

State Transit's comments on the proposal are:

There is a recommendation for State Transit to introduce additional bus services on the route 387. Additional bus services within State Transit operations require the approval of Transport for NSW. Should additional services be required State Transit will apply for them as and if required.

State Transit does not agree to the opening of the slip lane from Birragga Rd into Victoria Rd during any period of the day to other traffic except buses. This slip lane acts as a bus priority against the general traffic. It would be impossible to enforce what traffic is generated as "School Traffic" to general traffic during the periods recommended in this report.

It is noted that the report states that State Transit has not been consulted on this point.

Another potential medium to longer term school access improvement measure which would also have similar benefits for the school access traffic would be a limited ('school peak times' access only) reopening of the current bus only roadway section of the school access road. This would require appropriate signage to be installed to restrict the traffic usage to 'STA buses and Bellevue Hill school traffic only, school days 8.45 am to 9.15 am and 3.15 pm to 3.45 pm' 'STA bus access only at other times'.

This potential change to the school access road traffic operations has not been discussed with Sydney Buses and/or Transport for NSW and would presumably also require an additional 'school traffic controller' to be present at the current school Zebra crossing to manage the combined school car and STA bus traffic flow during the main morning and afternoon school access times.

Regards

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