



THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY
CLOVER MOORE

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By email friends@friendsoferskineville.org

Dear [redacted]

Bridge Street

Thank you for meeting with me on August 6 at Bridge Street to discuss your concerns about changes to the footpath there and access to Erskineville Public School.

Bridge Street footpath

Following your feedback about the new concrete footway and green verge works, the City of Sydney is installing passing zones along the footway on both sides of Bridge Street at intervals of no more than 20 metres. The passing zones will be a minimum of 2 metres long and be the width of the footway. On the west side of the street the existing stepping stone pavers will be removed and greening will be adjusted to suit the new passing zones.

City staff will closely monitor this arrangement and will carry out further adjustments if they are needed.

Access to Erskineville Public School

I have asked staff to investigate changing parking conditions in order to establish a kiss and ride area in Malcolm Street. I agree that this change would reduce traffic on Bridge Street, allowing pedestrians and cyclists to better use the street, increase safety and allow for smoother drop-offs and pick-ups on Malcolm Street.

We will also look into removing all P5 parking spaces on Bridge Street and moving those spaces to Malcolm Street. City staff will also consider changing unrestricted parking areas on Malcolm Street to 2P parking, which would not affect permit holders on Malcolm Street. Any changes to kerbside parking will require consultation with nearby residents, as well as approval from the Local Pedestrian Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee.

To establish a kiss and ride area in Malcolm Street, the school would need to make some changes to the entry at Malcolm Street to improve safety and accessibility. Some gates on Malcolm Street would have to be upgraded to comply with safety, the school would need to improve accessibility to the Malcolm Street entrance by installing a ramp, and before and after school care would need to use the Malcolm Street entry. City staff will arrange to meet with the school to discuss what is needed.

Bicycle parking and seating on Bridge Street

I have asked staff to investigate possible options for bicycle parking and seats in Bridge Street in the vicinity of the new railway station entry point.

Making Bridge Street a shared zone

As City staff explained at the meeting, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) rarely approves shared zones in areas that look like streets. The road surface appearance can be changed in keeping with their requirements, however TfNSW generally only consider locations for shared zones where there is no footway of at least 1.2m in width.

The potential relocation of the P5 zone from Bridge Street to Malcolm Street may mean TfNSW will be more amenable to the idea. We will contact them to request they make Bridge Street a shared zone.

If you would like to speak with a Council officer about the City's investigations, you can contact Peter Shields, Chief Engineer, on 02 9265 9333 or at pshields@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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