

**Item 15.****Traffic Treatment - Landscaped Median Strip - Victoria Road, Glebe**

TRIM Container No.: X1147304

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Forum review the installation of 2-metre-wide landscaped median islands in Victoria Road, Glebe, between Maxwell Road and Avenue Road.

**Forum Members for this Item**

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| City of Sydney                            |
| Transport for NSW                         |
| NSW Police – Leichhardt PAC               |
| Representative for the Member for Balmain |

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

**Background**

The Greening Sydney Strategy was adopted in July 2021 and sets a vision for a greener Sydney that will help improve our health and wellbeing, reduce urban heat impacts, and bring nature into the city. The strategy is made up of six key directions and 20 key actions. Streets account for 23 per cent of the total local government area (LGA). The target for streets as a collective land use area is 39 per cent green cover with a minimum of 34 percent canopy cover. To achieve the overall LGA targets a variety of measures are defined in Action 1 of the Greening Sydney Strategy. The City has committed to develop policies, programs, and projects to increase the number and type of street gardens, increase the number and type of inroad plantings, plant more street trees, and ensure the largest tree species appropriate for the space is planted.

The planting of trees within the road pavement area is an opportunity to increase tree canopy within the street network above that provided by typical planting within the verge. Planting in the roadway provides a range of benefits including traffic calming by narrowing roadway down and reducing speed, opportunity to install trees clear of overhead services, and the maximised shading of large areas of hardstand. As part of this strategy implementation, the proposal to install five raised median strips in Victoria Road, Glebe will provide space for planting of trees and general landscaping in the road.

## Comments

Victoria Road, Glebe is a 12.7 to 12.9 -metre-wide road with one traffic lane and one parking lane in each direction. The street provides local access to properties in Victoria Road.

The proposal to install five raised landscape median strips provide traffic calming measures to reduce speed and provide opportunity for tree planting.

The proposed raised median strips will vary in length (4.5 metres, 17 metres, 15.2 meters, 12 meters and 8.3 metre median islands) and be two metres wide, this will retain a 3-metre travel lane and minimum 2.2-metre-wide parking lane in both directions.

The proposed traffic treatments will provide space to plant eleven trees to provide shade and cool the street, improve the amenity in the street and contribute to the overall canopy cover of the area to meet the City's adopted greening targets.

## Traffic Calming

This proposal would help to improve general safety in the area by reducing the speed of traffic travelling along Victoria Road. This measure is part of the City's commitment to calm traffic and improve residential amenity.

## Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area between 24th November 2025 and 22nd December 2025. There were 800 letters sent out with 9 responses supporting the proposal and 2 responses opposing the proposal.

The issues addressed included: Lack of Pedestrian Lighting, Transport function and Bus operations and Road width constraints. The city responded to these concerns with a swept path analysis being undertaken to assess vehicle movements through the proposed layout, and this analysis confirmed that all required movements, including buses, were able to operate satisfactorily.

To address visibility and safety at night, all median islands will include retro-reflective white kerb markings to improve visibility for drivers and pedestrians.

With respect to bus operations, layover practices, and the broader role of Victoria Road and Maxwell Road within the local and regional transport network—including interactions with light rail—these matters fall under the jurisdiction of Transport for New South Wales.

**Financial**

All costs associated with the proposal will be borne by the City's Greening and Leisure Inroad Tree Planting Program under C22025.

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