## 5.1. Design Review - Young Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades

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#### ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Attachment A Young Street Concept Design Flyer [5.1.1 1 page]
- 2. Attachment B Young Street General Arrangements [5.1.2 7 pages]

#### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is for final traffic committee review of Young Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades designs in preparation for construction.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

- Young Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades (Young Street Upgrades) will provide cycling, walking and streetscape upgrades along Young Street between Grosvenor Street and Sutherland Street, Cammeray.
- On Monday 28 March 2022, Council resolved to proceed to tender and construction documentation stage and for the North Sydney Traffic Committee to review the final designs.
- This report provides the concept design flyer (Attachment A) and Civil Engineering Plan (Attachment B) for the Traffic Committee to review.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- NSW State Government is contributing 72% of the cost for construction.
- North Sydney Council is contributing 28% of the cost for construction.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**1. THAT** the North Sydney Traffic Committee endorse the proposal for a 2.4m wide separated cycleway on the western side of Young Street, between Sutherland Street and Grosvenor Street.

### LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

- 2. Our Built Infrastructure
- 2.2 Vibrant public domains and villages
- 2.3 Prioritise sustainable and active transport
- 2.4 Efficient traffic mobility and parking

4. Our Social Vitality

4.1 North Sydney is connected, inclusive, healthy and safe

#### BACKGROUND

Council's North Sydney Integrated Cycling Strategy (2014) aims to deliver a cycling network accessible to people of all ages and cycling abilities and to enable more people in the community to choose cycling for day-to-day transport needs, particularly for short trips of between 2-5km.

The Young Street Upgrades form an extension of the Strategy's Route 2: Sydney Harbour Bridge to Neutral Bay.

#### CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement has occurred in accordance with Council's *Community Engagement Protocol*. The detail of this report provides the outcomes from the engagement for Council to consider prior to adoption.

The final concept designs were publicly exhibited to the community from 10 May to 10 June 2021 (33 days) and an outcomes report was provided to Council 28 March 2022.

Impact on Pedestrians: Additional signalized pedestrian crossings at Belgrave and Young, pavement upgrades will have a positive impact on cyclist user experience and safety.
Impact on Parking: There is an estimated loss of 7 parking spaces on Young Street, and 23 during the PM Peak (3pm to 7pm) and 13 during am peak (6am to 10am) on Belgrave Street.

#### DETAIL

The Young Street Upgrades will deliver improvements to cycling and walking infrastructure as well as streetscape improvements. The upgrades are located along Young Street, Cammeray, between Grosvenor Street and Sutherland Street.

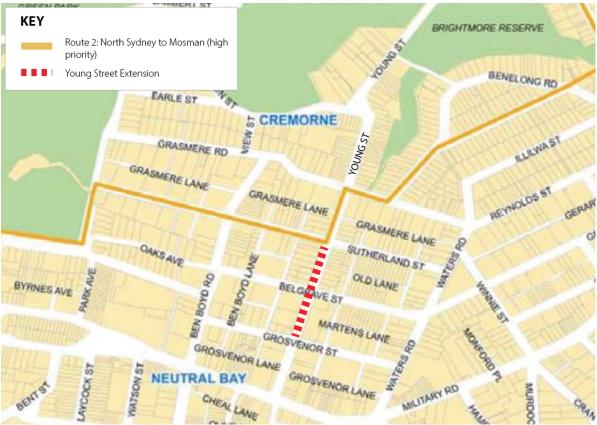


FIGURE 1. Existing cycleway along Sutherland Street, Young Street North and Grasmere Road in yellow. Young Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades (the project area) in dashed red.

## Project Scope

The scope of the project in summary will involve the following works:

- construction of 250m of a bidirectional combination of separated and on road cycle path from Sutherland Street to Grosvenor Street.
- concrete kerbs will separate the parking and cycle path areas.
- narrowing of road width to accommodate cycleway.
- installation of protected (signalised) pedestrian crossings over Young Street at the intersection with Belgrave Street.
- pedestrian access ramps at the intersection of Young Street and Belgrave Street would be upgraded.
- adding right turn lanes on Young Street at the intersection with Belgrave Street to reduce congestion at the intersection during peak periods.
- new raised pedestrian crossing over Sutherland Street to the immediate west of the intersection with Young Street.



FIGURE 1. Layout plan showing key project features (yellow boxes indicate loss of parking space locations because of traffic signal upgrade

Improvements	Impacts
<ul> <li>reduced vehicle speeds and noise on Young Street</li> <li>increased safety for people walking and crossing roads</li> <li>higher amenity pedestrian environment/public space. The cycle path will provide a buffer between footpaths and road areas</li> <li>people who feel unable to cycle on road will have the option to cycle to the Neutral Bay village by separated path</li> <li>reduced congestion on Belgrave Street at the intersection with Young Street</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>narrowed lanes on Young Street will reduce the space available for parked cars to exit</li> <li>Estimated seven fewer permanent car parking spaces available Young Street.</li> <li>23 fewer spaces on Belgrave Street during PM peak (3pm to 7pm weekdays) due to clearway extensions (existing parking restrictions retained at other times)</li> <li>13 fewer spaces on Belgrave Street during the am peak (6am to 10am, weekdays) due to clearway extensions (existing parking restrictions retained at other times).</li> </ul>

## Consultation

A 33-day public exhibition period was held 10 May to 10 June 2021. A total of 89 submissions were received. Outcomes included:

- 53% indicated overall support for the proposal; 10% indicated overall objection to the proposal, 1% supported the proposal in long term (but not in medium term); 36% commented on specific elements of the proposal (i.e. did not indicate if they supported the project overall).
- 34% of submissions came from residents/businesses of directly affected streets; 20% indicated overall support for the proposal; 23% indicated overall objection to the proposal and 57% commented on specific areas of the proposal.
- 2 of the submissions were from Precinct Committees (via minutes)

An outcomes report was taken to 28 March 2022 Council meeting (8.12. Young Street Walking Cycling and Streetscape Upgrades) and it was resolved that:

1. THAT detailed design for tender and construction of the Young Street Walking Cycling and Streetscape Upgrades (Sutherland Street to Grosvenor Street) commence. 2. THAT the final detailed design for the project be subject to approval of the North Sydney Traffic Committee.

As per resolution 2, this report provides the concept design flyer (Attachment A) and General Arrangements Plan (Attachment B) for North Sydney Traffic Committee final review.

### Conclusion

North Sydney Council has conducted community consultation on the Young Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades and received majority support for the project. Council resolved for the traffic committee to review the final designs before proceeding to construction.

The Young Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades will provide a safe connection for bike riders between the existing Priority Route 2 Sydney Harbour Bridge to Neutral Bay and Neutral Bay town centre in line with the commitments in the CSP and North Sydney Integrated Cycling Strategy 2014.

This report recommends the Traffic Committee review the final designs in order for Council staff to proceed to detail design for tender and construction purposes.

### YOUNG STREET WALKING, CYCLING AND STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

## Council is seeking feedback on proposed upgrades to walking and cycling access on Young Street, between Sutherland Street and Grosvenor Street.

#### "HAVE YOUR SAY"

You can provide feedback via the following options:

**ON-LINE** https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/young-walk-cycle

WRITTEN: North Sydney Council PO Box 12 North Sydney NSW 2059

EMAIL yoursay@northsydney.nsw.gov.au

#### Key project features:

- new pedestrian crossing points over Young Street at the intersection with Belgrave Street 1
- raised pedestrian crossing over Sutherland Street(2)
- continuation of the Young Street cycle path and additional landscaping
- increased clearway distances on Belgrave Street (required for traffic signal update)
- reduced lane widths on Young Street (4)
- 7 car spaces removed on Young Street (to facilitate traffic signal update)
- · new landscaping along the project corridor







#### Anticipated Improvements

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## Safer road crossings and improved access for pedestrians

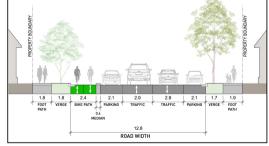
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- to cycle to the Neutral Bay village by separated bike path
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#### Reduced congestion on Belgrave Street at the intersection with Young Street

#### Anticipated Impacts

- Narrowed lanes on Young Street will reduce the space available to exit parked cars
- 7 fewer permanent car parking spaces available Young St
- 23 fewer spaces on Belgrave Street during pm peak (3pm to 7pm) due to clearway extensions (existing parking restrictions retained at other times)
- 13 fewer spaces on Belgrave Street during the am peak (6am to 10am) due to clearway extensions (existing parking restrictions retained at other times)

Artist's impression of Young Street walking, cycling and streetscape improvements



Proposed Typical section: Young Street

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