

**Item 37.****Traffic Treatment - Continuous Footpath Treatment - Bucknell Street, Newtown**

TRIM Container No.: 2022/586561

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a continuous footpath treatment in Bucknell Street, Newtown just north of Wilson 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 – Inner West 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 Bucknell Street, Newtown, just north of Wilson Street, to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, slow vehicle speeds and enhance the streetscape.

## 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 not wider than 7 metres.

Traffic counts commissioned for seven days from 8 Nov 2017 to 14 November 2017, in Bucknell Street, just north of Wilson Street, recorded a maximum peak-hour volume of 40 vehicles. As this maximum peak hour volume is well below the TfNSW warrant for a continuous footpath treatment, the proposal is compliant from a traffic volume perspective.

In addition, the crossing width proposed for the continuous footpath treatment is below the TfNSW warrant and as such compliant with the Technical Direction – Bucknell Street, just north of Wilson Street, is approximately six metres wide.

The new continuous footpath treatment (CFT) will not affect on-street parking or traffic flows in the local area. This location currently has drainage problems so that the provision of a CFT will enable the City to regrade the intersection and remove the cause of the drainage issues.

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 notified local residents and businesses in the area. There were 163 letters sent out.

## Financial

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

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