

Nowra CBD Revitalisation Strategy Committee

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 05 September, 2018

Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra

Time: 4.00pm

Addendum Agenda

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HPERM Ref: D18/305940

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Attachments: 1. Consultation - O'Keefe Ave Traffic Lights [↓](#)

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the proposed position of the O'Keefe Avenue traffic lights be moved slightly west to coincide with the Nowra Taxi Rank location.

Details

The current proposal is to site the proposed traffic lights aligned with the current crossing.

The current position of the crossing in reality supports only one centre. By removing the current crossing and replacing with traffic lights in line with the Nowra Taxi Rank station, the new positioning would suit more pedestrians (shoppers utilising shops/services south of the current) and those patrons from the Shoalhaven Ex-Serviceman's Club.

Director – Assets & Works comments:

This is a project that Council is applying for grant funding in the 2019/20 financial year. It still needs to be reviewed by RMS and the Centre for Road Safety and Council will not know until next year if our application is successful.

The current shopping arrangement (pedestrian access to Coles) makes this location the preferred crossing site for pedestrians and until this desire line is addressed pedestrians will continue to cross at this location. This project is about addressing a real, current safety issue.

Traffic Lights at the Junction and O'Keefe intersection are part of a preferred long term strategic option for CBD improvements.

As indicated in Attachment 1, Council is interested in receiving the community's opinion regarding this project.

Dear Property Owner

**Road Safety Project Nominated for delivery in 2019/20
O'Keefe Ave**

As a nearby or adjacent landowner I write to you to advise of a road safety project that has been nominated for delivery in the 2019/20 financial year under various Federal and State grant funding programs and welcome your feedback.

The \$150,000 project proposes to remove the existing pedestrian crossing in O'Keefe Ave and replace with pedestrian signals.

In the 5 year period between July 2012 and June 2017 there were 5 crashes along O'Keefe Ave from North St to Junction St, 2 of which involved a pedestrian.

The pedestrian-traffic signals are proposed as a higher order pedestrian treatment (greater pedestrian safety) as well as a better means of managing traffic congestion than the existing pedestrian crossing (which assigns priority to pedestrians, as opposed to more fairly balancing the priority between pedestrians and traffic). This is proposed to address the traffic congestion whilst providing more protection for pedestrians.

This is very preliminary advice as the projects have just been nominated and Council is unlikely to receive notification of any approvals until June in 2019. When Council is made aware of the outcome of the applications we will further advise.

At this stage however Council is interested in receiving your opinion in regards to this project. It would be appreciated if your comments in writing could be received by *[a Friday at least four weeks from the date of the letter]*.

I can be contacted directly on (02) 4429 3142. Written comments can be forwarded to Council's General Manager via email (council@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au) or in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Please quote Council's reference 28099E (D18/xxxxx).

