

Item 13.**Parking - No Parking - Davies Street, Surry Hills**

TRIM Container No.: 2026/014341

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Forum review the reallocation of parking on the northern side of Davies Street, Surry Hills between the points 46.5 metres and 56.5 metres (two car spaces) east of Crown Street as "No Parking".

Forum Members for this Item

City of Sydney
Transport for NSW
NSW Police – Surry Hills PAC
Representative for the Member for Sydney

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

A resident of Davies Street, Surry Hills has requested consideration of "No Parking" restriction opposite their property's driveway. The resident advises that the proposed parking bay arrangement associated with the construction of the new shared zone in the street will reduce the available space for vehicle manoeuvring in/out of their property. As a result, they are concerned that access to and from their garage will be restricted once the works are completed.

Comments

The kerb space on the northern side of Davies Street, Surry Hills between Crown and Bourke Streets, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as "2P 8am-10pm, Permit Holders Excepted Area 18".

The City is currently constructing a Shared Zone in Davies Street which is due to be completed soon. Parking bays in shared zones are required to be marked to comply with TfNSW Technical Directions. Davies Street is approximately 6.2 metres wide and provides off-street property access to houses fronting Davies Street. With the installation of parking bays at 2.5 metres wide, the remaining width for the travel lane is approximately 3.7 metres.

The NSW Road Rules 2014 prohibit drivers from parking at any time across a driveway, or in any other way which blocks access to a driveway. In narrow streets like Davies Street, car parking opposite driveways obstruct or prevent vehicles from entering or exiting these driveways. Section 6 of the Roads Act 1993 gives adjoining land owners a right of vehicles access to the public road.

On-site inspection shows there is a need to reallocate two parking spaces to a "No Parking" restriction to maintain off-street property access.

Consultation

The City notified local residents and businesses in the area. There were 116 letters sent out with no responses supporting the proposal and five responses opposing the proposal.

The five submissions objecting to the proposal had concerns with loss of parking to residents and mentioned that parking in this area is already very limited. However the removal of the parking spaces are required to maintain property access.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

TERRY XU, SENIOR TRAFFIC ENGINEER