

ITEM 36. PARKING – PERMIT PARKING – UNION STREET NEWTOWN

TRIM RECORD NO: 2018/052979

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the allocation of parking on Union Street, Newtown, as “2P 8am-10pm; Permit Holders Excepted Area 36” in the following locations:

- (A) Western side, between the points 9.5 metres and 227 metres (36 car spaces) south of Munni Street; and
- (B) Eastern side, between the points 10.4 metres and 227 metres (35 car spaces) south of Munni Street.

VOTING MEMBERS FOR THIS ITEM

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

DECISION

BACKGROUND

In September 2017, residents requested consideration of “2P 8am-10pm; Permit Holders Excepted Area 36” restrictions in Angel, Iredale, Union and Gowrie Streets to improve access to parking space near their homes and provide greater turnover of parking spaces for visitors.

Based on the previous consultation results, the City did not proceed with the installation of parking restrictions in Union or Gowrie Streets. However, the City has since received a petition with 52 signatures in support of “2P 8am-10pm; Permit Holders Excepted Area 36” parking restrictions in Union Street.

In response to the petition, the City agreed to consult again on a proposal to install “2P 8am-10pm; Permit Holders Excepted Area 36” restrictions on Union Street.

COMMENTS

The kerb space on Union Street, Newtown between Munni and Iredale Streets is currently unrestricted.

In August 2016, the City commissioned parking occupancy surveys in Newtown. The surveys indicate that an average of 75% of the unrestricted parking spaces in Union Street are occupied during the weekdays and the occupancy increases to above 86% on the weekends between 7am and 10pm.

On-site inspection shows there is a need to provide timed permit parking to increase parking turnover and improve resident access to on-street parking. For the above reasons, the City recommends the installation of “2P 8am-10pm; Permit Holders Excepted Area 36” in line with the Neighbourhood Parking Policy.

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

Residents with an Area 36 parking permit would 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.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 162 letters sent out with 25 responses supporting the proposal and 16 responses opposing the proposal.

Submissions supporting the proposal noted that the changes would improve resident access to on-street parking and increase parking turnover, particularly at weekends.

Submissions opposing the proposal noted that the changes would require residents to pay for permits and impact parking availability for residents who are not eligible for permits.

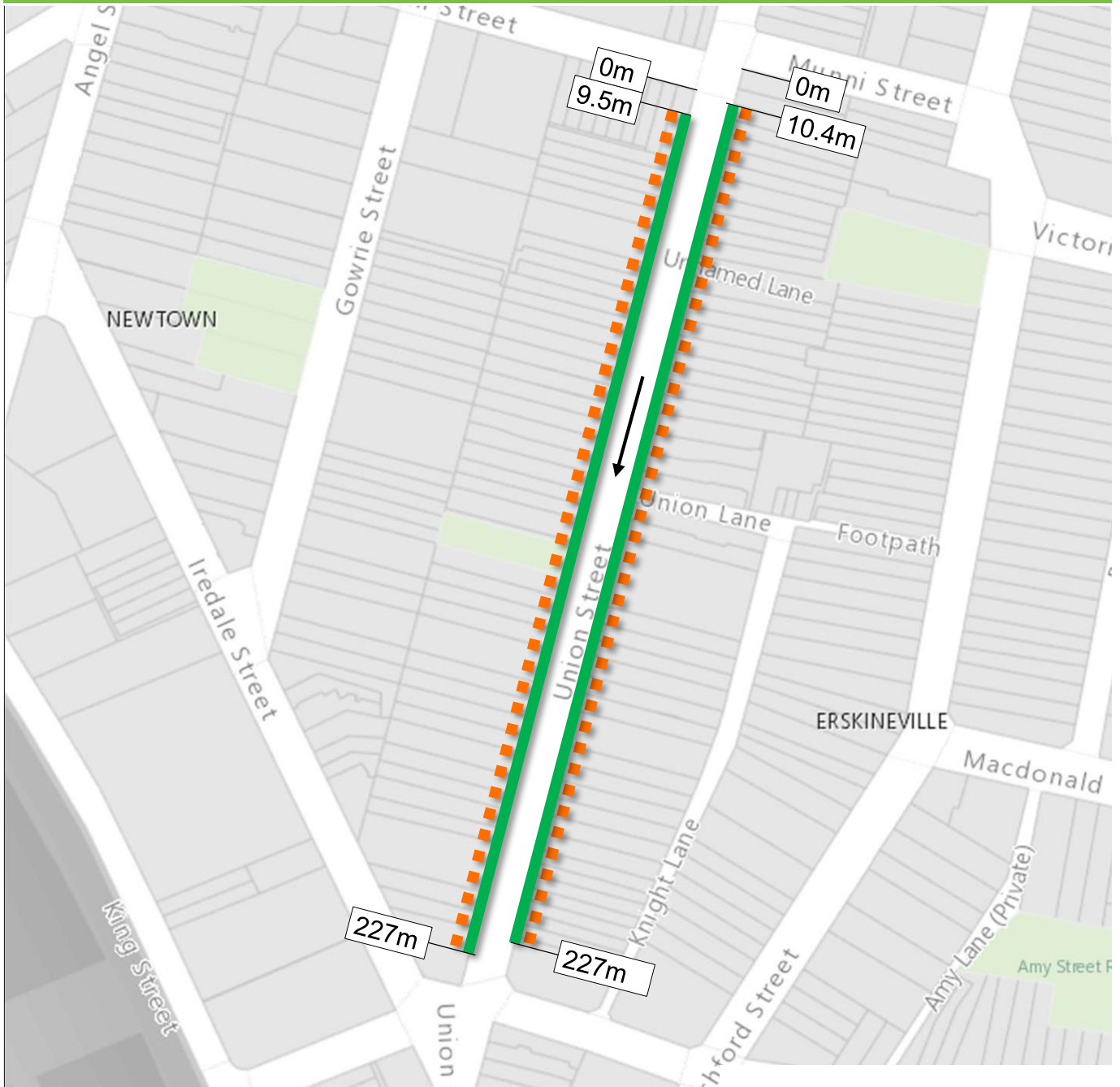
FINANCIAL


Funds are available in the current budget.


Parking – Permit Parking – Union Street Newtown

Eoin Cunningham, Senior Traffic Engineer

Union Street, Newtown Proposed parking changes



Existing
 Unrestricted Parking

Proposed
 "2P 8am-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 36"

