

Item 20.**Parking - Loading Zone - Myrtle Street, Chippendale**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Forum review the reallocation of parking on the southern side of Myrtle Street, Chippendale between the points 28 metres and 46 metres (three car spaces) west of Abercrombie Street as: "Loading Zone 6am-6pm Mon-Fri".

Forum Members for this Item

City of Sydney
Transport for NSW
NSW Police – South Sydney PAC
Representative for the Member for Newtown

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

A local business of Myrtle Street, Chippendale has requested consideration of "Loading Zone 6am-6pm Mon-Fri" on the southern side of Myrtle Street, east of Abercrombie Street to better support delivery activities.

Comments

The kerb space on the southern side of Myrtle Street, Chippendale between Abercrombie Street and Smithers Street, where the changes are proposed, is currently unrestricted for parking.

On-site inspection shows there is a need to provide a loading zone to cater for local businesses as there are no other loading zones within easy walking distance.

A driver may park in a loading zone up to a maximum of 30 minutes if:

- They are driving a vehicle that has been built to carry goods, and they are engaged in picking up or dropping off goods; or
- They are driving a public bus, and they are picking up or setting down passengers.\
- Drivers of other vehicles may also use loading zones to drop off or pick up passengers but may only stop for the period during which a person is getting into or out of the vehicle.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 88 letters sent out with 0 responses supporting the proposal and 3 responses opposing the proposal.

All three submissions raised concerns regarding the loss of on-street parking and increased parking demand in surrounding streets. The City notes that the proposed changes retain unrestricted parking outside weekday business hours and increases turnover by providing dedicated 30-minute parking for delivery vehicles.

Two submissions raised concerns about limited mobility and the need to park close to home. The City advises that residents who hold a mobility parking permit may apply for a mobility parking space near their residence. However, this does not guarantee that the parking space will always be available.

One submission requested that the City focus on abandoned vehicles and enforcement of existing parking restrictions. The City undertakes routine parking enforcement and encourages residents to report illegally parked or abandoned vehicles via the City's website.

One submission stated that loading zones already exist on Abercrombie Street. The City notes that there are currently no loading zones within a reasonable distance of the proposed location.

One submission raised concerns that the reduction in parking spaces could create hostility between residents. The City advises that any road rage or threatening behaviour should be reported to the South Sydney Police Area Command.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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