ITEM 13. PARKING - DISABILITY PARKING - PROSPECT STREET SURRY HILLS

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/327917

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the southern side of Prospect Street, Surry Hills between the points 67.7 metres and 75.5 metres west of South Dowling Street as 'Disability Parking Only'.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

A resident of Prospect Street has requested a disability parking space in Prospect Street, Surry Hills. The resident has advised they are not in a wheelchair but cannot physically walk far.

COMMENTS

Prospect Street, Surry Hills between South Dowling and Marshal Streets is designated for one-way eastbound traffic flow with an approximate width of 5 metres. The road and footway grades are relatively flat adjacent to this proposed space.

The kerb space is currently "2P 8am-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 18" on the southern side of the street.

Under existing conditions, vehicles park on the southern side of the street which reduces the trafficable lane for one-way traffic flow to an approximate width of 2.9 metres. The remaining width is allocated for on-street parking.

Footpath is approximately 0.6 metres wide on the southern side and fluctuates between 0.3 and 0.6 metres on the northern side which is too narrow for pedestrians use.

The Australian Standard for on-street disability parking (AS 2890.6 – 2009) requires the provision of a 3.2 metre wide by 7.8 metre long bay.

A 7.8 metre long bay is proposed however with consideration for the constrained width of Prospect Street, the 3.2 metre bay width cannot be accommodated either within the carriageway or the adjacent footpath. However Prospect Street is planned to be a 10km/h Shared Zone. Currently the street is designated as one-way traffic flow, has very low traffic volumes, low vehicle speed and only provides local access. Therefore, the requested disability space can be provided with reduced dimensions.

Although the resident is not wheelchair-bound and kerb ramps are not necessary, the City will investigate installing ramps at this site should the proposal be endorsed.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 96 letters sent out with three responses supporting the proposal and three responses opposing the proposal on grounds of loss of parking.

FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Parking - Disability Parking - Prospect Street Surry Hills

Engineering Traffic Officer, Michael Rimac

