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Item 13.6

Notices of Motion

Pedestrian Safety in Alexandria

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) City of Sydney Basketball Association basketball courts, Perry Park Sporting Oval and Perry Park Recreation Centre, located on Bourke Road and Maddox Street, Alexandria, are a thriving sporting precinct, run by the City of Sydney Basketball Association and the City of Sydney Council;
- (ii) the precinct is located in an industrial area, approximately 100m from the nearest bus stop, and 900m from Green Square train station;
- (iii) there is no on-site parking available and limited parking on surrounding streets, meaning most community members who use the City of Sydney Basketball Association Courts, Perry Park Sporting Oval and Perry Park Recreation Centre facilities predominately arrive via public transport, cycling and/or walking, leaving Maddox Street and Bourke Road with unusually high cycling and pedestrian activity in an industrial area as a result;
- (iv) there is limited cycle parking and a heavily utilised car kiss and ride drop off outside the official pedestrian entry way to the sporting precinct, via Maddox Street;
- (v) Maddox Street and Bourke Road are local roads under the care and control of the City of Sydney;
- (vi) Maddox Street has a raised pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Bourke Road, adjacent to Perry Park, and a signalled crossing at Euston Road;
- (vii) on Bourke Road, there is a signalled crossing at Collins Street and a signalled crossing under construction at Bowden Street, estimated completion in late 2024;
- (viii) all crossings, signalised or otherwise, do not align with pedestrian and kiss and ride entrances to the sporting precinct, located hundreds of metres away;
- (ix) on Saturday 29 May 2024, an 11-year-old, rushing out of the Perry Park Recreation Centre following their local basketball game, was hit by a car crossing Maddox Street, ending up in hospital with injuries associated with the hit:
- (x) pedestrian and cycling safety should be at the forefront of City public design and infrastructure:

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(xi) given the new sports field opening, there is likely to be a corresponding increase in pedestrian, cycling and traffic activity around the sporting precinct; and

- (xii) advice from City staff that there are no other formal crossings or pedestrian safety measures proposed in the City's forward capital program; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
 - (i) allocate funding for a pedestrian, cycling and traffic safety audit and recommended measures, perhaps including signalised or pedestrian crossing closer to the main entrance of Perry Park Recreation Centre in the 2024/25 City budget; and
 - (ii) report back to Council via the CEO Update with updates on the timeline for the implementation of solutions to improve pedestrian and cycling safety.

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