ITEM 49. PARKING – BUS ZONE – LAWSON SQUARE AND REDFERN STREET REDFERN

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/437031

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following reallocation of kerb space on the northern side of Redfern Street, Redfern:

- (A) Between the points 18 metres and 48 metres (five car spaces) east of Regent Street as "Bus Zone";
- (B) Between the points 5 metres and 23 metres (three car spaces) east of Renwick Street as "P15 Min Funeral Vehicles Excepted"; and
- (C) Between the points 23 metres and 41 metres (three car spaces) east of Renwick Street as "Loading Zone".

DECISION

BACKGROUND

The Bus Stops on the northern side of Lawson Square, between Gibbons and Regent Streets, and northern side of Redfern Street, between Renwick and George Streets, have been considered for consolidation to a new location on the northern side of Redfern Street, between Regent and Renwick Streets.

The consolidation of the Bus Stops will provide an opportunity to improve the streetscape of Lawson Square with proposed new cycle facilities that would improve access and safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

The consolidation of the Bus Stops into the new location in Redfern Street would require parking reallocation on the northern side of Redfern Street, between Regent and George Streets.

COMMENTS

The proposed changes were presented at the LPCTCC meeting on 16 September 2015. The Committee resolved to defer the item to enable an on-site meeting to be held between representatives from the City, Roads and Maritime Services, Sydney Buses, Australia Post and Joseph Medcalf Funeral Services.

The on-site meeting was held on 24 September 2015 during which Sydney Buses confirmed that only the proposed bus stop location is feasible due to maximum distance requirements between bus stops and the Railway Station.

Also Australia Post confirmed that the Mail Zone outside the post office is busy and in constant use, and therefore a combined Mail Zone and loading zone for the funeral business is not considered feasible. Moving the Mail Zone into Renwick Street or further east along Redfern Street is not feasible due to excessive distances, increased security risks and the need to cross Renwick Street traffic multiple times.

Therefore the site meeting was not able to provide a parking space on the public road for the funeral vehicles directly outside the funeral building.

However the proposal includes providing a 15 minute parking and loading zone in Redfern Street east of Renwick Street that can be used by the funeral business. The funeral building can also be accessed from their rear off-street parking facilities via Wells Street.

The Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and State Transit Authority (STA) have raised no objection to the proposal.

Further investigation into the design of the proposed new cycle facilities will be carried out and referred for Committee endorsement at a later date.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 255 letters sent out with one response supporting the proposal and two responses opposing the proposal.

The responses opposing the proposal did not support the relocation of the Loading Zone and "P15 Minute 6am-6pm Mon-Sun Funeral Vehicles Excepted". However the proposal aims to maintain existing parking restrictions as close as possible to nearby stakeholders.

Sydney Buses and Transport for New South Wales are supportive of the proposal. Sydney Buses noted that the Bus Zone in Redfern Street would be safer for waiting passengers, particularly at night, rather than the current Lawson Square location.

FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Parking – Bus Zone – Redfern Street Redfern

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