

Item 58.**Traffic Treatment - Continuous Footpath Treatment - Thomas Lane, Darlington**

TRIM Container No.: 2021/441436

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a continuous footpath treatment in Thomas Lane, Darlington, just south Vine Street.

Voting Members for this Item

| Voting Members | Support | Object |
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| 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 proposes to introduce a continuous footpath treatment in Thomas Lane, Darlington, just south of Vine Street, to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, slow vehicle speeds and enhance the streetscape. This treatment will also ensure safe access to the adjacent Vine Street Playground.

Comments

The TfNSW Technical Direction for Continuous Footpath Treatments (TDT 2013/05) states that continuous footpath treatments are only applicable for intersections carrying no more than 45 vehicles per hour and the driveway layback is no wider than 7 metres.

Site observations have shown that Thomas Lane is mainly used by local residents accessing their garages. Therefore, the maximum peak-hour volume is expected to be well below the TfNSW warrant for continuous footpath treatments.

In addition, the crossing width proposed for the continuous footpath treatment is below the TfNSW warrant. The existing kerb to kerb crossing width of Thomas Lane is approximately 3.2 metres.

The new continuous footpath treatment will not effect on-street parking or traffic flows in the local area.

Under the road rules, a footpath is a road related area. When entering, or crossing, a road related area from a road, drivers must give way to any pedestrian or other road users on the road related area. The introduction of a continuous footpath treatment reinforces the road rules.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 156 letters sent out with 5 responses supporting the proposal and no responses 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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