

**Report to General Manager**

Attachments:
1. Concept Plan

SUBJECT: RMS Funding Offer – Kirribilli and Milsons Point 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

North Sydney Council was invited to submit applications under the RMS Safe Speeds in High Pedestrian Activity and Local Areas Program for funding in 2019/20. Council has been successful in receiving an offer from the RMS for the Kirribilli and Milsons Point 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity (HPA) Area in the 2019/20 Financial Year.

The offer is for 100% funding of this project and Council is not required to contribute funding as part of the grant offer. The offer includes funding for design, construction and project management costs for the project.

Community consultation will be undertaken, including a Councillor briefing in due course. The design will be referred to the Traffic Committee for approval prior to construction commencing. It is expected that all work will be completed by 30 June 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Council has received an offer for 100% grant funding from Roads and Maritime Services for a traffic management proposal for Kirribilli and Milsons Point in 2019/20 and Council is not required to contribute funding as part of the grant offer. As the project will be subject to a public tender in the future, the details of the Grant funding amount have been provided to Councillors under a separate Confidential Memorandum attached to this report.

Comment by Responsible Accounting Officer:

Funding for the project is appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council accept the funding offer from RMS for the Kirribilli and Milsons Point 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area.
- 2. THAT** it be noted that Community Engagement will be undertaken for this project in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

- Direction: 2. Our Built Infrastructure
- Outcome: 2.2 Vibrant centres, public domain, villages and streetscapes
2.3 Sustainable transport is encouraged

BACKGROUND

It is widely recognised that 40km/h speed limits have significant road safety benefits for pedestrians and all road users. Travelling at lower speeds improves driver's ability to stop at a safer distance to avoid crashes, otherwise reduce the severity of a crash. In 2018, Council was invited to submit applications under the RMS NSW Safe Speeds in High Pedestrian Activity and Local Areas Program for funding in 2019/20. 40km/h speed limits are appropriate for areas with relatively high pedestrian volumes and are typically characterised by commercial and recreational land-uses. Four traffic studies for 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity (HPA) Areas were commissioned using RMS funding in Kirribilli & Milsons Point; Neutral Bay and Cremorne; Cammeray; and St Leonards and Crows Nest town centres.

In addition to these studies, North Sydney Council has also prepared an overall Master Plan for 40km/h and 10km/h zones to provide an overarching framework for the entire North Sydney LGA. The Draft 40km/h and 10km/h Shared Zones Masterplan was considered at the Council meeting on 26/8/19 (EPS04) and currently on public exhibition. The masterplan will assist Council in having a holistic approach to the roll out of 40km/h and 10km/h zones across the LGA as well as providing guide on how to prioritise the rollout as well assisting Council with any future grant applications for 40km/h and 10km/h zones.

Council was invited to submit applications under the RMS Safe Speeds in High Pedestrian Activity and Local Areas Program for funding in 2019/20. Council has been successful in gaining funding for the Kirribilli and Milsons Point 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area with traffic calming devices, for the 2019-20 financial year.

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol.

SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

The sustainability implications are of a minor nature and did not warrant a detailed assessment.

DETAIL

The project includes treatments to the road environment that will create a self-enforcing 40km/h speed environment. This includes entry threshold treatments at the entry to the HPA Area, raised threshold treatments in Broughton Street and Alfred Street South, and continuous footpath treatments at side streets along Broughton Street and Alfred Street South. A concept

plan of the scheme is attached.
The treatments will compliment and tie in with the streetscape upgrades proposed for the Kirribilli village Centre identified as part of Councils special rate variation application as well as the *Draft 40km/h and 10km/h Shared Zones Masterplan* considered at the Council meeting on 26/8/19 (EPS04) and currently on public exhibition.

The HPA Area relative to the *Draft 40km/h & 10km/h Shared Zones Masterplan* is illustrated in Figure 1. The 40km/h HPA Area will directly improve safety for pedestrians and in particular school children who walk to and from Milsons Point Train Station to the major high schools located in Kirribilli and Milsons Point. It is recognised by Council Officers that some of these schools are currently looking to develop and expand their campuses which was one of the factors that also led to this area being identified in Councils *Draft 40km/h & 10km/h Shared Zones Masterplan*. It is also recognised the *Draft 40km/h & 10km/h Shared Zones Masterplan* supports the increased visitation objectives that have been identified in the redevelopment of North Sydney Olympic Pool that is subject to a development application to be lodged shortly.

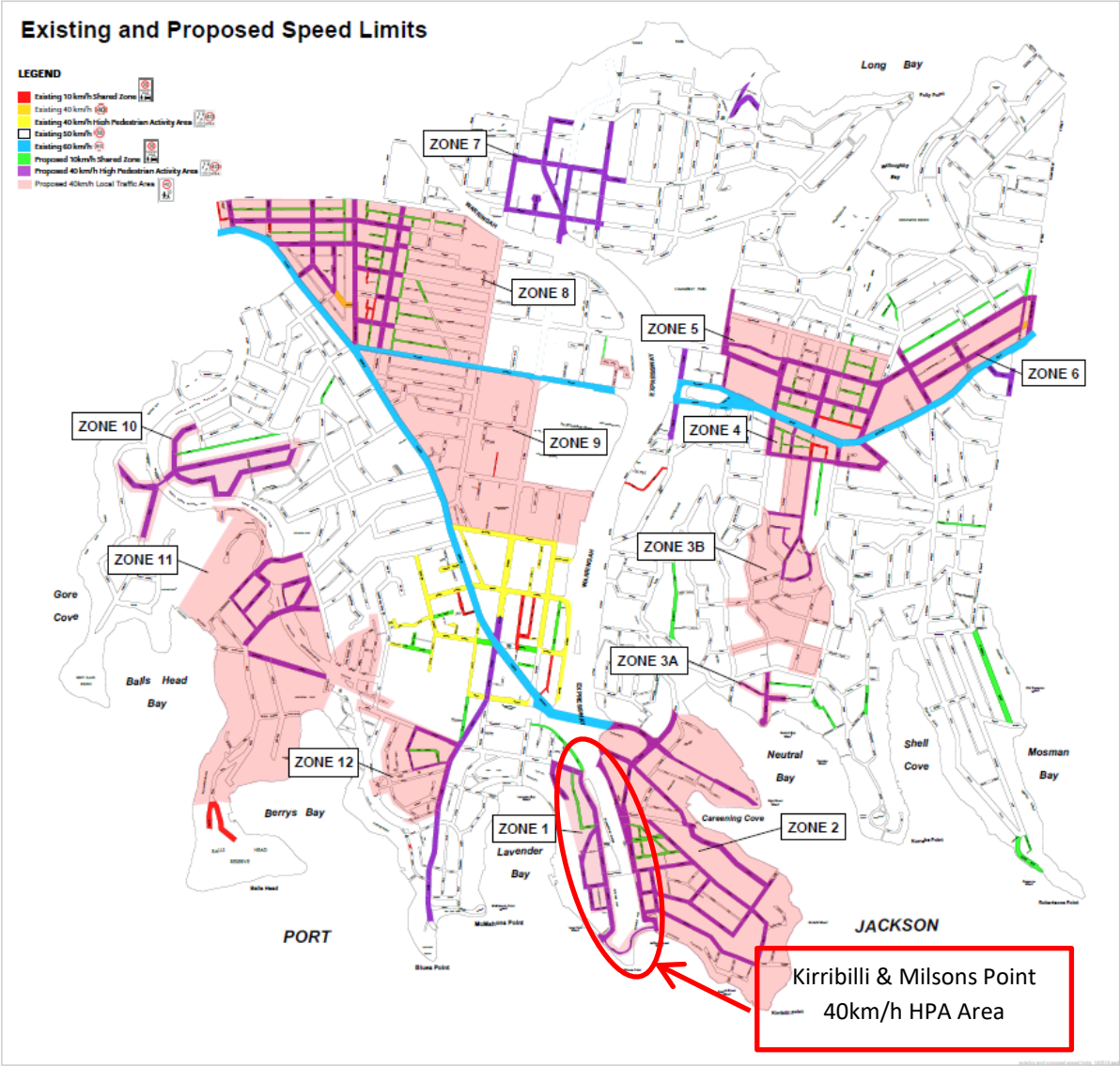


Figure 1 Relationship to Draft 40km/h and 10km/h Shared Zones Masterplan

Program

All works will be completed by 30 June 2020. The following is an indicative schedule for the project:

Phase	Schedule
Survey and Design	Oct 2019 – Jan 2020
Community Consultation	Nov – Dec 2019
Traffic Committee Approval	Feb 2020
Tender	Feb – Mar 2020
Construction	Mar 2020 – June 2020

Kirribilli/ Milsons Point 40km/h HPAA

