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Re: Pedestrianisation of George Street between Hunter and Alfred Streets

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Dear Kim,

Thank you for your letter dated 18th May 2022, regarding the City of Sydney's (the City) proposal to further extend the pedestrianisation of George Street between Hunter and Alfred Streets.

Transport for NSW and the City of Sydney have worked in partnership over many years to deliver the CBD and South East Light Rail and pedestrianise George Street between Central and Hunter Street, which has transformed George Street into a place for people and public transport.

The proposed extension of the pedestrianisation of George Street presents another opportunity to extend this positive collaboration between the City and Transport for NSW, which has seen this transformation of George Street over the last several years.

We are supportive in-principle of the City's vision to further extend the pedestrianisation of George Street between Hunter and Alfred Streets in two stages and will continue work with the City on the specific detail to do so.

In relation to Stage 1 of the City's proposal – Hunter Street to Bridge Street, Transport for NSW supports this proposal moving forward to implementation given the combined work undertaken to date in preparation. Transport for NSW is looking forward to working with the City to ensure Stage 1 provides the significant public space and transport outcomes of the previous pedestrianised stages.

In relation to Stage 2 of the City's proposal – Bridge Street to Alfred Street, Transport for NSW supports the proposal in-principle, with further work to be undertaken with the City to:

- determine the most appropriate timing for implementation of Stage 2, following consideration of the required access arrangements for the multiple city-shaping developments currently under construction in the City North and the Circular Quay Precinct Renewal project announced as part of the 2022-23 NSW Budget; and
- work with Placemaking NSW, Ports Authority of NSW, NSW Police and other interested stakeholders on access arrangements for the Overseas Passenger Terminal.

Following these additional considerations, Transport for NSW and the City can confirm implementation of the Stage 2 – Bridge Street to Alfred Street.

With regard to interface arrangements and associated fees for possessions of the Sydney Light Rail, the arrangements utilised for the recent works between Bathurst Street to Central worked well and we would seek to utilise a similar framework and approach. Further discussions can be progressed with the City on establishing the required agreements for this work.

In relation to the request that Transport for NSW funds temporary traffic management associated with the delivery, further discussion will need to be progressed to understand the potential costs associated with them and the specific timing when confirmed.

I suggest that we establish a working group to further progress the specifics of Stage 2 of the City's proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Trudi Mares".

Trudi Mares

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