

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC AGENDA A

An Ordinary Meeting of City of Parramatta Council will be held in PHIVE (COUNCIL CHAMBER) COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 5 PARRAMATTA SQUARE, PARRAMATTA on Monday, 9 October 2023 at 6:30PM.

Gail Connolly PSM
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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After the conclusion of the Council Meeting, and if time permits, Councillors will be provided an opportunity to ask questions of staff.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM NUMBER	15.1
SUBJECT	Parramatta Light Rail Accessibility and Safety Concerns for People with Visual Impairment
REFERENCE	F2022/03176 - D09141406
REPORT OF	Councillor

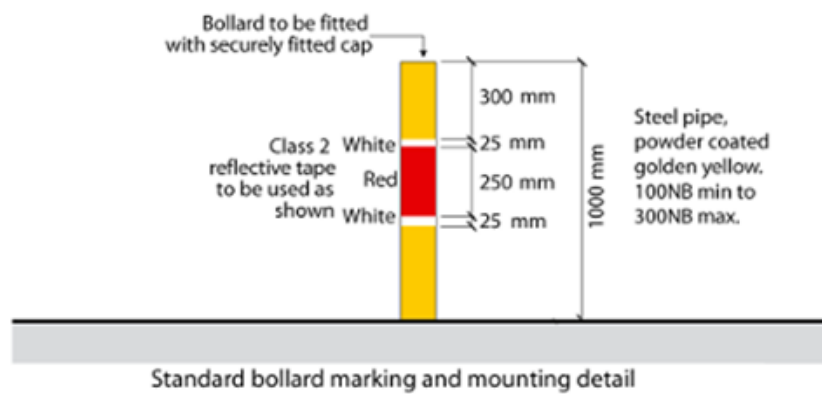
QUESTION WITH NOTICE:

On 11 July 2022, Council resolved to advocate for the NSW Government to ensure that PLR Stage 2 is designed to an inclusive and accessible standard, acknowledging people with a guide dog are unable to safely navigate along Church Street following the installation of Parramatta Light Rail.

Can you please provide an update on what has happened since this resolution, including measures to mitigate the safety issues?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CITY PLANNING AND DESIGN RESPONSE

1. Council initiatives to identify measures to mitigate these safety issues to date, has included meeting on a number of occasions with representatives of Guide Dogs Australia and a member of the community who has been impacted by the change of pavement in Church Street. Council officers have also met Transport for NSW (TNSW) representatives on site at Macquarie St and Church St to observe the issues regarding accessibility and safety concerns for people with visual impairment.
2. TNSW has indicated that Church St was designed as a rail and pedestrian environment and construction certified by the Independent Certifier. TNSW has indicated that the design and construction is compliant with accessibility standards, and that the certified design cannot be changed to provide a traditional kerb and gutter arrangement.
3. Notwithstanding, based on the joint meeting of TNSW and Council, placement of markings on intersection bollards was trialled at the cost of TNSW. However, these markings have faded.
4. In discussion with Guide Dogs Australia, Council has sought agreement from TNSW and the rail operator for an alternative solution, by placing reflective tape on the existing bollards (per the below diagram) as a measure to help with locating the street crossings for those with limited vision. Council officers are pursuing this outcome, which will require monitoring to assess the effectiveness of the measure.

Figure 7.10: Details of a bollard and U-rail**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

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ITEM NUMBER	15.2
SUBJECT	Protection from Extreme Heat
REFERENCE	F2022/03176 - D09150370
REPORT OF	Councillor

QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Given the recent official Bureau of Meteorology's declaration of an El Niño event affecting Australia and the arising extreme heat events that are expected to be exacerbated by climate change, what measures is Council planning to advise the public to take to mitigate related serious health impacts, and to adapt to such extreme heat conditions?

A/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY ASSETS AND OPERATIONS RESPONSE:

1. The City of Parramatta will continue to promote swimming during the warmer months at both Lake Parramatta and our two aquatic centres. Council will prepare social media and community news posts on dealing with heat waves, including cooling of homes and seeking refuge in air-conditioned locations such as libraries, especially for those most vulnerable.
2. There is further planning work being led by WSROC's Greater Sydney Heat Taskforce program, funded through the joint Australian Government–NSW Government National Partnership Agreement on Disaster Risk Reduction. WSROC will develop a Heatwave Management Guide to support western Sydney councils to plan for extreme heat, identifying barriers, and areas where greater support is needed from other levels of government. Council will utilise these resources as required.

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There are no attachments for this report.

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QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM NUMBER	15.3
SUBJECT	Questions Taken on Notice at the 25 September 2023 Council Meeting
REFERENCE	F2022/03176 - D09154394
REPORT OF	Council Secretariat & Policy Officer

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Clr Bradley asked a question on Item 12.1 relating to the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting on 11 September 2023.

- [Is it possible to have a briefing about the update for the review of the Regulatory Enforcement Policy to reduce non-compliance?](#)

Executive Director Finance and Information response

A draft of the Regulatory Enforcement Policy is being finalised for inclusion on the agenda for the Policy Review Committee meeting held on 25 October 2023.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Clr Prociv asked a question on item 12.1 Recognition of Country Signage in Parks and Reserves.

- [Can the CEO review and update the major entry points in the table in Attachment 2 of the report?](#)

Acting Executive Director City Assets and Operations response

The Manager for Parks and Open Spaces and the Manager for Place Services have liaised relative to the request for the review of the Recognition of Country Signage in Parks and Reserves and will seek and provide updates via the Ward Briefings to enable Councillor input.

Clr Davis asked a question on Item 16.1 Tender ITT 17/2023 Provision of Cleaning Services for Council Assets

- [Can an audit be provided of the current cleaning contractor in particular the current contractor for 126 Church St and the treatment of the waste.](#)

Executive Director Property and Place response

ServiceFM cleaners collect general waste and recycling waste from Council tenanted levels at 126 Church Street, Parramatta.

Uncontaminated waste is segregated into different bags when collecting from each level. This waste is taken down to the basement where the general waste is placed into the red lidded bins. These plastic bags are identified as general waste as they are tied up when removing from the waste bins. Recycling waste bags are left untied to identify as recycling and emptied into the yellow lidded bins.

Marina Cavar
Council Secretariat & Policy Officer

Gail Connolly
Chief Executive Officer

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