

THAT the proposed temporary full road closure of College Street, between Cameron Street and Trouton Street, Balmain from Tuesday, 7 September 2021 to Tuesday 30 November 2021 (contingency period 4 weeks) be approved for the proposed underground pipe works in College Street, Balmain subject to, but not limited to the following conditions:

- 1. A Road Occupancy License be obtained by the applicant from the Transport Management Centre;**
- 2. All affected residents and businesses, including NSW Police Area Command, Fire & Rescue NSW and the NSW Ambulance Services be notified in writing, by the applicant, of the proposed temporary full road closure at least 7 days in advance of the closure with the applicant making reasonable provision for stakeholders; and**
- 3. The occupation of the road carriageway must not occur until the road has been physically closed.**

For motion: Unanimous

LTC0821(1) Item 4 Tempe South Final Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Study (Midjuburi-Marrickville Ward/Heffron Electorate/Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

The Tempe South Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) study has been finalized for consideration and adoption.

This report was previously considered by the Traffic Committee on 19 April 2021 and was deferred 'until a determination regarding the signalized exit from Bunnings was received from the minister for Transport'.

Since the deferral, Council held meetings with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and Bunnings regarding vehicular access arrangements for the Tempe Bunnings site (728-750 Princes Highway, Tempe). A number of options were discussed, including the feasibility of traffic signals at the exit driveway in Princes Highway between Brooklyn Street and Foreman Street, to facilitate alternate vehicular access to and from Princes Highway. This option was not supported by TfNSW due to safety and network efficiency reasons, with Bunnings also indicating that they do not intend to modify their development consent and the approved layout design. Additionally, TfNSW did not support the provision of banning traffic from Smith Street into Union Street by signage as there is insufficient space to install a physical island to block travel.

Public Exhibition of the draft Tempe South LATM study was undertaken between November 2020 and January 2021, with community feedback and revised final recommendations as outlined in Attachment 1.

The revised recommendations mostly remain unchanged except Union Street, where an alternative treatment with minimal changes have been adopted by Council.

Having considered the submissions, a review was undertaken for a 'No Entry' treatment from Smith Street to Union Street at Princess Highway traffic signals, a shared zone treatment in Union Street and a partial road closure in Brooklyn Street. Further consultation for these treatments is required.

The remaining treatments were generally supported by the community, and these are

outlined in Appendix E: Engagement Outcomes Report.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT:

1. The final Tempe South Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Study and proposed treatments be noted;
2. The recommended treatments as outlined in Attachment 2 be adopted;
3. At grade contrasting pavement entrance treatment, installation of mountable kerbs, marked parking bays on both sides of the road be installed in Union Street between Princes Highway and Edwin Street. Further, a 40km/h speed limit zone be established in Union Street subject to approval from Transport for NSW;
4. Detailed design of the recommended treatments be reported back to the Traffic Committee; and
5. After a 12-month period following the issue of an Occupation Certificate for the Bunnings Development at 728-750 Princess Highway, a LATM review be undertaken by Council and reported back to the Traffic Committee.

DISCUSSION

Cr Macri stated that he had met with TfNSW representatives to discuss the LATM and the request for traffic signals on Princes Highway to provide controlled access to Bunnings and a one-way movement through Smith Street. TfNSW representatives at the meeting did not support the requested traffic signals due to close proximity to the existing signals, and also because the area has low pedestrian activity. Cr Macri commented that it is unsafe for motorists to cross three traffic lanes on Princes Highway to access the site and pedestrian movements across this driveway will increase when Bunnings is open. Due to the safety concerns and the impact to the area, Cr Macri proposed the Committee recommend that the item be deferred and Council refer the matter to the State Government for intervention.

The representative for the Member for Heffron commented that they had raised issues with the LATM at the May 2021 Committee meeting which have not been addressed by the proponent. The representative agreed with the concerns raised by Cr Macri and his recommendation.

Council Officers tabled an email from TfNSW outlining reasons for not supporting the requested traffic signals.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. **The final Tempe South Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Study and proposed treatments be deferred.**
2. **Council refer this matter to the State Government for intervention on the grounds of safety and unnecessary impact on local residents, businesses and Tempe Primary School.**

For motion: Cr Macri, Member for Heffron

Abstained: TfNSW

General Business