

**ITEM 29. PARKING – PERMIT PARKING – TURTLE LANE ERSKINEVILLE**

**TRIM RECORD NO: 2016/594661**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the allocation of parking on Turtle Lane Erskineville as follows:

- (A) On the western side between the points 10 metres and 38.5 metres (five car spaces) north of Victoria Street as: “2P 8am-10pm, Permit Holders Excepted, Area 36”;
- (B) On the western side between the points 38.5 metres and 48.5 metres north of Victoria Street as: “No Stopping”;
- (C) On the western side between the points 64.4 metres and 59.8 metres north of Victoria Street as: “No Parking”; and
- (D) On the eastern side between Victoria Street and the northern dead-end of Turtle Lane as: “No Stopping”.

**VOTING MEMBERS FOR THIS ITEM**

<b><i>Voting Members</i></b>	<b><i>Support</i></b>	<b><i>Object</i></b>
City of Sydney		
Roads and Maritime Services		
NSW Police – Newtown LAC		
Representative for the Member for Newtown		

**DECISION**

**BACKGROUND**

A resident of Turtle Lane, Erskineville has requested the removal of parking in the northern section of the lane to prevent parked cars blocking access to their driveway.

The City has also received a request from another resident to consider installing two (2) hour timed permit parking in Turtle Lane to better facilitate parking for residents. This proposal is in the southern section of the lane which does not impact on driveways.

**COMMENTS**

Some of the kerb space on the western side of Turtle Lane, Erskineville between Victoria Street and the northern dead end of Turtle Lane is currently unrestricted.

***Driveways***

Turtle Lane is approximately 4.9 metres wide and provides rear-lane property access to houses fronting George Street.

Under existing conditions, when a vehicle parks in the northern section of Turtle Lane, two-way traffic flow is reduced to a single lane. This restricts rear-lane property access.

The NSW Road Rules prohibit drivers from parking at any time across a driveway, or in any other way which blocks access to a driveway. Section 6 of the Roads Act 1993 gives adjoining land owners a right of vehicle access to the public road. Complying with this legislation sometimes results in the loss of on-street parking.

On-site inspection shows there is a need to provide a 'No Parking' restriction to maintain rear-lane property access in the northern section of Turtle Lane.

### ***Permit Parking***

On-site inspection shows that there is some kerb space in the southern section of Turtle Lane which does not impact any driveways and can be allocated as timed permit parking. This will increase parking turnover and improve resident access to on-street parking.

Parking occupancy surveys completed on the western side of Turtle Lane north of Victoria Street in August 2016 indicated the following parking occupancy data from 7am to 10pm on a weekday and weekend:

- During a weekday between 7am and 2pm – 88%
- During a weekday between 2pm and 10pm – 75%
- During a weekend between 7am and 2pm – 100%
- During a weekend between 2pm and 10pm – 88%

The above parking occupancy data shows that there is a need to provide timed permit parking to increase parking turnover and improve resident access to on-street parking.

The proposed changes would limit any vehicle which does not have a permit to two (2) hours of parking from 8am to 10pm where the signs are installed.

Residents with an Area 36 parking permit will be exempt from the two hour time limit.

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.

### ***No Stopping***

Signposting 10 metres of "No Stopping" from intersections is required where there is adjoining signposting. The Roads and Maritime Services Technical Directions require that existing signs near intersections must be updated to match the NSW Road Rules 2014 requirements when the City is undertaking newly approved parking changes in the area.

Residents have also raised concerns about vehicles parking on the eastern side of Turtle Lane and blocking access. Therefore it is proposed to provide a 'No Stopping' restriction on the entire eastern side of the lane to ensure unobstructed access through the lane.

## **CONSULTATION**

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 49 letters sent out with three responses supporting the proposal and two responses opposing the proposal.

Residents who supported the proposal believed that permit parking would provide greater availability of parking.

Residents opposed to the proposal felt that parking was in high demand and the space opposite the driveways shouldn't be removed.

One resident requested that No Stopping linemarking be provided on the eastern side of Turtle Lane, as drivers often park on the opposite side of the street. This request has been included in the proposal.

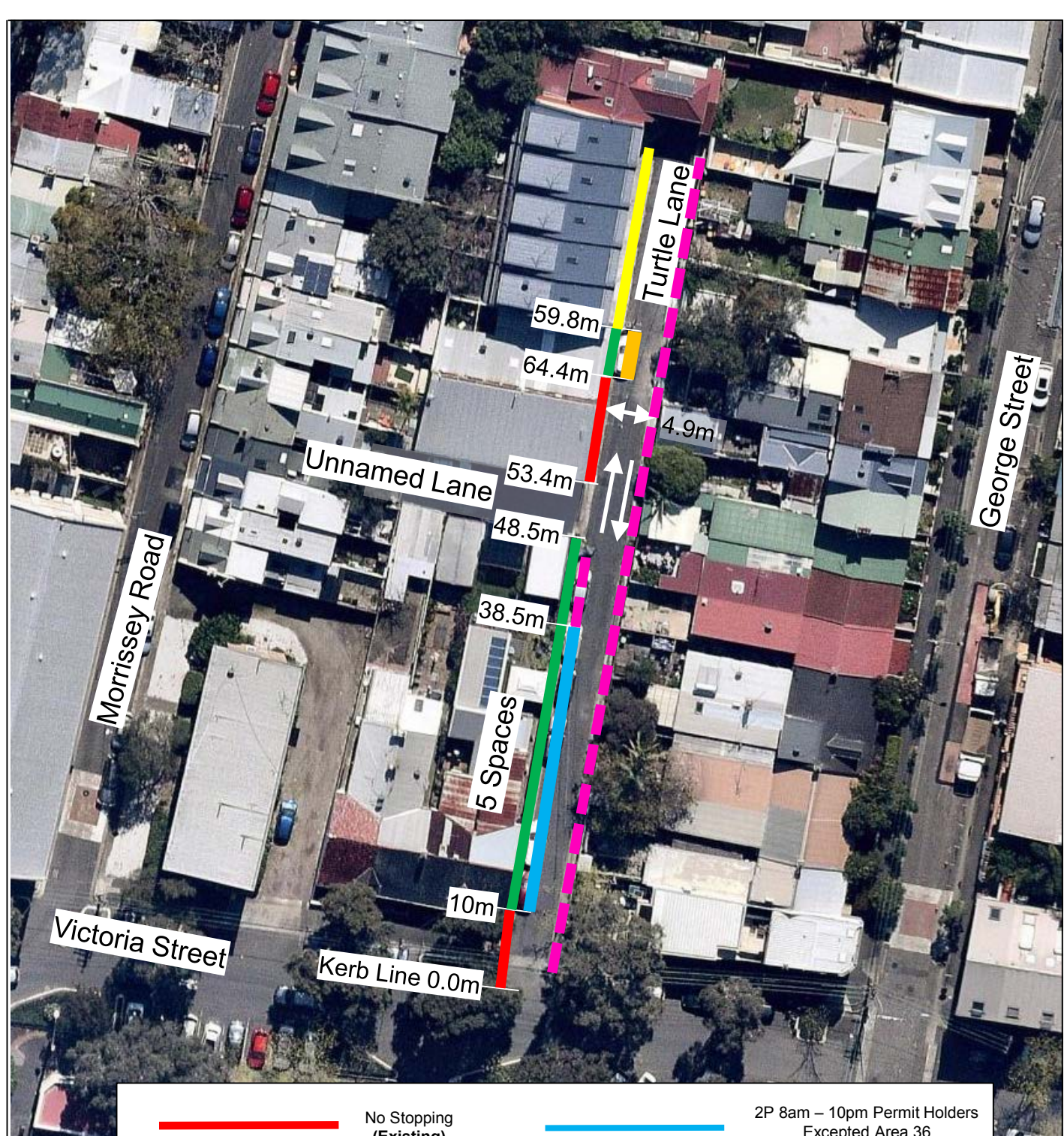
**FINANCIAL**

Funds are available in the current budget.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Parking – Permit Parking – Turtle Lane Erskineville

Eoin Cunningham, Senior Traffic Engineer



	No Stopping (Existing)		2P 8am – 10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 36 (Proposed)
	Unrestricted (Existing)		No Parking (Proposed)
	No Parking (Existing)		No Stopping (Proposed)

Source: Nearmap -- Friday 9 September 2016

PROPOSAL

PROPOSED PERMIT PARKING

TURTLE LANE NORTH OF VICTORIA STREET

ERSKINEVILLE

