

5.3. Short Lane at Military Road, Neutral Bay – Continuous Footpath

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ATTACHMENTS:

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PURPOSE:

North Sydney Council approved Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Action Plan for Area 5 includes a proposal to install a continuous footpath treatment at the intersection of Short Lane and Military Road.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

North Sydney Council approved Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Action Plan for Area 5 includes a proposal to install a continuous footpath treatment at the intersection of Short Lane and Military Road. As part of the approved 2022/23 program, it is proposed to install the continuous footpath treatment in the 2022/23 as part of funding commitments by Transport for New South Wales as part of the NSW Active Transport Program.

The proposed works will improve pedestrian safety and amenity and will also reduce vehicle speeds. The proposed concept plan is enclosed for information.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost for this project is estimated to be \$30,000 which can be funded from 2022/2023 budget by Transport for New South Wales as part of the NSW Active Transport Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Committee endorse the proposal for a continuous footpath treatment across Short Lane at the intersection of Military Road, Neutral Bay.

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 diverse community needs

2.4 Efficient traffic mobility and parking

4. Our Social Vitality

4.1 North Sydney is connected, inclusive, healthy and safe

5. Our Civic Leadership

5.3 Community is engaged in what Council does

BACKGROUND

As part of the 2022/23 implementation of Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Action Plans, it is proposed to construct a continuous footpath at the intersection of Short Lane and Military Road. This project is funded by the NSW Active Transport.

The proposal will comply with the Technical Direction for Continuous Footpath Treatments (TDT 2013/05) and there will be no loss of parking as a result of the proposal.

The proposed works will improve pedestrian safety and amenity and reduce vehicle speeds. The proposed concept plan is enclosed.

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.

Standard or Guideline Used: TDT 2013/05

Signs & Lines Priority: N/A

Precinct and Ward: Parks / St Leonards

Impact on Bicycles: N/A

Impact on Pedestrians: Improve pedestrian safety and amenity

Impact on Parking: Nil

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Community consultation on the proposal took place between 22 February 2023 and 07 April 2023. Approximately 99 letters were sent to 19 properties in the surrounding area and the survey was available online through Council's 'Have Your Say' webpage. A total of 5 responses were received, including 1 from the outside survey area.

The results indicate a community preference for the construction of the continuous footpath (67% support and 33% objection). The results of the survey are shown in tabular format below:

| I support the proposed Continuous Footpath at the intersection of Short Lane and Military Road | Response | | | | |
|--|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| | No | | Yes | | Total |
| | Qty | % | Qty | % | |
| Within Survey area: | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Byrnes Avenue • Military Road | 2 | 40 | 3 | 60 | 5 |
| Outside Survey area: | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murdoch Street | 0 | 0 | 1 | 100 | 1 |
| Grand Total | 2 | 33.3 | 4 | 66.7 | 6 |

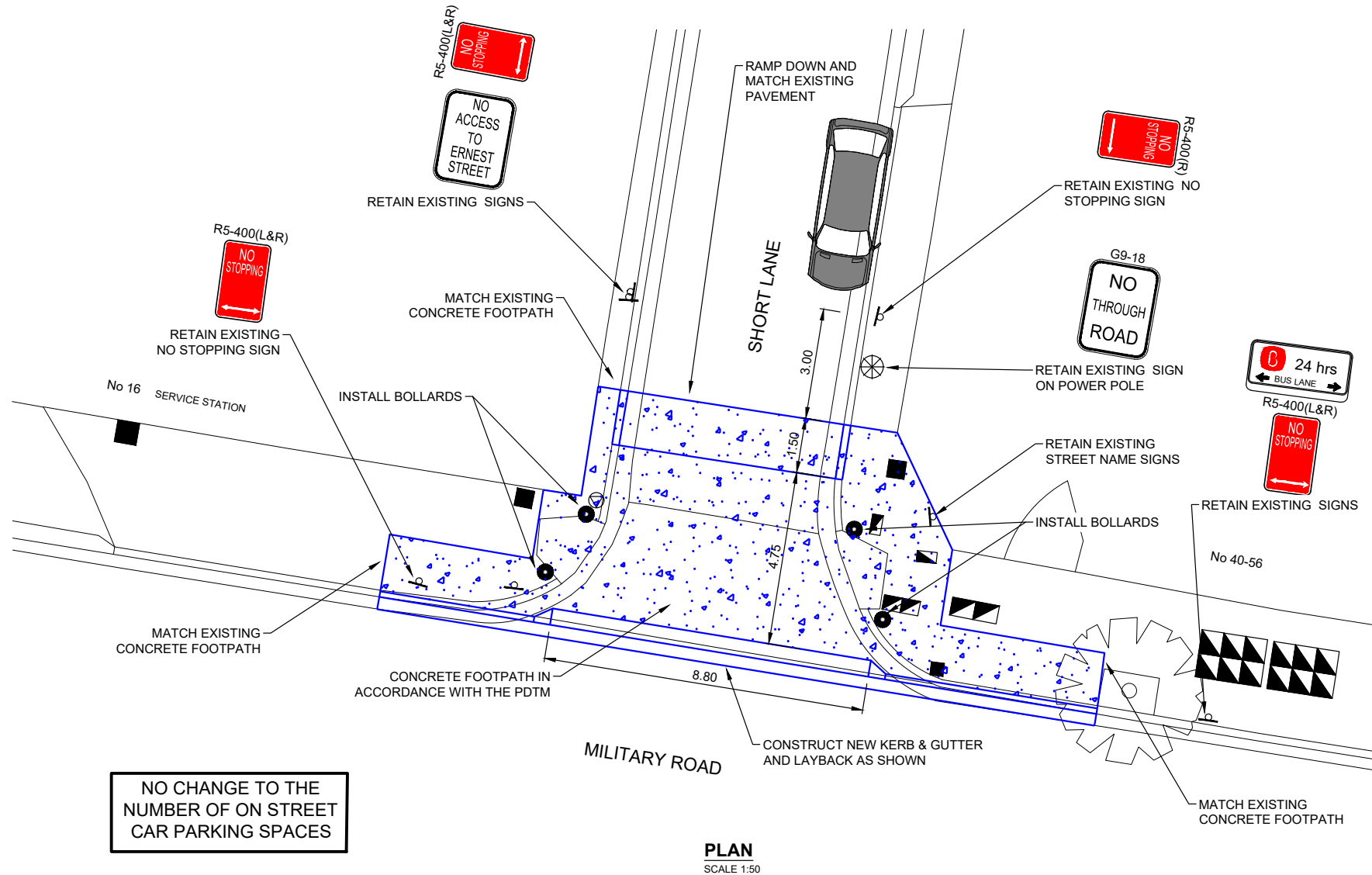
COMMENTS RECEIVED

Respondents were asked to provide general comments/feedback as desired. Council consolidates the comments into major themes as opposed to including every individual comments.

| Theme | Community Comments | Office Comments |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Pedestrian Safety | Continuous footpath will improve the pedestrian safety. | Noted |
| Signage | The "NO ACCESS TO ERNEST STREET" and "NO THROUGH ROAD" Signs should be clearly visible before turning left into Short Lane. | A work order will be created to relocate the signs closer to the intersection. |
| Parking | Turning out of Military Road will be difficult if the car space is retained in its current spot as you have to pull to the left to let cars in from Military Road and there needs to be enough vacant kerb to do so. | There is a statutory 10m 'No Stopping' zone on the eastern side of Short Lane which provides sufficient road width for a vehicle to exit Short Lane and enter Short Lane while still reducing vehicle speeds. |
| Traffic Flow | Cars trying to enter Short Lane from Military Road and waiting for pedestrians will block the bus lane and with the speed the busses and vehicles exiting the service station travel in that lane, create an increased risk than at present to drivers | The NSW Road Rules require drivers turning at an intersection to give-way to pedestrians crossing the street. The proposal reinforces the road rules and creates a safer road environment. Traffic volume for Short Lane is low and it would not impact the traffic flow on Military Road significantly. |

CONCLUSION

Given the support for the proposal and the improvements to pedestrian safety and amenity, it is recommended that the Committee endorse the proposal for the continuous footpath treatment across Short Lane at Military Road.



PROPOSED FOOTPATH CONTINUATION, INTERSECTION OF SHORT LANE AND MILITARY ROAD, NEUTRAL BAY.

