ITEM 69. OTHER AUTHORITIES - PARKING – ERSKINE STREET SYDNEY

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/619785

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following reallocation of kerb space in Erskine Street, Sydney:

- (A) On the northern side between the points 14 metres and 51 metres (six car spaces) east of Sussex Street as "No Stopping 6am-10am 3pm-8pm Mon-Fri", "Loading Zone 10am-3pm Mon-Fri 6am-10am Sat" and "4P Ticket 8pm-12am Mon-Fri 10am-10pm Sat 8am-10pm Sun & Public Holidays";
- (B) On the southern side between the points 9.7 metres and 73.7 metres (ten car spaces) east of Sussex Street as "No Stopping 6am-10am 3pm-8pm Mon-Fri" and "No Parking at Other Times";
- (C) On the northern side between the points 15 metres and 35 metres (three car spaces) east of Kent Street as "No Stopping 6am-10am 3pm-8pm Mon-Fri", "Loading Zone 10am-3pm Mon-Fri 6am-10am Sat" and "4P Ticket 8pm-12am Mon-Fri 10am-10pm Sat 8am-10pm Sun & Public Holidays";
- (D) On the southern side between the points 14 metres and 25.1 metres (two car spaces) and 33.2 metres and 41 metres (one car space) east of Kent Street as "No Stopping 6am-10am 3pm-8pm Mon-Fri", "Loading Zone 10am-3pm Mon-Fri 6am-10am Sat" and "4P Ticket 8pm-12am Mon-Fri 10am-10pm Sat 8am-10pm Sun & Public Holidays"; and
- (E) The City, in conjunction with TfNSW, to review the provision of parking in Erskine Street, between Sussex and Clarence Streets, six months after implementation.

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 Sydney City Centre Bus Plan (SCCBP) forms part of a suite of transport improvements associated with the Access Strategy.

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.

No parking changes have currently been made to Erskine Street. Observations undertaken following implementation of the SCCBP suggest that additional parking restrictions are required to facilitate bus movements in peak periods.

COMMENTS

The existing kerbside parking provisions on Erskine Street between Clarence Street and Sussex Street are generally signposted as "No Parking, 7:30am -9:15am, 4pm-6pm, Mon-Fri", with Loading Zones between these peak periods of a weekday and of a Saturday morning. 4P ticket parking is permitted after the peak periods until 10pm.

Traffic behaviour on Erskine Street was observed during peak hours following the introduction of the SCCBP. It was noted that the existing "No Parking" times were insufficient to cover the extended peak periods of a morning and afternoon, with legally parked vehicles causing prolonged congestion for buses and general traffic between York Street and Sussex Street. In addition the "No Parking" restriction did not discourage taxis and other vehicles from stopping for short periods of time.

It is considered that these restrictions be changed to "No Stopping, 6am-10am, 3pm-8pm, Mon-Fri", with Loading Zones remaining in between these peaks and 4P parking of an evening extending to 12am.

CONSULTATION

Transport for NSW consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 142 letters sent out with no responses supporting or opposing the proposal.

FINANCIAL

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

ATTACHMENTS

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