

Item 27.**Traffic Treatment - Road Closure - Grafton Lane, Chippendale**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the closure of Grafton Lane, Chippendale at the dead-end section, east of City Road

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 Newtown	[Insert]	[Insert]

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

A food and beverage business located at the corner of Grafton Lane and City Road; Chippendale has applied for an outdoor dining area as part of the Alfresco Dining Program.

Given that Broadway and City Road are both State Roads and Clearways exist in front of this site, it is not a suitable candidate for road reallocation to support the business on either of these roads. As such, the business is proposing to close and utilise Grafton Lane for the purpose of outdoor dining on the roadway.

Comments

Grafton Lane is a dead-end lane (which has local two-way traffic) that runs in a west-east direction off City Road. Grafton Lane is approximately 2.2 metres wide with no footpaths and provides pedestrian access to two commercial properties located on the northern and southern side of the lane.

There is no kerb side parking in the street. There are no “No Parking” or “No Stopping” restrictions installed along either kerb sides respectively.

Vehicle and speed surveys were undertaken in Grafton Lane from Friday 11 August to Thursday 17 August 2023. A summary of the traffic survey data is outlined in the following table.

Table 1 Grafton Lane Vehicle Speeds and Volumes

Street Name	Direction	85th Percentile Speed (km/hr)	Seven-day AADT
Grafton Lane	Eastbound	19	1
	Westbound	19	1

It is evident from the traffic survey data that Grafton Lane experiences very low vehicle volumes and speeds. Grafton Lane is mainly accessed by local traffic accessing the commercial properties and businesses in the area. Vehicles on Grafton Lane are mainly serving the businesses on the lane.

The surveys recorded an Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) of 2 vehicles per day in Grafton Lane and an average speed of 19 km/h. Therefore, a road closure of Grafton Lane east of City Road would have minimal impact.

The treatment proposed to implement the road closures would continue to provide access to both pedestrians and bike riders. When the outdoor dining area is installed, adequate space would be provided to accommodate pedestrians in wheelchairs and prams and bike riders.

If the road closure is implemented, it would be installed using removable bollards which will allow the food and beverage business to operate outdoor dining in Grafton Lane. When the budget is available in the Capital Works Program, the road closure may include streetscape treatment measures.

Consultation

In compliance with Section 116 of the Roads Act 1993, the City consulted with local residents and businesses for a period of 28 days and advertised in the Sydney Morning Herald and Wentworth Courier.

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 719 letters sent out with two responses supporting the proposal and no response opposing the proposal.

Financial

Funds for removable bollards are available in the current budget.

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