

**ITEM MAYORAL MINUTE - MAYORAL MINUTE - UPGRADE
OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS : GREAT NORTH ROAD,
FIVE DOCK AND WAREEMBA**

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REPORT

A review of all pedestrian crossings in the City of Canada Bay during 2011 was undertaken. That review identified that the crossings in Great North Road at Henry Street, Halley Street and Coranto Street were “A” priority locations.

At its meeting of 6th December 2011 Council resolved to prepare designs and estimates for the upgrade of those crossings in the 2012/13 Capital Works Program. These items were deferred from Councils Capital Works Program for that year as advice was received that State Funding might be made available.

I have been advised that despite initial resistance from the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) representatives to provide a raised crossing at Henry Street funding will be made available this financial year and Council has been asked to provide a design and estimate for this crossing. Unfortunately no funding has been made available for the Halley Street and Coranto Street crossings.

The Halley Street crossing and Coranto Street Crossing have been prioritised as “A” due to the high risk factors identified. This assessment is based on criteria including accident record, pedestrian volume, vehicle volume, approach speed, sight distances, complaint record and whether they are used by children.

Those Councillors familiar with the location of these crossings would be aware that the Halley Street crossings, provides access to many children attending All Hallows School and the Coranto Street crossing in Wareemba Shopping precinct is heavily used by local residents with the location of the bus stop increasing the hazard for pedestrians when crossing Great North Road at this point.

The State Government will not be providing any additional funding to upgrade these pedestrian crossings, and as consideration to exclude these crossings from Councils 2011/12 Capital Works list was based upon advice that potential funding may be available. I seek Councillors support in prioritising the delivery of raised crossings at Halley Street and Coranto Street, so as to improve the safety for pedestrians who cross at these points.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council provide \$75K funding for the provision of raised crossings at the “A” priority crossings identified at Great North Road, Halley Street and Great

North Road, Coranto Street to improve the safety for residents and school children who cross at these points.

