ITEM 29. CAR SHARE – LAWSON STREET REDFERN

TRIM RECORD NO: 2014/493017

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the northern side of Lawson Street, Redfern between the points 35.4 metres and 40.4 metres (1 car space) west of Eveleigh Street as "No Parking Car Share Vehicles Excepted" subject to the following:

(A) The City will only install signage for the car share space when GoGet has a car to occupy the space.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

The City is committed to providing dedicated parking for car sharing across the Local Government Area as part of a Council approved Car Share Policy. A submission has been received from GoGet for a car share space in Lawson Street, west of Eveleigh Street.

COMMENTS

Part of the kerb space on the northern side of Lawson Street, Redfern between Ivy Lane and Eveleigh Street is currently signposted as "½P 8.30am-6pm Mon-Fri". This ½ hour restriction is no longer required for the adjacent properties.

The car share space will be installed and managed in accordance with the Roads and Maritime Service's Technical Direction 2007/04 and the provisions of the Council-approved Car Share Policy.

Car sharing is popular in more than 600 cities worldwide, and research has shown substantial environmental benefits. Car sharing reduces total urban driving, reduces household vehicle holdings, and increases walking, cycling and public transport use.

On average, each car share vehicle in the City can replace up to 12 private vehicles that would otherwise compete for parking. In the twelve months to April 2014, membership in the City has risen by around 418 members per month.

Current membership is approximately 22,963 of which 6,307 are business members.

As of November 2014, there were 178 GoGet car share members within a 250 metre radius of this location with seven members in Little Eveleigh Street, 30 members in Lawson Street, and three members in Gibbons Street.

Within a 250 metre radius of this location, there are currently three spaces allocated for GoGet car share vehicles.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 64 letters sent out with one response supporting the proposal and no responses opposing the proposal.

Originally the City proposed for the car share space to be installed in lieu of an existing 2 hour permit parking. However, during consultation it was identified that the adjacent $\frac{1}{2}$ hour restriction was no longer required and therefore, the car share was relocated to replace this restriction.

FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Car Share – Lawson Street Redfern

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