ITEM 40. PARKING – TICKET PARKING – SURRY HILLS TICKET PARKING

TRIM RECORD NO: 2017/390729

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the changes to parking on the following streets in Surry Hills;

- Goodchap Street, between Samuel and Little Riley Streets;
- Reservoir Street, between Mary and Crown Streets;
- Mackey Street, between Smith and Little Riley Streets;
- Ann Street, between Commonwealth and Crown Streets;
- Little Albion Street, between Commonwealth and Riley Streets;
- Commonwealth Street, between Albion and Campbell Streets;
- Smith Street, between Ann and Campbell Streets;
- Samuel Street, between Reservoir and Campbell Streets;
- Little Riley Street, between Little Albion and Reservoir Streets; and
- Riley Street, between Albion Street and Crown Streets; as follows:
- (A) All existing "1P 8am-10pm, Permit Holders Excepted Area 18" restrictions be reallocated as, "2P Ticket 8am-10pm, Permit Holders Excepted Area 18"; and
- (B) All existing Loading Zone restrictions be reallocated as, "Loading Zone Ticket 7am-6pm Mon-Fri" and "2P Ticket 6pm-10pm Mon-Fri, 8am-10pm, Sat-Sun & Public Holidays, Permit Holders Excepted Area 18".

VOTING MEMBERS FOR THIS ITEM

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney		
Roads and Maritime Services		
NSW Police – Surry Hills LAC		
Representative for the Member for Sydney		

DECISION

BACKGROUND

The City received a petition with 48 signatures from residents of Surry Hills requesting the introduction of "2P Ticket 8am-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 18" lieu of the timed parking within the area bound by Campbell Street, Crown Street, Albion Street and Mary Street to increase turnover and compliance of parking.

The City has reviewed parking operations in the above area and identified high non-compliance by motorists with the existing parking restrictions. The City conducted surveys which found a high level of occupancy and non-compliance with existing restrictions which reduced available space for local residents.

COMMENTS

The majority of the kerb space in the area bound by Campbell Street, Crown Street, Albion Street and Mary Street, Surry Hills is generally "1P 8am-10pm, Permit Holders Excepted Area 18".

The proposed ticket parking will be "2P Ticket 8am-10pm, Permit Holders Excepted Area 18". Ticket parking will improve compliance for all road users and align with other primarily residential areas in close proximity to Sydney CBD. Two hour 8am-10pm ticket parking restrictions are preferred in primarily residential areas as compared to 2P/4P Ticket parking restrictions, which are provided in areas with mixed commercial and residential areas.

Parking occupancy and compliance surveys were undertaken in the area where the changes are proposed. The surveys recorded an average occupancy rate of 91% with 19% of vehicles being non-compliant. The survey identified that of the parked vehicles, 38% belonged to residents with permits for Area 18.

The above parking occupancy data and on-site inspections show that there is a need to provide ticket parking to increase parking turnover, increase compliance and improve resident access to on-street parking.

The existing timed restrictions for Loading Zones within the area are also inconsistent, so the proposal will introduce "Loading Zone Ticket 7am-6pm Mon-Fri" and "2P Ticket 6pm-10pm Mon-Fri, 8am-10pm Sat-Sun & Public Holidays, Permit Holders Excepted Area 18". This will provide consistent restrictions which will reduce confusion and improve compliance.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 1,706 letters sent out with nine individual responses plus an additional petition with 77 signatures in support of the proposal and 26 individual responses opposing the proposal.

Submissions supported the change on the grounds that it would increase availability of parking in the area.

Submissions opposed to the change raised concerns about the increased cost for visitors or residents who are ineligible for parking permits. Given the area has accessibility and compliance issues, the City proposes to proceed with the proposal.

FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Parking - Ticket Parking - Surry Hills Ticket Parking

Gary Flockton, Parking Services Manager

