

ITEM 21. PARKING - PERMIT PARKING - PITT STREET REDFERN

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/633857

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of all existing permit parking spaces on both sides of Pitt Street, Redfern between Cleveland and Phillip Streets to two hour parking 8am to 10pm seven days a week, with an exemption for Area 41 resident parking permit holders.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

The City received a petition from residents of Pitt Street, Redfern (with 31 signatures) requesting the extension of the operating hours of the existing permit parking restriction in the street to cover nights and weekends.

COMMENTS

Currently, vehicles without a parking permit can park in Pitt Street, Redfern between Philip and Cleveland Streets, for a maximum of one or two hours from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday. The time limit and operating hours were originally chosen to prevent commuters from parking in the street for long periods during weekdays only.

However residents say it is hard to find parking at nights and on weekends due to increased parking competition from new developments and from visitors coming to the nearby restaurants and businesses, Prince Alfred Park Swimming pool, South Sydney Leagues Club and Redfern Oval.

Therefore the City proposes to change all permit parking in Pitt Street to two hour parking 8am to 10pm seven days a week, with an exemption for Area 41 resident parking permit holders. This would allow vehicles without a parking permit to stay for a maximum of two hours to 10pm, seven days a week.

A two-hour parking limit is preferred for streets in the inner residential areas as it better balances the long-stay parking needs of permit holders with the needs of all households to use parking for visitors, family, carers and tradespeople.

The City proposes to retain the existing number of permit parking spaces in the street. All other parking restrictions, including unrestricted parking, will remain unchanged. Residents with an Area 41 parking permit will continue to be exempt from permit parking restrictions where they apply.

On-site inspections show there is a need to extent the operating hours of the timed permit parking to improve parking turnover and resident access to on-street parking at nights and weekends.

Parking occupancy surveys undertaken as part of the Waterloo/Redfern/Zetland Parking Study in June 2015 indicate that more than 70% of the spaces are occupied during peak hours. The occupancy rate increases to more than 90% after 6pm.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 495 letters sent out with 13 responses supporting the proposal (not including the original petition) and 9 responses opposing the proposal.

Respondents in support of the proposal sought more priority for and improved access to parking in the evenings and on weekends for residents and concern about future development impacts.

Respondents objecting to the proposal raised concern about the loss of unrestricted parking at nights and weekends for customers of nearby shops/restaurants and for people of new developments who do not have off-street parking.

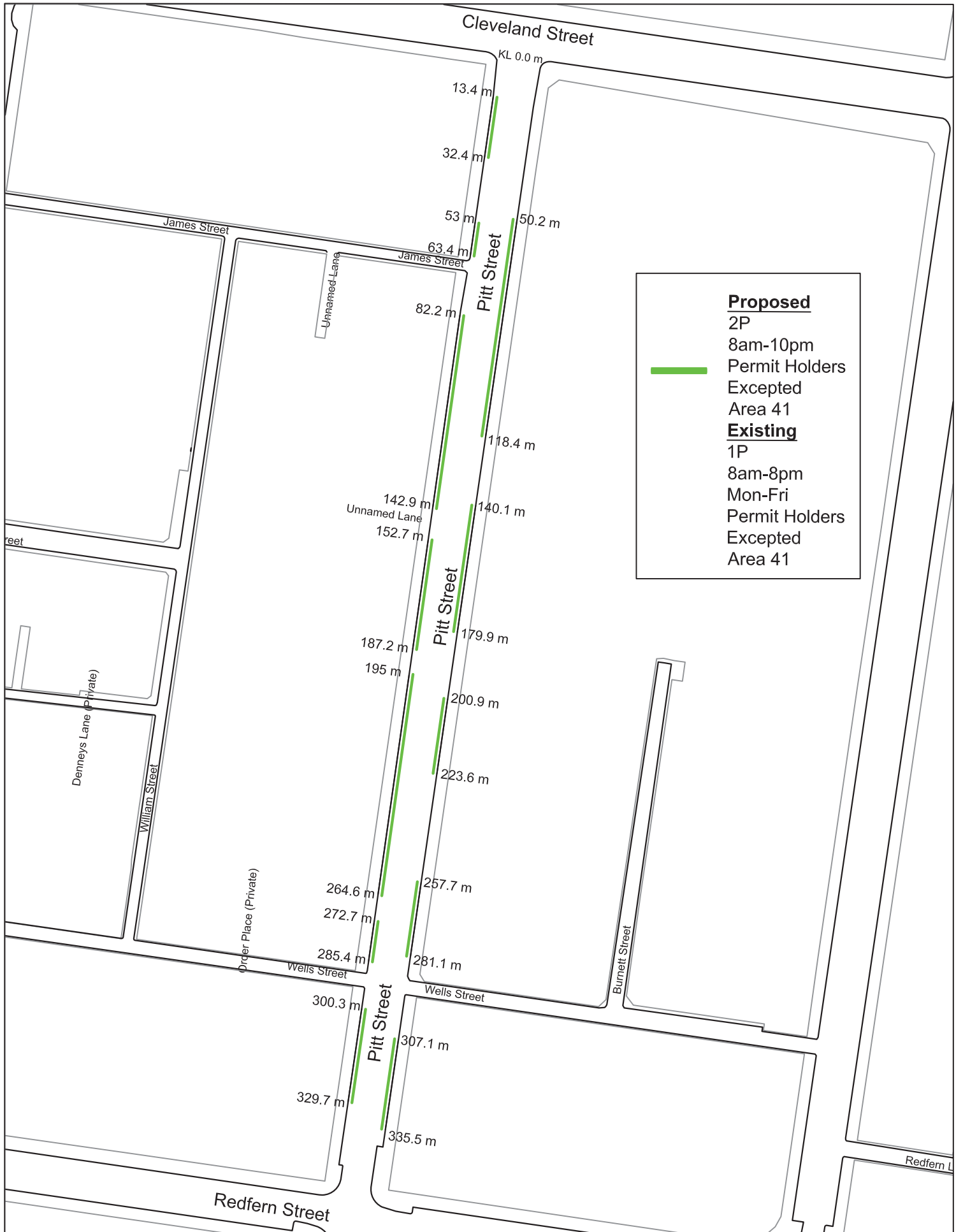
FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current budget.

ATTACHMENTS

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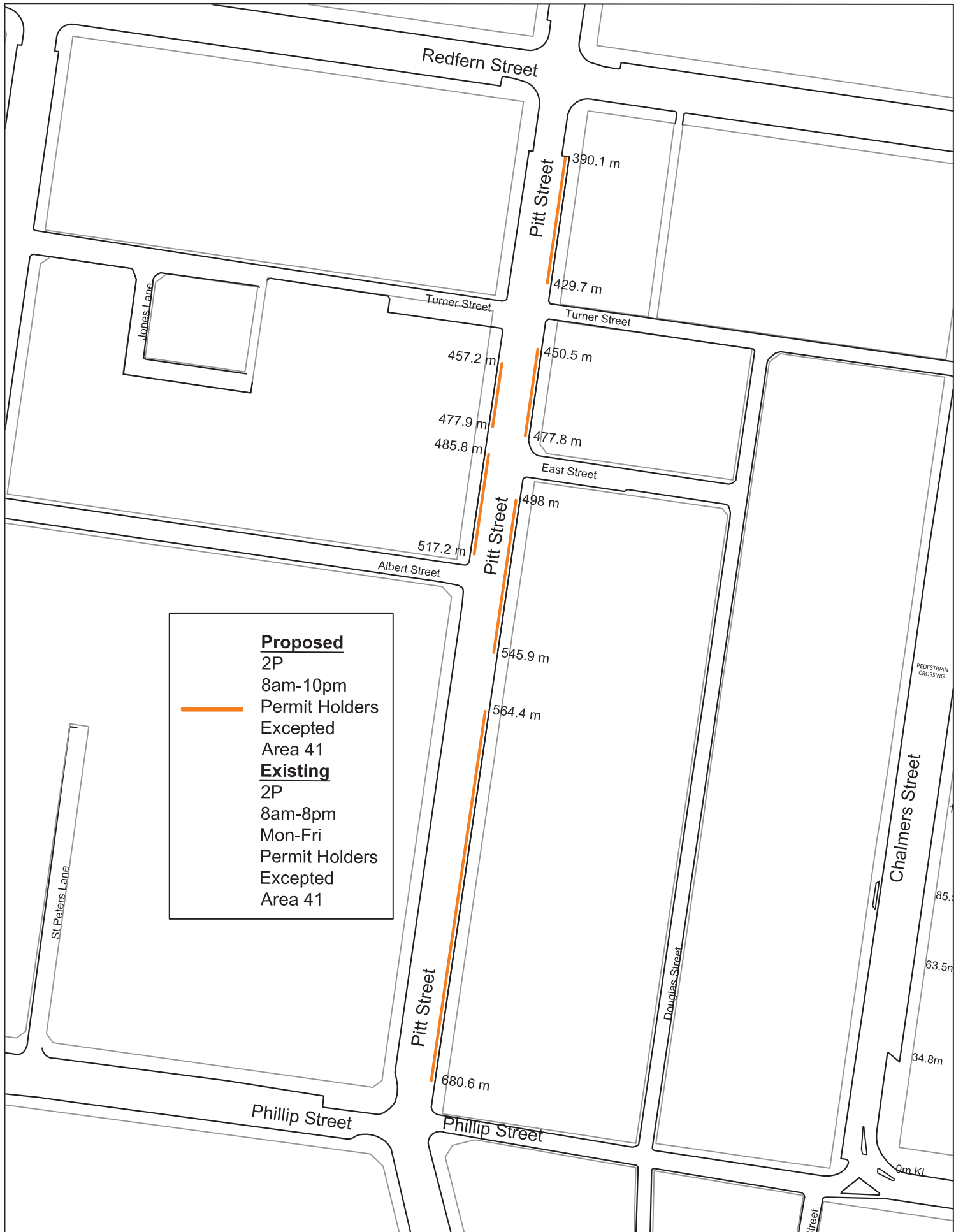
Joseph Gomes – Area Traffic Engineer



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