

Advice of Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee

24 February 2022

Item 29

Traffic Treatment - Pedestrian Boulevard - George Street, Haymarket

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following traffic treatments and parking changes in George Street, Haymarket:

- (A) Footpath widening on both sides of George Street between Pitt Street and Rawson Place;
- (B) Reallocation of parking on the eastern and western sides, between the points 38 metres and 51.6 metres, north of Pitt Street as "Loading Zone Ticket 6am-6pm Mon-Fri 6-10am Sat" and "4P Ticket 6-10pm Mon-Fri 10am-10pm Sat 8am-10pm Sun & Public Holidays";
- (C) Reallocation of parking on the eastern side, between the points 56.6 metres and 70.1 metres and between the points 76 metres and 83.8 metres, north of Pitt Street as "No Parking Wedding and Funeral Vehicles Excepted";
- (D) Reallocation of parking on the eastern side, between the points 89.7 metres and 125.7 metres, north of Pitt Street as "No Parking Coaches Excepted 15mins Limit";
- (E) Reallocation of parking on the eastern side, between the points 125.7 metres and 134.5 metres, north of Pitt Street as "Loading Zone Ticket 6am-6pm Mon-Fri 6-10am Sat" and "4P Ticket 6-10pm Mon-Fri 10am-10pm Sat 8am-10pm Sun & Public Holidays";
- (F) Reallocation of parking on the eastern side, between the points 10 metres and 38 metres and between the points between 51.6 metres and 56.6 metres as "No Stopping"; and

- (G) Reallocation of parking on the western side, between the points 10 metres and 38 metres and between the points between 51.6 metres and 142.7 metres as "No Stopping".
- (H) It is recommended that the Committee note the following proposed traffic restrictions at the signalised intersection of George Street/ Pitt Street/ Lee Street/ Quay Street, Haymarket:
- (I) Introduction of a "No Left Turn" restriction from George Street (North) to Pitt Street;
- (J) Introduction of a "No Entry" restriction for northbound traffic from George Street (South) at Railway Square into George Street (North).

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney	✓	
Transport for NSW	✓	
NSW Police – Sydney City PAC	✓	
Representative for the Member for Sydney	✓	

Advice

The Committee unanimously supported the recommendation.

Background

The City of Sydney's Sustainable Sydney 2030 strategic plan identifies George Street as the central spine of the city centre. The vision for George Street is a pedestrianised boulevard designed to provide a focus for public life in the city centre with light rail connecting three city squares – Circular Quay, Town Hall and Central Station. The strategic directions of Sustainable Sydney 2030 includes a city for walking and cycling; a lively and engaging city centre; and resilient and inclusive local communities.

The City's Community Recovery Plan in response to the Covid-19 pandemic includes actions to continue the acceleration of the capital works program to upgrade city streets, parks and playgrounds; work with the NSW Government on city management initiatives such as mobility and transport, temporary footpath widening, cycleways, change signal timing, lower speed limits, travel demand planning and reprioritisation of roads; and invest in the pedestrianisation and activation of south George Street.

The introduction of the CBD and South East Light Rail (CSELR) permanently closed and converted George Street into a pedestrian boulevard between Hunter Street and Rawson Place.

To continue the pedestrian boulevard, it is proposed to upgrade the public domain in George Street, Haymarket between Rawson Place and Pitt Street, with wider footpaths, new trees and street furniture.