

5.3. Standing Item Pedestrian Safety

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Standing Item - Pedestrian Safety - attach July 2022 [5.3.1 - 6 pages]

PURPOSE:

To provide a report to the Committee on current pedestrian safety matters and projects, and their current status.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

- 2. Our Built Infrastructure
- 2.1 Infrastructure and assets meet community needs
- 2.3 Sustainable transport is encouraged

BACKGROUND

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.

At the 547th Traffic Committee meeting on 10 June 2022 it was resolved to recommend:

1. **THAT** a report come back to the next meeting on pedestrian safety around Young Street Plaza with consideration for options such as a pedestrian overpass from May Gibbs Place to the Young Street Plaza with a lift. (5.3)
2. **THAT** a report come back to the next meeting on pedestrian and vehicular accidents at the corner of Military Road and Young Street. (5.3)

Reported crash data in the latest five year period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2021 reveals the following crashes in Military Rd with Young Street and May Gibbs Place intersections:

1. In 2016, one “rear end” non-casualty crash at Young Street involving an SUV and a sedan/hatch traveling east.
2. In 2017, one “rear end” minor injury crash at Young Street involving an unknown motor vehicle and a sedan/hatch traveling east.
3. In 2016, one “Lane change left” serious injury crash at Young Street involving an SUV and a motorcycle traveling west.
4. In 2016, one “On road-out of control” serious injury crash at May Gibbs Place involving a motorcycle traveling west.

There have not been any recorded incidents involving pedestrians in the latest five year period at the intersection of Military Road and Young Street.

Council has engaged a Traffic Consultant to prepare a Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) for the proposed re-Opening of Young Street at Military Road which will take into consideration, safety of pedestrians and other road users. The TIA is required to be approved by TfNSW under Section 138 which also requires Local Traffic Committee’s approval.

This is similar to the report that was prepared for Closure of Young Street in 2021 and endorsed by TfNSW.

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement is not required.

Relates to ECM No: N/A

Standard or Guideline Used: N/A

Signs & Lines Priority: N/A

Precinct and Ward: All Precincts, All Wards

Impact on Bicycles: Impacts on cyclists will be assessed for individual projects when they are reported to the Committee in detail.

Impact on Pedestrians: This report highlights current projects that benefit pedestrians

Impact on Parking: Impacts on parking will be assessed for individual projects when they are reported to the Committee in detail.

DETAIL

The table below has the current status of projects that relate to pedestrian safety.

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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>A Shared Zone for Bligh Street is being implemented as part of the DPIE Streets as Shared Spaces Program.</p> <p>A proposal to construct a permanent shared zone in Bligh Street has been submitted under Active Transport Walking & Cycling Program for funding.</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) (Completed) 2. Kurraba Road near Hayes St - raise existing pedestrian crossing (Completed) 3. Lavender St at Walker St - raise existing pedestrian crossing (TC 5/2/21 - Item 4.7)(Completed) 4. Ben Boyd Road between Lindsay Street and Kurraba Road - traffic calming (TC 19/3/21 - Item 4.4) (Further investigation is being undertaken) TfNSW has agreed to roll over the funding to FY22-23. 	

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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.	<p>Crossings to be upgraded in 2020/21 include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clark Road at Margaret Street (Completed) 2. Ben Boyd Road at Hardie Street (Completed) 3. Carabella Street at Fitzroy Street (TC 5/2/21 - Item 4.8)(Completed) <p>Crossings to be upgraded in 2021/22 include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Burton Street at St Aloysius Junior School, Kirribilli - Was ot supported by Community 2. Clarke Street at Willoughby Road, Crows Nest (Design completed, community consultation closed on 13 March 22, a TDA has been prepared and submitted to TC on 22 March 22) - Approved under TDA 22/022 - Ready for construction – Waiting for Council's PM to award the contract 3. Waters Road at Grosvenor Street, Cremorne (Design completed, community consultation is being undertaken close on 13 March 22). reported to 22 April TC. Ready for construction – Waiting for Council's PM to award the contract 4. Morton Street at Rocklands Road, Wollstonecraft. (Design completed, community consultation finished and a TDA prepared and approved by TC, the project passed to project team for action) - Construction is complete 5. Crows Nest Rd/ McHatton St – ped refuge - Community Consultation was concluded 20 March 2022) – Approved under TDA 22/023 Ready for construction – Waiting for Council's PM to award the contract 	
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.	<p>Refer to report 4.4 to the Traffic Committee 27/11/20 and report to 23/7/2021.</p> <p>Matter deferred until after Council elections & when public is able to address Committee.</p> <p>Community consultation to be carried out as per the petition received at the Marchg 2022 Rtraffic Committee - Also a Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) be prepared by a Traffic Consultant to determine any impacts that the proposed one way may have on the surrounding streets</p>	

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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. Construction completed August 2021.	
21/02a	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>	A report was considered at the Council meeting on 30 November 2020 where it was resolved: <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> The letter was sent 5/2/21 <i>2. THAT the following signage changes be referred to the Traffic Committee for installation under delegation of the Manager Traffic & Transport Operations:</i> <i>a. an additional pedestrian crossing sign installed in front of the tree on the southern side of Gerard Street facing west.</i> <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> Approved and signage instruction issued. <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> Crossing is included in regular maintenance program. 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.	8478715

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20/02b	Gerard Street at Macpherson Street, Cremorne	Pedestrian crossing	19/3/21	Pedestrian safety at existing pedestrian crossing	<p>At the Traffic Committee meeting 3/9/21 it was recommended:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THAT Council notes that despite repeated requests to Transport for New South Wales, there has been a refusal to install traffic lights at the crossing on Gerard Street at Macpherson Street. Therefore, Council must find alternative methods to improve pedestrian safety. 2. THAT Council urgently remark the pedestrian crossing at Gerard Street and Macpherson Street to make it more visible in accordance with TfNSW standards. 3. THAT the crossing at Gerard Street and Macpherson Street be included in the maintenance schedule more frequently. 4. THAT Council examine alternative methods of increasing visibility at the crossing at Gerard Street and Macpherson Street within TfNSW standards. 5. THAT Council reviews the lighting at the crossing on Gerard Street at Macpherson Street for compliance with the relevant standards for inclusion under the pedestrian safety item at the next Traffic Committee. 	27/9/21: To be investigated/actioned.	

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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 COMPLETED - St Aloysius College: Install raised pedestrian crossing on Broughton Street at Kirribilli Avenue, Kirribilli COMPLETED - Loreto Kirribilli: Raise existing crossing on Carabella Street at Fitzroy Street, Kirribilli COMPLETED - St Aloysius College: Raise existing crossing on Clark Road at Margaret Street, North Sydney COMPLETED - Neutral Bay Public School: Raise existing crossing on Ben Boyd Road at Hardie St, Neutral Bay COMPLETED - Cammeray Public School: Raise existing crossing on Carter Street at Colin Street, Cammeray COMPLETED - Cammeraygal High School: Raise existing crossing on Clarke Street at Willoughby Road, Crows Nest - Contract awarded , awaiting for construction to commence - St Aloysius College Junior School: Raise existing crossing on Burton Street, Kirribilli. NOT TO PROCEED (Refer to TC 15/10/21 item 5.2) - Redlands: Raise existing crossing on Waters Road at Grosvenor Street, Neutral Bay (Design completed, community consultation is being undertaken close on 13 March 22) Refer to notes above in item 20/03 - Contract awarded , awaiting for construction to commence - North Sydney Public School: Raise existing crossing on Morton St at Rocklands Rd, Wollstonecraft - COMPLETED - North Sydney Public School: Construct pedestrian refuge islands and kerb buildouts on Crows Nest Road at McHatton Street, Waverton - Contract awarded , 	
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.	

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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)	16/8/21: Signage changes completed 29/7/21. Further reviews to be undertaken when public health orders permit. An instruction has been issued to relocate the Give Way to Pedestrian signs at Young St intersection to be in front of the trees and lower the STOP signs to normal eye level. A STOP line is also being installed at the exit to Young St where it joins the footpath.	8525757
21/07	Miller Street at Amherst Street, Cammeray	Intersection traffic signals	11/6/21	Pedestrian Safety - reports of near misses & recent crashes	On 11/6/21 the Traffic Committee recommended: 1. THAT the Traffic Committee acknowledge a recent incident at the intersection of Miller and Amherst Streets which involved the safety of a child crossing the road on the 24 May 2021. Council thank our resident Ms Freeman for bringing this to our attention at the meeting and that this be actioned as a matter of urgency. 1a) THAT Council acknowledge the incident and the long history of dangerous driving and incidents at this intersection. 2. THAT Council start immediate lobbying to TfNSW to extend the red-light pedestrian protection arrow and add a green right turn arrow phase at the intersection. 3. THAT Council TfNSW looks at the intersection of Palmer and Miller Streets in conjunction with this matter. 4. THAT Council actively lobby Transport for NSW for a red-light camera to be installed in this location. 5. THAT the matter be brought back to the next Traffic Committee meeting to be held on Friday, 23 July 2021.	16/8/21: Letter sent to TfNSW 19/7/21. Response received 13/8/21 from A/Director Network and Asset Management: <i>Road safety, including pedestrian safety, is a top priority for Transport for NSW. I am very sorry to read about the very serious incident you describe, and I wish the people involved a full recovery.</i> <i>As you may be aware, Transport for NSW installed an extra left and right-turn red arrow at the traffic lights under the 'Green on Green' project in June 2020, to improve safety for pedestrians at this location.</i> <i>Miller Street is a State Road which caters for high network demands, including public transport to and from the Cammeray area. Installing a dedicated right-turn arrow from Miller to Amherst streets is not supported at this time due to further congestion that would occur on Miller Street.</i> <i>You may be assured that Transport for NSW will continue to monitor the intersection, to ensure it operates safely and as reliably as possible.</i> <i>Transport for NSW is reviewing further potential safety measures in this area, including:</i> • <i>Adjusting the traffic light phasing for both pedestrians and motorists at the intersection</i> • <i>Installing a red-light speed camera at this intersection</i> • <i>Constructing a pedestrian crossing on the western side of the intersection of Miller and Palmer streets.</i> <i>Transport for NSW will continue to update council's local traffic committee on the review of these safety measures.</i> 27/9/21: Variable Messaging Sign (VMS) installed in Amherst Street near Miller Street temporarily to alert motorists to watch for pedestrians.	8606280
21/08	Miller Street, Cammeray	Mid-block pedestrian signals at Cammeray Place	3/9/21	Pedestrian Safety	Reports of pedestrian crash which occurred on Sunday evening 1/8/21	16/8/21: Request sent to TfNSW 3/8/21 to lengthen pedestrian crossing signal (phasing) b, and suggestion to improve the visibility of the lights. This is being investigated by TfNSW Network Operations.	