

Item 5.2 - Traffic - 11/06/21



N O R T H S Y D N E Y C O U N C I L R E P O R T S

To the General Manager

- Attach** 1. Pedestrian Safety Items
2. Letter from Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads
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SUBJECT: (5.2) Standing Item – Pedestrian Safety

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DESCRIPTION/SUBJECT MATTER:

At the 530th Traffic Committee meeting on 7 February 2020 it was recommended that pedestrian safety be added to the agenda as a standing item.

A list of current pedestrian safety standing items and their current status is attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the information concerning Standing Item – Pedestrian Safety be received.

Standing Item - Pedestrian Safety
Traffic Committee 11 June 2021

Item	Street	Location	First TC	Summary	Problem/Request	Comments	ECM
20/01	Bligh Street, Kirribilli	Between Broughton Street and Humphrey Place	20/3/20	Request for Shared Zone	Mayor Gibson has requested a Shared Zone be implemented in Bligh Street due to narrow footpaths and high pedestrian activity in the street.	<p>Bligh Street Shared Zone is listed in Council's Zone 7 LATM Action Plan as a long term priority (T.17).</p> <p>Bligh Street Shared Zone is also listed in Council's Draft 40km/h and 10km/h Shared Zone Masterplan as a long term priority.</p> <p>The cost to implement a Category 1 10km/h Shared Zone, including paving, drainage and lighting, is in the order of \$1 million. A detailed design is required for TfNSW to approve a Shared Zone.</p> <p>Traffic projects are planned on an annual basis according to budget allocations and priorities within the LATM Action Plans. The total Traffic Facilities/LATM Implementation budget allocation in 2020/21 is \$1 million.</p> <p>A Shared Zone for Bligh Street is being considered as part of Kirribilli Streetscape Masterplan.</p>	
20/02	Various	Various	8/7/20	Blackspot Grant Funded Projects 2020/21	<p>Council was successful with grant funding applications for 4 locations under the Federal Black Spot Program.</p> <p>Design, consultation and construction is scheduled for 2020/21 financial year.</p>	<p>Projects include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hazelbank St/Morton St - move stop lines forward & install refuge island (TC 5/2/21 - Item 4.6; TC 19/3/21 - Item 4.5) 2. Kurraba Road near Hayes St - raise existing pedestrian crossing 3. Lavender St at Walker St - raise existing pedestrian crossing (TC 5/2/21 - Item 4.7) 4. Ben Boyd Road between Lindsay Street and Kurraba Road - traffic calming (TC 19/3/21 - Item 4.4) 	

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20/03	Various	Various	20/3/20	Pedestrian Crossing Audit	Council's Traffic Engineer completed an audit of all existing pedestrian crossings to prioritise upgrade of existing flush pedestrian crossings to raised crossings.	Crossings to be upgraded in 2020/21 include: 1. Clark Road at Margaret Street 2. Ben Boyd Road at Hardie Street 3. Miller Street at Falcon Street 4. Carabella Street at Fitzroy Street (TC 5/2/21 - Item 4.8)	
20/05	Look Stencils	Around all schools	4/9/20	Request for 'Look' stencils to be rolled out at all schools in the LGA	At the Traffic Committee meeting on 4/9/20 it was resolved: <i>THAT the installation of "<Look>" stencils near all schools be prioritised and rolled out as soon as possible .</i>	Look stencils were rolled out to kerb ramps near all schools, and other high pedestrian areas as part of previous years' Road Safety Programs. Council's Road Safety Coordinator audited all sites in 2019/20 and faded stencils have been refreshed and new stencils installed where required.	
20/06	Moodie Street, Cammeray	Between Ernest Street and Falcon Street	27/11/20	Pedestrian safety	Residents of Moodie Street have raised concerns about pedestrian safety due to lack of footpath in the 100m section south of Ernest Street.	Refer to report 4.4 to the Traffic Committee 27/11/20	
21/01	River Road at Russell Street, Wollstonecraft		5/2/21	LATM implementation - pedestrian refuge islands	As part of the implementation of the 2020/21 pedestrian refuge islands are proposed at the intersection of River Road and Russell Street	Refer to report 4.5 to the Traffic Committee 5/2/21	

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21/02	Gerard Street at Macpherson Street, Cremorne	Pedestrian crossing	19/3/21	Pedestrian safety at existing pedestrian crossing	At its meeting of 25 February 2019, Council resolved to adopt the following recommendation of the North Sydney Traffic Committee: <i>1. THAT pedestrian signals on Gerard Street at Macpherson Street be expedited as a high priority project and funding be brought forward to progress the project to construction .</i>	<p>A report was considered at the Council meeting on 30 November 2020 where it was resolved:</p> <p><i>1. THAT Council write to the Minister for Transport and Roads requesting special consideration for installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Gerard Street and Macpherson Street on the basis of pedestrian safety and amenity, with reference to this report.</i></p> <p>The letter was sent 5/2/21</p> <p><i>2. THAT the following signage changes be referred to the Traffic Committee for installation under delegation of the Manager Traffic & Transport Operations:</i></p> <p><i>a. an additional pedestrian crossing sign installed in front of the tree on the southern side of Gerard Street facing west.</i></p> <p><i>b. the Give Way sign on the left-hand side of Macpherson Street at Gerard Street be removed so as not to obstruct the pedestrian crossing sign.</i></p> <p>Approved and signage instruction issued.</p> <p><i>3. THAT all line marking associated with the pedestrian crossing including, zebra markings and zig zag markings on approaches, be maintained and refreshed to ensure visibility to the crossing is adequate.</i></p> <p>Crossing is included in regular maintenance program.</p> <p>Council received a response from the Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads on 19 April 2021 . The response is not favourable to Council's request for traffic signals and staff will contact Transport for NSW regarding alternate solutions.</p>	8478715

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21/03	Various Locations	Federal Stimulus	30/4/21	School Pedestrian Crossing Upgrades - Grant Funding	<p>Council has received grant funding under the TfNSW and Federal Government Stimulus Road Safety Program (School Zone Infrastructure) for 14 projects totalling \$1.6M in 2020/21 & 2021/22.</p> <p>The grants will be used to create raised crossings, to extend kerbs and introduce pedestrian refuge islands, which all help improve visibility and slow down traffic, making children safer as they walk to and from school.</p>	<p>The funding has been allocated to upgrade the following crossings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - St Aloysius College Junior School: Install two raised pedestrian crossings on the Alfred Street South at Fitzroy Street intersection, Milsons Point - St Aloysius College: Install raised pedestrian crossing on Broughton Street at Kirribilli Avenue, Kirribilli - Loreto Kirribilli: Raise existing crossing on Carabella Street at Fitzroy Street, Kirribilli - St Aloysius College: Raise existing crossing on Clark Road at Margaret Street, North Sydney - Neutral Bay Public School: Raise existing crossing on Ben Boyd Road at Hardie St, Neutral Bay - Cammeray Public School: Raise existing crossing on Carter Street at Colin Street, Cammeray - Cammeraygal High School: Raise existing crossing on Clarke Street at Willoughby Road, Crows Nest - St Aloysius College Junior School: Raise existing crossing on Burton Street, Kirribilli. - Redlands: Raise existing crossing on Waters Road at Grosvenor Street, Neutral Bay - North Sydney Public School: Raise existing crossing on Morton St at Rocklands Rd, Wollstonecraft - North Sydney Public School: Construct pedestrian refuge islands and kerb buildouts on Crows Nest Road at McHatton Street, Waverton 	

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21/04	Military Road. Neutral Bay	At Spofforth Street and Cabramatta Road	24/7/20	Request to amend phasing and cycle times	A resident of Cremorne has requested additional time be added to the pedestrian phase to cross at this intersection, and reduced waiting time between cycles for pedestrians.	1/7/20: The email from the resident was to TfNSW for their attention as the Road Authority for Military Road and all signalised intersections.	
21/05	Grosvenor Lane, Neutral Bay	At Young Street	30/4/21	Pedestrian safety	The Traffic Committee recommended: 1. THAT “end shared zone” signage in Grosvenor Lane be moved closer to Young Street and add “give way to pedestrian” signage. (7.4) 2. THAT Council Staff review the current signage and options for increased safety measures. (7.4)	28/5/21: under investigation.	8525757
21/06	Young Street, Neutral Bay	At Military Road	30/4/21	Pedestrian Safety	The Traffic Committee recommended: THAT the gaps in the fences on Military Road near Young Street Plaza be closed promptly with appropriate safety fencing. (5.3)	7/5/21: Referred to project manager	



Ms Eleni Petinos MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads

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Dear Mr Mitchell

Thank you for your correspondence to the Minister for Transport and Roads about pedestrian safety at the intersection of Gerard and Macpherson streets, Cremorne. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

I am advised nominations for the 2021-22 Safer Roads Program closed on 31 August 2020. North Sydney Council submitted a nomination in October 2020, after submissions had closed. As such, I regret to advise that council is not eligible for funding under this program.

As you are aware, this location does not meet the traffic warrants for traffic lights. Further, there are significant constraints that would prevent signals from being installed. These constraints include sight distance, horizontal road alignment and vehicle swept paths. Due to these constraints, Transport for NSW does not support installing traffic lights at this intersection. Other treatments, such as raising the crossing, would be more appropriate. I am also advised Transport for NSW has previously communicated this to council.

You may be assured that Transport for NSW will continue to work with council to improve pedestrian safety at this location.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

12/04/2021

Eleni Petinos MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads