

Item 47.**Traffic Treatment - Landscaped Median Strip - Hawksley Street, Waterloo**

TRIM Container No.: 2023/403286

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of two median strips (each 2-metres wide) in Hawksley Street, Waterloo between the points 12.8 metres and 25.8 metres, and between 43.2 metres and 56.2 metres north of Bourke Street.

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – South Sydney PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Heffron	[Insert]	[Insert]

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The Greening Sydney Strategy was adopted in July 2021 and sets a vision for a greener Sydney that will help improve our health and wellbeing, reduce urban heat impacts, and bring nature into the city. The strategy is made up of six key directions and 20 key actions.

Streets account for 23 per cent of the total local government area (LGA). The target for streets as a collective land use area is 39 per cent green cover with a minimum of 34 per cent canopy cover. To achieve the overall LGA targets a variety of measures are defined in Action 1 of the Greening Sydney Strategy. The City has committed to develop policies,

programs, and projects to increase the number and type of street gardens, increase the number and type of inroad plantings, plant more street trees and ensure the largest tree species appropriate for the space is planted.

The planting of trees within the road pavement area is an opportunity to increase tree canopy within the street network above that provided by typical planting within the verge.

Planting in the roadway provides a range of benefits including traffic calming by narrowing roadway down and reducing speed, opportunity to install trees clear of overhead services, opportunity for passive irrigation and integrated stormwater management and the maximised shading of large areas of hardstand.

As part of this policy, the proposal to install two raised medians strips in Hawksley Street, Waterloo will provide space for planting of trees and general landscaping.

Comments

Hawksley Street, between Bourke Road and Short Street is a 12.8-metre-wide road with one traffic lane and one parking lane in each direction. The street provides local access to properties in Waterloo.

The proposal to install two raised medians strips will not only allow for increased tree planting opportunities and landscaping but will also provide an additional traffic calming measure in the street.

The proposed raised medians strips will each be 13 metres long and 2 metres wide and will not affect traffic flow or kerb side parking.

The proposed treatment will provide space to plant four trees which will increase shade and cool the street, improve the amenity in the street and contribute to the overall canopy cover of the area to meet the City's adopted greening targets.

Consultation

Public consultation was held from 8 March to 5 April 2023. This included a letter box drop to 67 properties and a Sydney Your Say page. Residents were invited to either fill in an online survey or email/post a submission. There were 8 SYS submissions received and 53 unique page views of the webpage.

Four submissions were in support of the proposal.

Three submissions did not support the proposal and were concerned how the installation of the median strips will impact existing use of the street for loading, and unloading of vehicles, the number of driveways and general risk of additional congestion.

One submission was concerned about the size of the median and proximity to Bourke Street and ease of making U-turns.

Median strips are part of a suite of traffic treatments used within the LGA on local roads to provide greening and traffic calming. Double parking for loading and unloading of vehicles does not comply with existing road rules. The median strips will provide further physical prevention for this non-compliance. No amendments are proposed based on feedback received.

Financial

Funds are available in the current capital works budget.

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