

ITEM 39. PARKING – LOADING ZONE – GEORGE STREET BETWEEN PITT STREET AND RAWSON PLACE SYDNEY

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/599793

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the eastern side of George Street, Sydney:

- (A) Between the points 0 metres and 19.9 metres north of Pitt Street as “No Stopping”;
- (B) Between the points 19.9 metres and 44 metres north of Pitt Street as “No Parking Buses Excepted 15 Minute Limit”;
- (C) Between the points 44 metres and 69.8 metres (four car spaces) north of Pitt Street as “Loading Zone Ticket 6am-6pm Mon-Fri; 6am-10am Sat” and “4P Ticket 6pm-12am Mon-Fri; 10am-12am Sat; 8am-12am Sun & Public Holidays”;
- (D) Between the points 69.8 metres and 82.7 metres north of Pitt Street as “No Parking Wedding and Funeral Vehicles Accepted”;
- (E) Between the points 82.7 metres and 114 metres north of Pitt Street as “No Stopping”;
- (F) Between the points 114 metres and 128 metres north of Pitt Street as “Loading Zone Ticket 6am-6pm Mon-Fri; 6am-10am Sat” and “4P Ticket 6pm-12am Mon-Fri; 10am-12am Sat; 8am-12am Sun & Public Holidays”;
- (G) Between the points 128 metres and 149.5 metres north of Pitt Street as “No Parking Buses Excepted 15 minute limit”; and
- (H) Between the points 149.5 metres and 164.5 metres north of Pitt Street as “No Stopping”.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

On 19 December 2013, the NSW Government adopted the Sydney City Centre Access Strategy (Access Strategy). The Access Strategy 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 Sydney City Centre Bus Plan (SCCBP) forms part of a suite of transport improvements associated with the Access Strategy and includes:

- New dedicated Bus Lanes, Bus Stops and shelters;
- Modifying kerbs and footpaths, line markings and medians; and
- Removing and relocating some taxi ranks, Loading Zones and on-street parking spaces.

The SCCBP aims to:

- Provide a more efficient bus network that is easier for customers to use and understand;
- Create bus corridors within the CBD that improve links to key destinations and improve connectivity with other transport modes; and
- Relocate existing bus routes on George Street to enable delivery of the CBD Light Rail.

The SCCBP will be delivered by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), in conjunction with Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) and the City of Sydney.

COMMENTS

Following implementation of the parking changes associated with the SCCBP, the City, in conjunction with Transport for NSW (TfNSW), has identified a number of inconsistencies with the new restrictions.

One such location is George Street between Pitt Street and Rawson Place where there are inconsistencies with the statutory “No Stopping” restrictions, as well as signage relating to the now redundant kerbside Bus Lane.

The proposed parking change seeks support to reallocate on-street parking to meet statutory “No Stopping” restrictions, provide additional loading capacity during business hours, and dedicated parking for wedding and funeral vehicles and buses.

CONSULTATION

The RMS publically exhibited the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) from 23 June to 25 July 2014. Notification of the REF included a letterbox drop to 36,000 properties, a dedicated website, a drop-in centre and visits and meetings with 200 stakeholders within the affected area.

Of the 36,000 letters distributed, the RMS received 60 submissions. Of these 17 supported the proposal, 31 opposed the proposal and 12 were neutral.

Submissions opposing the proposal were concerned about the loss of loading and parking spaces, increased noise and impact to business.

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

FINANCIAL

The SCCBP is being fully funded by the NSW State Government.

ATTACHMENTS

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