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Road: Amor Street Suburb: Asquith
Location: West of Pacific Highway
File Ref: F2004/09756 LTC No: 14/2021
Electorate: HORNSBY
Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/3ixL7P6AKHGJVLEJ6>
Subject: Proposed Installation of Pedestrian Refuge Islands near Pacific Highway
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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 pedestrian refuge islands in Amor Street, Asquith near the Pacific Highway.

SUBJECT

Council is considering constructing a pedestrian refuge in Amor Street, west of Pacific Highway in Asquith to improve pedestrian safety at this location. The pedestrian refuge will allow pedestrians to cross the road in two stages reducing their exposure to traffic. The refuge will also reduce the speed of traffic near the intersection. The location of the device is on existing pedestrian desire line.

Council has considered the installation of a marked pedestrian crossing at this location; however, the site does not meet the Transport for NSW pedestrian crossing warrants in which case a marked foot crossing cannot be provided at the present time. Furthermore, the provision of a marked foot crossing near the highway may adversely impact on traffic flow at the intersection and could result in vehicles queueing onto the highway. 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 two concrete islands in Amor Street to form a pedestrian refuge.
2. Reconstruction of adjoining path and kerb ramps at the intersection.
3. Installation of 'No Stopping' restrictions to ensure visibility between pedestrians and vehicles at the intersection. Note that approximately 4 parking spaces will be removed.
4. Extension of existing 'Mail Zone' to better accommodate Australia Post vehicles.
5. Installation of warning signs and delineation of roadway.
6. Upgrade of existing 'Give Way' sign and delineation in Amor Street to 'Stop' facility.
7. Lane delineation in Amor Street on the approach to Pacific Highway.

A plan of the proposed pedestrian refuge is attached.

CONSULTATION

In June 2021, Council invited comments on the proposal from residents and occupiers. The proposal was also placed on exhibition on Council's website for 14 days. Sixty (60) letters were sent to nearby residents, occupiers and schools, as well as regulatory authorities and transport providers.

Twenty Five (25) written responses were received. Sixteen (16) providing support and additional comments, and Seven (7) objections also offering comments and proposing alternate solutions. A summary of the submissions and Council responses is attached to this report. Copies of submissions are available upon request.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Amor Street, Asquith - plan of proposed pedestrian refuge (4 pages)
2. Summary table of submissions / responses (1 page)

CONCLUSION

The submissions from residents and service providers have been addressed in the attached consultation summary report resulting in minor amendments to the original proposal. The proposed pedestrian refuge in this location is considered essential to manage conflicting traffic and pedestrian movements along this section of Amor Street. It is noted that future traffic and public domain improvements planned for Asquith will address issues raised in relation to operation of Wattle Street and improvements for pedestrians crossing Pacific Highway to access the train station.

RECOMMENDATION THAT

1. the proposed pedestrian refuge islands, associated signs and markings in Amor Street, Asquith near the intersection with Pacific Highway be approved for construction in accordance with plan No 100824 – 14.3.

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: Tuesday, 27 July 2021, at 5:00pm