

Item 30.**Traffic Treatment - Landscaped Median Strip - Rosebery Avenue, Rosebery**

TRIM Container No.: X114766.006

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of 2-metre-wide landscaped median strips in Rosebery Ave, Rosebery between the following points north of Morley Avenue:

- (A) 12.2 metres and 24.9 metres; and
- (B) 38.2 metres and 61.8 metres.

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 percent 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, and the maximised shading of large areas of hardstand. As part of this strategy implementation, the proposal to install two raised median strips in Rosebery Avenue will provide space for planting of trees and general landscaping in the road.

Comments

Rosebery Avenue, Rosebery 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 Rosebery including.

The proposal to install two raised landscape median strips provide traffic calming measures to reduce speed and provide opportunity for tree planting.

The proposed raised median strips will vary in length (12.7m and 23.6m) and be two metres wide, this will retain a 3.2 metre travel lane and 2.2-metre-wide parking lane in both directions.

The proposed traffic treatments will provide space to plant six trees to provide 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

The City consulted local residents and businesses for a period of 28 days (from 9 April to 7 May 2025). This included a letterbox drop to 1450 properties and an online webpage Sydney Your Say (SYS) which was visited 139 times, requesting feedback on the proposal.

A total of 15 submissions were received; with 12 responses in support of the proposal, 3 responses were opposed to the proposal.

The responses supporting the proposal noted that the proposal would help reduce traffic speed, improve safety, increase native trees and local amenity.

The responses opposing the proposal noted it may impact visibility when leaving driveways, could make the road more dangerous for cyclists due to narrowing the roadway and that wider streets are preferable to installing medians.

Financial

All costs associated with the proposal will be borne by the City's Green and Leisure Department under the City's Inroad Tree Planting Program C22025.

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