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Road: Peats Ferry Road Suburbs: Hornsby and Asquith
Location: between Lodge Street, Hornsby and Wattle Street, Asquith
File Ref: F2014/00571-02 LTC No: 36/2020
Electorate: Hornsby UBD Ref:
Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/ARe1sZvMYqnosUDZ8>
Subject: Proposed Stage 1 of Asquith Public Domain Works
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REFERRAL OF TRAFFIC MATTER FOR COMMENT OR OBJECTION, IF ANY

SUMMARY

This report details the traffic implications of the Proposed Stage 1 of Public Domain Works including traffic calming, parking adjustments, urban landscaping, bus stops and road safety improvements along Peats Ferry Road, Asquith, between Lodge Street, Hornsby, and Wattle Street, Asquith.

SUBJECT

Hornsby Council has engaged consultant 'Oculus' to develop a proposal to improve the public domain along the Peats Ferry Road corridor in Hornsby and Asquith. The works consist of traffic calming, parking adjustments and adjustments to bus stops, in order to accommodate urban landscaping within the road reserve. The works are aimed at supporting the medium and high-density housing redevelopments between Lodge Street, Hornsby, and Wattle Street, Asquith, by providing tree canopy to shade the footpaths, shared paths and roadway, and to deliver scale to the medium density housing.

Peats Ferry Road between Galston Road and Pacific Highway has a 60 km/hr speed limit and is classified as a regional road, under the care and control of Hornsby Council. Traffic counts obtained in February 2020 (prior to COVID-19 traffic impacts) indicate a weekday average total of 11,984 vehicles, with the AM peak of 909 vehicles between 8am and 9am, and PM peak of 1003 vehicles between 5pm and 6pm. The 85th percentile speed measured along the section of Peats Ferry Road between Hyacinth Street and Bouvardia Street was 40.7km/h.

Stage 1 of the project consists of the following:

1. Installation of 4 landscaped kerb blister islands between Bouvardia Street and Wattle Street in the eastbound carriageway.
2. The bus stop on the north side of Peats Ferry Road just east of Bouvardia Street is to be removed and converted to on-street parking.
3. The existing bus shelter at the bus stop on the south side of Peats Ferry Road in front of the BP Service Station is to be set back away from the kerb, to provide additional footpath area and landscaping.
4. The bus stop in front of Asquith Boys High School is to be landscaped.
5. The number of parking spots will remain the unchanged. The amount of space needed for the construction of the landscaped kerb blister islands will be compensated with the removal of the existing bus stop provision. This has the support of the bus company as part of the rationalisation of bus stops along Peats Ferry Road.
6. Associated pavement delineation and traffic signs.

Plans of the proposal are attached.

CONSULTATION

Public Consultation for the proposal was undertaken by Council's Major Projects Branch, over three weeks, between 15 May and 8 June 2020.

(File Reference F2020/00130#01 - Roads - Design And Construction - Roads and Intersections - Peats Ferry Road Community Engagement - D07914786)

Over 700 letters were posted to residents of Peats Ferry Road, key stakeholders including Transport for NSW, State Transit Authority, NSW Police Ku-Ring-Gai Local Area Command and Transdev bus company.

The proposal was exhibited on Council's website and advertised in Asquith Boys High School newsletter.

8 responses were received, 1 from Transdev bus company and 7 via the online survey or email.

No responses were received which would warrant changes to the current design / proposal.

Copies of submissions are available upon request.

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Feedback received in relation to Stage 1 of the project is summarised below:

General Comment: 6 out of 8 responses supported the proposal with no changes.

Comment from Transdev NSW Bus Company: We would be keen to rationalise stops on the route in the area, I agree that this stop with ID 207732, should be removed.

Response: The existing bus stop spacing along Peats Ferry Road is relatively short with some bus stops located within 200m of each other. Rationalisation of bus stops will reduce the traffic conflict occurring at bus stops, improve the transport operations and free up on-street parking.

Comment: The BP Service Station raised concerns regarding sightlines that will be obstructed by the landscaping near the bus stop but supported the rest of the project.

Response: Council has reviewed the landscape plans confirming that that the proposed tree location complies with Australian Standards AS2890. Sight lines at driveways at the service station will remain appropriate.

CONSULTATION continued

Comment: Ausgrid raised concerns in relation to traffic flow, pole maintenance.

Response: Issues raised have been reviewed and the proposal complies with Australian Standards for lighting and road construction. Maintenance of Ausgrid assets on regional roads must be carried out under suitable traffic control.

CONCLUSION

The submissions from residents, BP Service Station and Ausgrid have been addressed in the report. The responses from the community show general support for the traffic calming, road safety and urban improvements along Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby and Asquith. The relatively low operating speeds of Peats Ferry Road provide appropriate traffic environment for the proposed public domain works.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Landscape Plan from Old Berowra Road to Wattle Street.
(Plan No HSC_PFR 002_L200)
2. Works Stage 1 - Bouvardia Street to Wattle Street.
(Plan No HSC_PFR 01_L211)
3. Bus Stop at Asquith Boys High School Landscape Details.
(Plan No HSC_PFR 01_L210)
4. Bus stop in front of BP Service Station Adjustments and Landscaping.
(Plan No OOH-102)
5. Signs and Linemarking Plan.
(Plan No 180045-SK-035)

RECOMMENDATION THAT

1. The Proposed Stage 1 of Asquith Public Domain Works of Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby and Asquith urban landscaping including landscaped blisters, parking adjustments, changes to bus stops and associated devices and parking restrictions be approved for construction in accordance with attached plans.

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: Thursday, 19 November 2020, at 5:00pm