

Item 17.**Traffic Treatment and Parking - Road Closure - Hayden Lane, Darlinghurst****TRIM Container No.:** 2026/476153**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Forum review the following traffic treatment and parking changes in Darlinghurst as part of the works associated with the Victoria Street Public Domain Upgrades:

- (A) Closure of Hayden Lane between Liverpool Street and to the end of the street;
- (B) Footpath extension of the footpath on the north side of Liverpool Street across Hayden Lane and an installation of a kerb ramp to allow goods and deliveries to be wheeled from the parking spaces to properties on Hayden Lane and Victoria Street; and
- (C) Reallocation of parking for two spaces on the northern side of Liverpool Street, west of Victoria Street as “Loading Zone Ticket 15min Limit 8am-6pm Mon- Fri 8am-12pm Sat” and “4P Ticket All Other Times (1/4P Free)”.

Forum Members for this Item

City of Sydney
Transport for NSW
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Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

In August 2026, the Forum reviewed and supported the proposed pedestrian and cycling improvements for Victoria Street, Darlinghurst. As part of the project, the City of Sydney proposes to formalise Hayden Lane as a pedestrian-priority space by closing the laneway to

vehicular traffic, extending footpaths and improving access to on-street parking spaces to service the nearby businesses.

Comments

Hayden Lane is a narrow laneway and currently functions as a community garden, with planting along both sides of the lane. The proposed "No Entry" restriction and footpath extension with kerb ramp will formalise the pedestrianisation of Hayden Lane by eliminating through traffic and making it safer for people walking and visiting the area.

The proposed loading zone and kerb ramp will allow people to pick-up and drop-off passengers or can be occupied by trucks, vans and utility vehicles carrying out deliveries via Hayden Lane and for nearby businesses.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. A total of 82 consultation letters were distributed, resulting in 35 submissions, including two late submissions. There were 18 submissions were from individuals who identified themselves as visitors to Hayden Lane.

Of the submissions received, 34 supported the closure of Hayden Lane. One objection was received regarding restricted vehicle access for building maintenance activities and access to underground infrastructure, including the sewer line, which may require maintenance vehicle access via Hayden Lane. Maintenance access will continue to be accommodated. Property owners and utility providers may apply for approval to temporarily occupy the footpath or roadway to facilitate maintenance and infrastructure works when required.

A further submission requested that the existing No Parking space be retained for passenger pick-up and drop-off activities and expressed concern that the proposed loading zone may not always be available for these purposes.

Financial

Appropriate funding for the proposal will be secured once greater certainty on the construction timeline is reached.

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