

5.4. Edward Street at Mount Street, North Sydney – Continuous Footpath

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ATTACHMENTS:

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PURPOSE:

North Sydney Council has approved the Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Action Plan for Area 1. The plan includes a proposal to install a continuous footpath treatment across Edward Street at Mount Street.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

North Sydney Council has approved the Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Action Plan for Area 1. The plan includes a proposal to install a continuous footpath treatment across Edward Street at Mount Street. It is proposed to install the continuous footpath treatment as part of the LATM 2022/2023 funding program. There is no loss of parking proposed as part of the proposal.

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost for this project is estimated to be \$40,000 which can be funded from Traffic's LATM 2022/2023 budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Committee endorse the proposal to extend the kerb by 3.9m at the existing continuous footpath treatment across Edward Street at Mount Street, North Sydney.

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 extend the continuous footpath and raised threshold at the intersection of Edward Street and Mount Street.

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 at the intersection 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: Euroka / Cammeraygal

Impact on Bicycles: N/A

Impact on Pedestrians: Proposed continuous footpath will improve pedestrian's safety

Impact on Parking: Nil

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Community consultation on the proposal took place between 22 February 2023 and 07 April 2023. Approximately 266 letters were sent to 64 properties in the surrounding area and the survey was available online through Council's 'Have Your Say' webpage. A total of 10 responses were received, including 2 responses from the outside survey area.

The results indicate a community preference for the extension of Continuous Footpath and Raised Threshold (70% support and 30% objection). The results of the survey are shown in tabular format below:

I support the proposed extension of Continuous Footpath and Raised Threshold at the intersection of Edward Street and Mount Street	Response				
	No		Yes		Total
	Qty	%	Qty	%	
Within Survey area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mount Street • Edward Street • Lord Street • Short Street • Riley Street 	3	37.5	5	62.5	6
Outside Survey area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward Street • Crows Nest Road 	0	0	2	100	2
Grand Total	3	30	7	70	10

COMMENTS RECEIVED

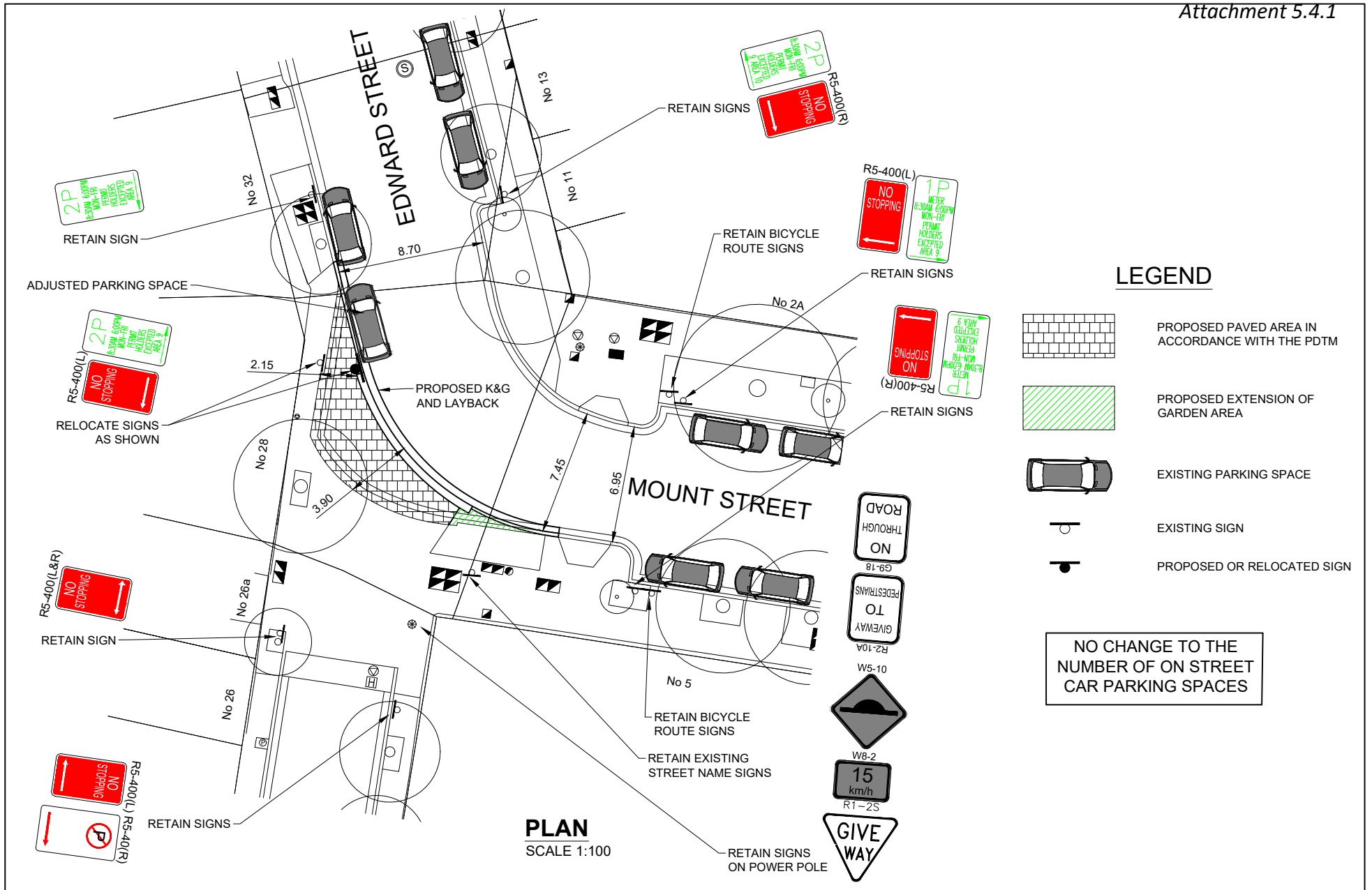
Respondents were asked to provide general comments/feedback as desired. Council consolidates the comments into major themes as opposed to including every individual comments.

Theme	Community Comments	Office Comments
Pedestrian Crossing	If the proposal were to add proper road markings at the junction of Edward and Mount Streets and to create a zebra crossing on the existing raised area, that would make more sense.	Continuous footpath treatments (CFT) are considered appropriate for low traffic environments such as Mount Street. Pedestrian crossings in areas with low pedestrian or traffic volumes raise concerns about users failing to consider whether others are crossing. The CFT creates an environment similar to a driveway treatment which reduces vehicle speeds above that of a pedestrian crossing
Sightline	This junction of Mount Street and Edward Street is already a	Noted. A sight line assessment has been conducted and the

	<p>relatively tight blind corner. The proposed works are making the corner even tighter which I believe reduces safety for the intersection.</p>	<p>extended kerb allows for improved visibility at the intersection. The wider footpath will require drivers to reduce vehicle speeds and cross a wider area of footpath when entering or leaving Edward Street. By reducing vehicles speeds, driver reaction time is improved, additionally the enhanced pedestrian priority will further assist in creating a safer road environment.</p>
<p>Maneuverability</p>	<p>The 'raised threshold' concerns me, as the gradient of the existing one is way too high and should be lowered. I have to slow down to a crawl to get over that hump in the road.</p>	<p>It is proposed to maintain the same height for the extended continuous footpath treatment. The aim of the treatment is to reduce vehicles speeds to an appropriate speed for an environment where drivers conflict with pedestrians.</p>
<p>Drainage</p>	<p>The camber of the path would need to be carefully considered as a drain (trench) included so that we don't incur increased water ingress down our drive onto the property as a result of the increased surface area abutting our driveway.</p>	<p>Noted and taken into consideration.</p>

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 Edward Street at Mount Street.



PROPOSED FOOTPATH CONTINUATION WORKS, INTERSECTION OF EDWARD STREET AND MOUNT STREET, NORTH SYDNEY.

