

6.4. Standing Item - Western Harbour Tunnel & Warringah Freeway Upgrade

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ATTACHMENTS: Nil

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on current works and impacts associated with the Transport for NSW Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade project (SSI 8863).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade project SSI 8863 was approved by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces on 21 January 2021. The project is being undertaken by Transport for NSW.

Warringah Freeway Upgrade Early Works commenced in April 2021 and impact on a number of Council roads adjacent to and alongside the Warringah Freeway. Transport for NSW has exercised functions of a roads authority under the Roads Act 1993 for those roads.

This report provides a high-level overview of the current work sites and summary of complaints received by Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the information concerning the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade project 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
 - 2.4 Improved traffic and parking management

- 5. Our Civic Leadership
- 5.2 Council is well governed and customer focused
- 5.3 Community is informed and consulted

BACKGROUND

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Warringah Freeway Upgrade Early Works commenced in April 2021. The works impact on a number of Council roads adjacent to and alongside the Warringah Freeway. All community notifications are available on the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade webpage at <https://caportal.com.au/rms/wht/documents-and-notifications>

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

As this is a state government project, Transport for NSW are responsible for all community engagement relating to the project.

DETAIL

Relates to ECM No:

Standard or Guideline Used:

Signs & Lines Priority: N/A

Precinct and Ward: Hayberry/ Registry/ Stanton/ Neutral/ Anderson/ CBD; Tunks/ Victoria/ Wollstonecraft

Impact on Bicycles: Local cycling access may be impacted adjacent to and around the WHT/WFU work sites under traffic management

Impact on Pedestrians: Local pedestrian access may be impacted adjacent to and around the WHT/WFU work sites under traffic management

Impact on Parking: Approximately 75 parking spaces on Alfred Street North; 35 spaces on Cammeray Avenue and 10 spaces on Ridge Street have so far been removed by TfNSW to facilitate the works.

The Western Harbour Tunnel Project requires installation of electricity supply cables within various public roads to provide power to its various Project worksites. The works area is shown on the attached map. It is expected that works are completed by 31 March 2023.

The works on Active Transport Link (ATL) within the Cammeray Golf Course connecting Ernest Street to Warringah Road is complete. The Works on the Amherst Noise wall has also been commenced and almost Complete.

Council has received numerous notices from Transport for NSW under 64(1A) of the Roads Act 1993 of their intention to exercise functions of a road's authority. This means that TfNSW has the same powers under the Roads Act 1993 as Council for the roads listed in each notice.

