

**Item 18.****Traffic Treatment - Raised Pedestrian Crossing - Barlow Street, Haymarket**

TRIM Container No.: 2023/368311

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following traffic treatment and parking changes in Haymarket:

- (A) Installation of a raised pedestrian crossing in Barlow Street, just west of Pitt Street;
- (B) Installation of footpath widenings and reallocation of parking as "No Stopping" on the northern side of Barlow Street between the points 0 metre and 19.3 metre west of Pitt Street;
- (C) Reallocation of parking on the northern side of Barlow Street, between the points 19.3 metre and 25.3 metre as "No Parking Emergency Vehicles Excepted"; and
- (D) Installation of footpath widenings and reallocation of parking as "No Stopping" on the southern side of Barlow Street between the points 0 metre and 18 metre west of Pitt 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 – Sydney City PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

## **Background**

As part of City's commitment to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, a raised pedestrian crossing is proposed in Barlow Street, west of Pitt Street in Haymarket.

The initial proposed location of the raised crossing was initially set back 8.5 metres west of Pitt Street due to an existing tree along the pedestrian desire line. The Committee provided feedback on the initial proposal at the July 2023 meeting and deferred the item for the City to undertake further investigations

## **Comments**

The revised proposal recommends the pedestrian crossing to be installed in Barlow Street, just west of Pitt Street with no set backs. This provides a safe crossing point within the observed pedestrian desire line which enhances safety and visibility at the location.

It is noted that a tree exists on the northern pram ramp and may have accessibility impacts on mobility impaired pedestrians. To address the concern, a road safety audit (RSA) was undertaken to evaluate the risks of the proposal.

The RSA noted that the location of the tree may restrict pedestrian movements but there are sufficient space around the tree to accommodate the range of pedestrian requirements including wheelchairs. The treatment at the base of the tree could present a trip hazard and should be treated to ensure a smooth finish flush with the surrounding footpath surface.

The design has taken the RSA comments into consideration and has proposed tactile pavers around the tree to improve safety for mobility impaired pedestrians.

Barlow Street provides access only to properties in Parker Street and Parker Lane. There are no through access to George Street and traffic volumes are considered low. On site inspections have indicated relatively low left turning volumes from Pitt Street into Barlow Street. The pedestrian crossing is not expected to have a significant impact on bus operations in Pitt Street.

## **Consultation**

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 26 letters sent out with one response 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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