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Road: Cowan Road Suburb: Mount Colah
Locations: at the intersection with Belmont Parade and Pierre Close
and
near the intersection with Gray Street
File Ref: F2017/00340 LTC No: 29/2021
Electorate: HORNSBY
Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/Pu6m7ZHYjbQCF6Bc6>
<https://goo.gl/maps/CDoUiVipE3vpPx7Q8>
Subject: Proposed Installation of Two Pedestrian Refuges on Cowan Road
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REFERRAL OF TRAFFIC MATTER FOR COMMENT OR OBJECTION, IF ANY

SUMMARY

This report details the traffic implications, design and outcome of public consultation for the proposed installation of two pedestrian refuges in Cowan Road, Mount Colah at the intersection with Belmont Parade and Pierre Close **and** near the intersection with Gray Street.

SUBJECT

Council is considering constructing two pedestrian refuges in Cowan Road in Mount Colah, near the intersection with Belmont Parade and Pierre Close, and another near the intersection with Gray Street, to improve pedestrian safety at these locations. These locations are used by students from Mount Colah Public School (19-21 Telopea Street) as well as commuters accessing Mount Colah Train Station. The pedestrian refuges will allow pedestrians to cross the road in two stages, reducing their exposure to traffic. The refuges will also reduce the speed of traffic near the intersections. The devices would be located on existing pedestrian desire lines.

Council has considered the installation of marked pedestrian crossings at these locations, however the sites do not meet Transport for NSW pedestrian crossing warrants, therefore marked foot crossings cannot be provided at the present time.

The project will be delivered by Council as part of the *Federal Government Stimulus Commitment - Road Safety Program*.

Key features of the proposal are:

1. Installation of pedestrian refuge in Cowan Road near Belmont Parade
2. Installation of pedestrian refuge in Cowan Road near Gray Street
3. Reconstruction of adjoining paths and kerb ramps at the locations
4. Installation of 'No Stopping' restrictions at the locations, to ensure visibility between pedestrians and vehicles.

Note that approximately 13 parking spaces will be removed in total five (5) near Belmont Parade and eight (8) near Gray Street

5. Installation of warning signs and delineation of roadway

SUBJECT continued

A traffic study was undertaken on Cowan Road in late October 2021. It is noted that on 11 October NSW Government COVID-19 stay-at-home orders were lifted across NSW, so students were able to return to the school.

Traffic study summary:**Morning peak (8.15am – 9:15am)**

Pedestrians: 130 (pedestrians crossing Cowan Rd between Belmont Pde and Telopea St)
Vehicles: 270

Afternoon Peak (2.30pm – 3.30pm)

Pedestrians: 109 (pedestrians crossing Cowan Rd between Belmont Pde and Telopea St)
Vehicles: 181

Average annual weekday total (AAWT) – 1,032 vehicles

85th percentile speed – 48 km/h

41 vehicles exceeded the speed limit during the morning school zone time.

46 vehicles exceeded the speed limit during the afternoon school zone time.

CONSULTATION

In September 2021, Council invited comments on the proposal from nearby residents and Mount Colah Public School. Thirty-eight (38) letters were sent by mail or email, as well as emails to regulatory authorities and transport providers. The proposal was also placed on exhibition on Council's website for 14 days.

Nineteen (19) written responses were received. Eighteen (18) providing support and additional comments, and one (1) letter with thirteen (13) signatures objecting to the proposed pedestrian refuge near Gray Street.

The attached summary of submissions and Council's responses shows significant support for the project by the local community and school community, as well objections to the proposed refuge near Gray Street from a group of residents.

Copies of submissions are available upon request.

CONCLUSION

The submissions from residents and service providers have been addressed, resulting in minor amendments to the original proposal. The proposed pedestrian refuges in these locations are considered essential, to manage conflicting traffic and pedestrian movements near Mount Colah Public School. Detailed responses to submissions are included in the attached Consultation Summary report.

Pedestrian refuges are widely used throughout the NSW road network and are specifically designed to conform to the Transport for NSW (TfNSW) Technical Directions. The proposed pedestrian refuges will assist pedestrians to cross Cowan Road in two stages. Vehicles will continue to have priority at these locations as per the existing conditions. The islands will be two metres wide to ensure that cyclists and people with mobility aids and prams can fully shelter on it while crossing the road.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Installation of Two Pedestrian Refuges - Plans (2 pages)
2. Proposed Installation of Two Pedestrian Refuges - Consultation Summary (6 pages)

RECOMMENDATION THAT

1. the proposed pedestrian refuges, associated signs and markings in Cowan Road, Mount Colah near the intersection with Belmont Parade and Gray Street be approved for construction in accordance with plan No. LTC 29/2021 Project No. 100860.

Note for voting Local Traffic Committee members.

Under Transport for NSW 'Delegation of Functions to Regulate Traffic' (operation of local traffic committees) you are required to comment or indicate your acceptance or objection to the recommendation of this report. Your response must be submitted in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice. Please send your response via return email for the item, or email trafficbranch@hornsby.nsw.gov.au. For further information please contact Radek Zarzycki on 9847 6524. Upon receipt of your comments the matter will be referred to Council for action.

Radek Zarzycki
Chairman



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Comments Close Date: Wednesday, 24 November 2021, at 5:00pm