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Road: Bellevue Street
Suburb: Thornleigh
Location: West of Wood Street
File Ref: **F2005/00932**
LTC No: **2/2024**
Electorate: **WAHROONGA**
Google Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/k9hEJ2YMSGKchWuu6>
Subject: Proposed Pedestrian Crossing
Date of Circulation: Friday, 5 January 2024

REFERRAL OF TRAFFIC MATTER FOR COMMENT OR OBJECTION, IF ANY

SUMMARY

This report details the traffic implications of the proposed upgrade of existing kerb blisters to a formal Pedestrian Crossing in Bellevue Street, Thornleigh, west of Wood Street.

SUBJECT

Council has received numerous requests from residents and retailers to improve safety and pedestrian amenity in Bellevue Street at the existing unmarked pedestrian facility with kerb blisters near Wood Street. The kerb ramps and blisters were installed by Council at this location in 2009 (LTC approval 02/2009). At the time, the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) crossing warrants prevented Council from installing a marked foot crossing. The kerb blisters were provided with the intention that in the future (now) the crossing could be upgraded to a marked crossing at minimal cost.

The intersection of Bellevue Street and Wood Street is currently controlled by 'Stop' signs with priority given to traffic along Bellevue Street. The traffic volumes in Bellevue Street are 237 vehicles per hour west and 100 vehicles per hour east. The main pedestrian desire line lies access Bellevue Street in close proximity to Wood Street.

To improve safety of pedestrians, Council is proposing to install a marked pedestrian crossing at the existing pedestrian kerb blisters and footpath ramps in Bellevue Street near Wood Street. This upgrade will give pedestrians the priority over vehicles when crossing the road at this location.

Key features of the proposal are:

- Installation of painted 'Zebra' marked crossing lines and pedestrian crossing signs.
- Existing kerb blisters and kerb ramps will remain unchanged.
- Existing parking restrictions will remain unchanged.

A plan of the proposal is attached.

Pedestrian Crossing Warrants - New crossing guidelines

In the past, the installation of marked pedestrian crossings on local roads was controlled by a Transport for NSW (TfNSW) crossing warrant system. TfNSW has now recognised that the warrants were difficult to achieve on local roads. In September 2022, TfNSW released new Pedestrian Crossing Guidelines. As an alternative to the TfNSW warrants, councils may use the following pedestrian demand calculation:

- In each of two separate one-hour periods in a typical day, the pedestrian flow per hour (P) crossing the road is, or is expected to be, equal to or greater than 20.
- Children and elderly or mobility impaired pedestrians count as two pedestrians.

Site observations of the pedestrian movements in Bellevue Street confirmed that the location meets the TfNSW guidelines.

CONSULTATION

Public consultation has been conducted and Council invited comments on the initial proposal from residents, tenants, transport providers and authorities in July 2023. 43 letters were sent to retailers and residents and 9 letters to authorities. The proposal was also placed on Council's website for 14 days. In addition, VMS for the proposal was placed on the proposed site for two weeks to inform regular route users. During the consultation period, forty-three (43) submissions were received by Council. A *Public Consultation Summary* of the submissions and Council responses are attached to this report. Copies of the submissions are available upon request.

A table summarising the responses is provided below:

CONSULTATION continued

Support	Support with suggestions	Object
17	18	8

CONCLUSION

The submissions from residents and service providers have been addressed in the attached *Public Consultation Summary*.

A number of the submissions have suggested that the existing kerb blisters and kerb ramps be removed and replaced with a new crossing facility to align with the entrance to the shopping centre. Aligning crossings with entrances to doors is not recommended as it can increase the likelihood of injury. Pedestrians and often unsupervised children tend to walk / run out straight from the door on to the roadway and the crossing. Other suggestions related to provision of additional pedestrian facilities in Wood Street near Bellevue Street. The provision of pedestrian facility in Wood Street will be investigated and considered in future active transport improvement program. It has also been reported by the residents that drivers disobey the 'Stop' signs at the intersection of Bellevue Street and Wood Street, this matter has been referred to NSW Police for enforcement.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan of the proposal LTC 2/2024.
2. Public Consultation Summary.

RECOMMENDATION THAT

1. The existing kerb blisters with pedestrian ramps in Bellevue Street west of Wood Street be upgraded to a Marked Pedestrian Crossing as detailed in the report and attached plan.

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: Friday, 19 January 2024, at 5:00pm