

ITEM 52. PARKING – TAXI ZONE – WHEAT ROAD SYDNEY

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/627690

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the western side of Wheat Road, Sydney north of Bathurst Street and west of Harbour Street, Cockle Bay as follows:

- (A) Between the points 0 metres and 8.8 metres south of the median as “No Stopping”;
- (B) Between the points 8.8 metres and 26.4 metres (three car spaces) south of the median as “Taxi Zone”;
- (C) Between the points 26.4 metres and 55 metres (five car spaces) south of the median as “Bus Zone 6am-9pm” and “Taxi Zone Other Times”; and
- (D) South of the point 55 metres south of the median as “No Stopping”.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has been working with the City and the Police to improve safety and public transport access, especially for taxis and buses around the CBD.

TfNSW and the City has negotiated with and NSW Taxi Council to improve public access to taxi especially in the late evening and early morning.

COMMENTS

Key stakeholders such as the NSW Police, TfNSW, NSW Taxi Council and NSW Taxi Drivers Association have been involved in the determination of new taxi zone sites throughout the CBD where there is generation of passenger activity.

Around Cockle Bay and Darling Harbour there are limited opportunities to provide parking for taxis due to the Western Distributor on and off-ramps.

Wheat Road has three existing taxi spaces just to the north of Bathurst Street and west of Harbour Street. At the rear of the taxi zone, there is a full-time Bus Zone which is only used between 6am and 9pm each day.

It is proposed to extend the existing Taxi Zone into the Bus Zone between 9pm and 6am to improve capacity.

TfNSW has been contacted about changing the Bus Zone and have no objection provided buses have access from 6am to 9pm.

Wheat Road comes under the care and control of Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) and they have no objection to the proposal.

CONSULTATION

Transport for NSW has consulted with the City, NSW Police, NSW Taxi Council and SHFA.

FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current City of Sydney's budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Parking – Wheat Road Sydney

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PROPOSED



