ITEM 26. PARKING – VARIOUS RESTRICTIONS – SUSSEX STREET SYDNEY

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/546173

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Sussex Street, Sydney as follows:-

- (A) between the points 0.0 metres and 14.5 metres north of Liverpool Street as "No Stopping";
- (B) between the points 14.5 metres and 28.8 metres north of Liverpool Street as "P5 minute";
- (C) between the points 28.8 metres and 45.2 metres north of Liverpool Street as "No Parking"; and
- (D) between the points 45.2 metres and 73.2 metres north of Liverpool Street as "1/4 P Ticket 7am-6pm Mon-Fri", "4P Ticket 6pm-10pm Mon-Fri, 8am-10pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays".

DECISION

BACKGROUND

On 19 December 2013, the NSW Government adopted the Sydney City Centre Access Strategy (Access Strategy). The Access Strategy will deliver a fully integrated transport network in Sydney's City Centre that puts the customer first and meets the growing transport task. It will mean more people use public transport to access the City Centre and it will change the way people move around within it.

The Access Strategy considers all transport modes and demonstrates how light rail, buses, trains, ferries, cars, taxis, pedestrians and cyclists will interact in the heart of Sydney.

The Access Strategy also provides a clear direction for how all the different transport modes will work together in the Sydney CBD to reduce congestion, provide for future growth and improve the customer experience.

The City cycleway network includes the provision of cycleways on Kent Street, Liverpool Street, Castlereagh Street and Park Street with associated amendments to lane configuration, line markings, medians and parking changes.

The City cycleway network improvements aims to provide safe and connected cyclist infrastructure routes travelling north to south and east to west throughout the city.

The cycleway infrastructure is being delivered by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), in conjunction with Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) and the City of Sydney.

COMMENTS

The Liverpool Street cycleway will remove all kerbside parking on the northern side of the street between George Street and Sussex Street.

The existing kerb parking on the northern side of Liverpool Street is signposted as P5 minute, No Parking, 1P Ticket, 4P Ticket and Loading Zone Ticket.

Where possible, loading, taxi and parking for people with disabilities are being relocated to neighbouring streets whenever possible.

The alternative parking location for Liverpool Street is on the eastern side of Sussex Street, north of Liverpool Street which is currently signposted as P Motor Bikes Only, No Parking and 2P Ticket 8am-6pm Mon-Fri, 4P Ticket 6pm-10pm Mon-Fri, 8am-10pm Sat, Sun and Public Holidays".

On-site inspection shows there is a need to provide parking for businesses, especially hotel drop-off/pick-up.

It is proposed to convert the existing commuter motor cycle parking to full-time 5 minute parking that can be used by the Raddison Hotel for drop off/pick-up and short stay for other businesses in the area.

Also, four of the "2P Ticket 8am-6pm Mon-Fri" will be converted to "¹/₄ P Ticket 7am-6pm Mon-Fri" to further assist short stay business parking.

CONSULTATION

The Roads and Maritime Services carried out a letter drop consultation as well as contacting individual affected stakeholders individually in the area.

The consultation process had 38,000 letters sent out and 127 responses in total were received. There were 56 responses supporting the proposal and 67 responses opposing the proposal. Two neither support nor object and one was out of scope.

Submissions opposing the proposal were concerned about the loss of loading and parking spaces.

Submissions supporting the proposal believed the proposal would improve access to the City and reduce general traffic congestion.

FINANCIAL

The signage change is being funded by Transport for NSW and City of Sydney.

ATTACHMENTS

Parking – Various Restrictions – Sussex Street Sydney

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