viii) the footpath at Church Street, Paddington, is in many sections obstructed by bins, utility and parking poles and residential front steps; and
- (ix) the footpath in Church Street, Paddington, is unusable for prams and wheelchairs; and

- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
- (i) investigate the implementation of Shared Zones for Church Street, Paddington;
and
 - (ii) investigate options for footpath widening to allow pedestrians, including those with prams, to safely utilise the footpath on Church Street, Paddington.

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