

Item 13.5

Notices of Motion

Protecting Cyclists and Proper Community Consultation on Cycleways

By Councillor Weldon

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) data on the NSW Centre for Road Safety website shows the City of Sydney (City) Local Government Area has the highest number of cyclist casualties from crashes in any NSW Local Government Area during the most recent reporting period 2015-2020:
 - (a) it is the public duty of the City to ensure that any cycleway (including a pop-up cycleway) is safe before it is opened, only encouraging cyclists to use it after all safety issues have been fully assessed;
 - (b) it is also the public duty of the City to properly consult with residents and other stakeholders affected by installation of cycleways by loss of access, convenience and enjoyment of their residences or places of work, removal of parking spaces, including disability parking and safety impacts;
 - (c) pop-up cycleways were identified by Transport for NSW and the City in March 2020 as part of a temporary solution to ease demand for public transport during the Covid-19 pandemic.
 - (d) in a 18 May 2020 Lord Mayoral Minute, the Lord Mayor announced that "the NSW Government will provide an additional \$3,680,000 to deliver six new temporary cycleways in partnership with the City of Sydney";
 - (e) these six temporary pop-up cycleways were created under an Order of the Minister for Planning due to expire on 31 March 2021 which was extended until 31 March 2022;
 - (f) in March 2021, Transport for NSW invited the community to share their views about the Bridge Road, Glebe and Sydney Park Road, Erskineville pop-up cycleways, before any decision was made on whether to make the cycleway permanent;
 - (g) the City of Sydney is responsible for deciding the future of the other pop-up cycleways in Dunning Avenue, Pitt Street, Henderson Road, Moore Park Road and Fitzroy Street;

- (h) independent pre-opening Road Safety Audits were conducted by DC Engineering on the pop-up cycleways that were installed in Moore Park Road, Paddington, Sydney Park Road Erskineville, and Bridge Road Glebe. The reports of these audits refer to sections of the cycleways excluded from the audits and other safety issues not addressed in the audits; and
 - (i) cyclist accidents have in fact occurred on the cycleways including some accidents where children have been hospitalised;
 - (ii) the pop-up cycleways have created several adverse consequences for residents including:
 - (a) residents, their friends, family, and service providers experiencing difficulties accessing residences, especially those with no rear lane access. This has exacerbated social isolation, particularly for some disabled and elderly residents;
 - (b) chaos for garbage collection due to removal of clearways;
 - (c) anxiety and upset for residents from accidents that have occurred on the cycleways and may be expected to occur in the future;
 - (d) significantly increased costs of delivery/removal of goods imposed by Council due to permits required for delivery vehicles and additional time moving goods to and from parking locations some distance from residences; and
 - (e) removal of disabled parking spots then relocation of the spots to locations inconvenient to disabled residents;
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
- (i) provide community consultation reports undertaken by Council on the Dunning Avenue, Pitt Street, Henderson Road, Moore Park Road and Fitzroy Streets pop up cycleways;
 - (ii) provide a status update on any proposals to make the Dunning Avenue, Pitt Street, Henderson Road, Moore Park Road and Fitzroy Streets pop up cycleways permanent including designs;
 - (iii) provide a status update on the proposed cycleway on Oxford Street from Taylor Square to Centennial Park announced to replace the Moore Park Pop Up Cycleway, including any designs and timetable for community consultation;
 - (iv) contact Transport for NSW to request that they provide community consultation reports undertaken in March 2021 for the Bridge Road, Glebe pop-up cycleway;
 - (v) contact Transport for NSW to request that they provide a status update on any consideration to make the Bridge Road and Sydney Park Road cycleways permanent including any designs;

- (vi) provide copies of Design Stage Road Safety Audits and Pre-Opening Road Safety audits for each pop-up and permanent cycleway installed in the City of Sydney Local Government Area in the past 10 years; and
- (vii) provide all the above information to Councillors via the CEO Update.

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