

Item 25.**Traffic Treatment – Proposed No Trucks or Buses Vehicles Over 9m –
Boomerang Place and Yurong Parkway, Woolloomooloo**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following traffic restrictions in Boomerang Place and Yurong Parkway, Woolloomooloo:

- (A) Installation of “No Trucks or Buses (symbolic) Vehicles Over 9m” road restrictions for Boomerang Place and Yurong Parkway between William Street and St Marys Road
- (B) The proposal is subject to approval of the Traffic Management Plan by TfNSW.

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members	Support	Object
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

The proposal is in response to residents’ concerns about heavy vehicles, including articulated buses, using Boomerang Place and Yurong Parkway as a short cut route to St Mary’s Road.

The bus movements are occurring during both day and night times and impacts on the safety and local amenity for road users and local residents in Boomerang Place and Yurong Parkway.

The buses, as confirmed by Transport for NSW (TfNSW), should be using Riley Street as part of their service route to layover at St Mary's Road.

The objective of this proposal is to prohibit the utilisation of Boomerang Place and Yurong Parkway as a throughfare for heavy vehicles longer than 9 metres, thereby preventing it from being used as a shortcut route.

Comments

Traffic data collected from 10 November to 16 of November 2022 indicated that the seven-day Average Daily Traffic Volume for vehicles over 9 metres long on Boomerang Place and Yurong Parkway was 118 vehicles/day northbound and 16 vehicles/day southbound.

Buses and heavy vehicles over 9 meters long would detour along Riley Street. The proposal is not expected to have a significant impact on Riley Street, which is a dedicated bus route, and is expected to be able to accommodate the additional 134 vehicles/day or 6 vehicles per hour.

The proposed heavy vehicle restriction will improve road safety and local amenity for residents, park users and people who attend the childcare facility located in Boomerang Place and Yurong Parkway.

Consultation

The City advertised the proposed traffic changes in the Sydney Morning Herald on the 1 August 2024 for a period of 28 days. 732 letters were mailed out to request feedback from local residents and businesses.

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 732 letters sent out with 49 responses supporting the proposal and 36 responses opposing the proposal.

The opposing submissions were concerned about the increase in buses and heavy vehicle traffic using Riley Street. They are concerned that the diverted traffic will add onto the congestion issues in Riley Street and deteriorate pedestrian amenity and safety levels. The submissions consider that properties locations in Yurong Parkway and Riley Street should share the vehicular impacts as part of inner city living.

Given that Riley Street is a dedicated bus route, the proposed restriction will discourage buses from using Yurong Parkway as a short cut route. Traffic surveys have shown the redirected traffic would only be a maximum 14 vehicles per hour and the low volumes are not expected to have a significant impact on existing conditions in Riley Street.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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