

Item 13.**Traffic Treatment - Inroad Tree Planting - Various Locations**

TRIM Container No.: 2026/145245

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Forum review the installation of the following traffic treatments and parking changes to support the inroad tree planting program at various locations:

Table 1: Proposed Traffic Treatments and Parking Changes

Plan Ref.	Location	Proposed Traffic Treatment	Proposed Parking Changes
9366-11223999-SKT-175	Arthur Street, Forest Lodge	1x Kerb Blister (Reference 175-6 in this approval only)	No Parking Loss
9366-11223999-SKT-146	Allen Lane, Glebe	1x Kerb Blister	No Parking Loss
9366-11223999-SKT-098	Watson Street, Paddington	1x Kerb Blister	No Parking Loss
9366-11223999-SKT-136	Hennings Lane, Newtown	1x Kerb Blister	1x Parking Loss (Unrestricted)
9366-11223999-SKT-154	Rosebank Street, Glebe	1x Kerb Blister	No Parking Loss
9366-11223999-SKT-052	Hercules and Uther Streets, Surry Hills	2x Kerb Blisters	1x Parking Loss (Unrestricted, Ref 51-1)
9366-11223999-SKT-033	Campbell Street, Newtown (Ref 33-1)	1x Kerb Blister (Reference 33-1 in this approval only)	No Parking Loss

Forum Members for this Item

City of Sydney
Transport for NSW
NSW Police – All PACs
Representative for the Members for Sydney, Newtown, Heffron and Balmain

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

As part of the Inroad Tree Planting Program, the City proposes to install kerb blisters throughout the LGA as referenced from Table 1 above.

To achieve our adopted target of 27% canopy cover across the City of Sydney area, the City has set the following targets for the three main land use types:

- Streets - 34% canopy cover by 2050, (at 30.1% in 2024).
- Parks - 46% canopy cover by 2050, (at 35% in 2024).
- Private land - 20% canopy cover by 2050, (at 14.1% in 2024).

The canopy gap on our streets amounts to 24ha - the equivalent of 13.6 Sydney Cricket Grounds or around 3,000 trees. To fill this gap the city has been planting tree in streets through public domain upgrades and renewals, and the Inroad Planting Program.

Comments

The proposals align with the City's Street Tree Masterplan, Technical Direction and Sydney Streets Code.

The proposal supports with the following outcomes of the City's Community Strategic Plan Delivering Sustainable Sydney 2030–2025.

- 5.1 Street space is reallocated for people, places and planting

Consultation

The City consulted residents and businesses in the area. Letters were sent out for each location and the responses are summarised in the table below.

Plan ref	Total No. letters sent	Support	Object	Total responses	Objection Rate
9366-11223999-SKT-175	22	1	2	5 (includes 2 additional requests for further information)	9%
9366-11223999-SKT-146	65	0	4	4	6%
9366-11223999-SKT-098	18	1	1	2	6%
9366-11223999-SKT-136	59	0	3	3	5%
9366-11223999-SKT-154	30	2	1	3	3%
9366-11223999-SKT-052	97	0	2	2	2%
9366-11223999-SKT-033	66	0	0	0	0%

Several matters were raised through the community engagement process. The objections primarily related to the following concerns: potential parking impacts and perceived loss of amenity; the function of laneways as critical access and service corridors; questions regarding the effectiveness of the proposed traffic calming and safety benefits; and concerns about tree species selection, ongoing maintenance, and long-term management. Each objector was provided with individual correspondence addressing their specific concerns.

In response to concerns regarding access, safety and servicing, in-road tree planting proposals are designed to maintain clear and functional travel lanes capable of accommodating emergency services, waste collection vehicles, delivery vehicles and other standard service movements. Where required, swept-path assessments are undertaken prior to construction to confirm that vehicle movements remain achievable. Existing approved driveway access is retained in all designs, and layouts are prepared to allow

residents, service providers and waste collection vehicles to continue to safely access properties.

In response to the purpose of more trees and tree type, the City is working towards a long-term vision for a greener and more climate-resilient city through the Greening Sydney Strategy (adopted July 2021). This strategy sets targets to increase overall green cover to 40% and achieve a minimum of 27% tree canopy across the local government area by 2050. Increasing canopy in streets and laneways is one of several approaches Council is using to help reduce urban heat, improve environmental outcomes and enhance neighbourhood amenity, particularly in areas with limited opportunities for greening. All tree species proposed as part of the program are selected in accordance with the City's Street Tree Master Plan (2023), subject to tree supply availability. This plan was developed following technical assessment and extensive community consultation and considers factors such as root behaviour, canopy form, infrastructure constraints and long-term maintenance requirements.

Financial

Funds are available in the current Inroad Tree Planting budget, under financial code C22025.

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