

Relevant Information for Council

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TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

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THROUGH: Monica Barone PSM, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 7.4 - Victoria Street Public Domain Upgrade (Revised)

For Noting

This memo is for the information of the Lord Mayor and Councillors.

Purpose

To provide clarification about scope and design considerations for the proposed Victoria Street Public Domain Upgrade project.

Background

At the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee (and associated Public Forum) on 16 February 2026, further information was sought on the following:

Consideration of a through site link / arrangements with St John's Church

The parcel of land providing a connection between Victoria Street and Darlinghurst Road is under the private ownership of the Anglican Church Property Trust diocese of Sydney (St. John's Church). The paved section located to the north of the church is designated as a public easement, thereby granting the community right of access.

Loading zone access to shopfronts

Parking arrangements are currently being refined as part of the detailed design process. At this stage, there is no intention to remove existing loading zones, however, some may be relocated to better support local businesses and improve access and operational efficiency. Businesses will be consulted through the Local Pedestrian, Cycling, Traffic Calming and Transport Forum process, where any proposed changes to current conditions will be presented in updated plans, providing stakeholders with a clear opportunity to review and provide feedback.

Drainage pipe assessment/replacement

Connection of existing down pipes that discharge stormwater to the gutter will be included in the scope along with any new or additional property downpipes.

Changes to traffic leading to congestion

City staff have met with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) about the proposed traffic changes. They have provided in-principle support for the project to progress based on the information and traffic modelling provided. The traffic modelling indicates that overall service levels for vehicles will not be significantly reduced. The proposed changes are expected to promote safer driver behaviour and reinforce Victoria Street's role as a destination rather than a through-route.

Emergency vehicles left turn and potential safety issues

No changes are proposed to this arrangement. Emergency services have been consulted about the project. They support the proposal and have raised no concerns.

Requirement for the cycleway at this location

The inclusion of the cycleway aligns with Council's Cycling Strategy and Action Plan 2018-2030.

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