

Item 4.**Item for Information - Inroad Tree Planting Proposals Approved Through Direct Staff Delegation - Various Locations**

TRIM Container No.: 2026/064101

For Information

It is recommended that the Forum note the following traffic treatments and parking changes approved under Delegation 72b) of the Register of Delegations from CEO to directors and staff (18 December 2025) and in accordance with the TfNSW Instrument of Delegation and Authorisation Traffic Management and Pedestrian Works Temporary Delegation to Councils No. 2.

These changes are proposed to support the inroad tree planting program at various locations in the LGA.

Table 1: Location of kerb blisters

Plan Ref.	Location	Proposed Traffic Treatment	Proposed Parking Changes
9366-11223999-SKT-013	Grafton Street, Chippendale	2x Kerb blisters	No parking losses
9366-11223999-SKT-020	Prospect Street, Erskineville	1 x kerb blister	Loss of 1 parking space
9366-11223999-SKT-041	Stirling Street, Redfern	1 x kerb blister	Loss of 1 parking space
9366-11223999-SKT-115	Oswald Lane, Darlinghurst	2x Kerb blisters	No parking losses
9366-11223999-SKT-128	Wattle Lane, Ultimo	1x Kerb blister	No parking losses
9366-11223999-SKT-138	Gowrie Street, Newtown	2x Kerb blisters	No parking losses
9366-11223999-SKT-143	Ada Street, Erskineville	1x Kerb blister	No parking losses
9366-11223999-SKT-178	Poplar Street, Surry Hills	1x Kerb blister	No parking losses

Plan Ref.	Location	Proposed Traffic Treatment	Proposed Parking Changes
9366-11223999-SKT-188	Wilshire Street, Surry Hills	3x Kerb blisters	No parking losses
9366-11223999-SKT-001	Cowper Street, Glebe	1x Kerb blisters, 1x in footway (not part of this approval)	No parking losses
9366-11223999-SKT-004	Greek Street, Glebe	3x Kerb blisters	No parking losses
9366-11223999-SKT-012	Dangar Place, Chippendale	1x Kerb blisters	No parking losses
9366-11223999-SKT-024	Devine Street, Erskineville	1x Kerb blisters	Loss of 1 parking space
9366-11223999-SKT-033	Campbell Street, Newtown	1x Kerb blisters (Reference 33-3 in this approval only)	No parking losses
9366-11223999-SKT-071	Goodchap Street, Surry Hills	1x Kerb blisters	No parking losses
9366-11223999-SKT-074	Ann Street, Surry Hills	1x Kerb blister	No parking losses
9366-11223999-SKT-080	Sparkes Street, Camperdown	1x Kerb blister	No parking losses
9366-11223999-SKT-109	Clement Street, Rushcutters Bay	1x Kerb blister	No parking losses
9366-11223999-SKT-118	Hargrave Street, Darlinghurst	1x Kerb blisters	No parking losses
9366-11223999-SKT-119	Robinson Street, Woolloomooloo	2x Kerb blisters	Loss of 1 parking space
9366-11223999-SKT-127	Hackett Street, Ultimo	2x Kerb blisters	No parking losses
9366-11223999-SKT-175	Arthur Street, Forest Lodge	1x Kerb blisters	No parking losses

Plan Ref.	Location	Proposed Traffic Treatment	Proposed Parking Changes
9366-11223999-SKT-191	Jones Lane, Rosebery	2x Kerb blisters	Loss of 1 parking space
9366-11223999-SKT-002	Cowper Street, Glebe	2x Kerb blisters	No parking losses
9366-11223999-SKT-067	Marlborough Street, Surry Hills	1x Kerb blisters	No parking losses
9366-11223999-SKT-125	Union Lane, Pyrmont	2x Kerb blisters	No parking losses

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 several 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.

The plans of the proposed works are attached.

Consultation

Plan ref	Location	Total No. letters sent	Support	Object	Total responses	Objection Rate
9366-11223999-SKT-013	Grafton Street, Chippendale	150	1	0	1	0%
9366-11223999-SKT-020	Prospect Street, Erskineville	62	1	0	1	0%
9366-11223999-SKT-041	Stirling Street, Redfern	61	1	0	1	0%
9366-11223999-SKT-115	Oswald Lane, Darlinghurst	26	0	0	0	0%
9366-11223999-SKT-128	Wattle Lane, Ultimo	53	0	0	0	0%
9366-11223999-SKT-138	Gowrie Street, Newtown	53	1	0	1	0%
9366-11223999-SKT-143	Ada Street, Erskineville	74	1	0	1	0%
9366-11223999-SKT-178	Poplar Street, Surry Hills	8	4	0	4	0%

Plan ref	Location	Total No. letters sent	Support	Object	Total responses	Objection Rate
9366-11223999-SKT-188	Wilshire Street, Surry Hills	144	1	0	1	0%
9366-11223999-SKT-001	Cowper Street, Glebe	136	0	0	0	0%
9366-11223999-SKT-004	Greek Street, Glebe	155	1	0	1	0%
9366-11223999-SKT-012	Dangar Place, Chippendale	340	4	0	4	0%
9366-11223999-SKT-024	Devine Street, Erskineville	62	3	0	3	0%
9366-11223999-SKT-033	Campbell Street, Newtown	66	0	0	0	0%
9366-11223999-SKT-071	Goodchap Street, Surry Hills	67	1	0	1	0%
9366-11223999-SKT-074	Ann Street, Surry Hills	95	0	0	0	0%
9366-11223999-SKT-080	Sparkes Street, Camperdown	159	0	2	2	1%
9366-11223999-SKT-109	Clement Street, Rushcutters Bay	125	1	0	2	1%
9366-11223999-SKT-118	Hargrave Street, Darlinghurst	213	0	0	0	0%

Plan ref	Location	Total No. letters sent	Support	Object	Total responses	Objection Rate
9366-11223999-SKT-119	Robinson Street, Woolloomooloo	45	2	0	2	0%
9366-11223999-SKT-127	Hackett Street, Ultimo	126	1	0	1	0%
9366-11223999-SKT-175	Arthur Street, Forest Lodge	20	1	0	1	0%
9366-11223999-SKT-191	Jones Lane, Rosebery	188	0	2	2	1%
9366-11223999-SKT-002	Cowper Street, Glebe	36	0	0	0	0%
9366-11223999-SKT-067	Marlborough Street, Surry Hills	28	1	0	1	0%
9366-11223999-SKT-125	Union Lane, Pyrmont	77	0	1	1	1%

The City consulted with residents and businesses about the proposed changes in each location. The responses are summarised in the table below.

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.

In response, 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.

The City also recognises the importance of maintaining sightlines, passive surveillance and safe environments within laneways. Planting locations and tree forms are selected to minimise impacts on visibility, with ongoing pruning and canopy lifting undertaken where required in accordance with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles. It is noted the trees proposed within the intersection “No Stopping” zones will have trunk diameters of 200 mm or less and are not expected to affect intersection sight lines. Austroads guidelines indicate that tree trunks less than 200 mm in diameter are considered minor obstructions and do not adversely impact sight lines.

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

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