

Item 32.**Parking - Disability Parking - Stewart Street, Paddington**

TRIM Container No.: 2018/104381

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the southern side of Stewart Street, Paddington between the points 29 metres and 36.8 metres (one car space) west of Gordon Street, as "Disability Parking Only".

Voting Members for this Item

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

Decision

Decisions will be updated after the meeting

Background

A resident of Stewart Street, Paddington has requested a dedicated disability parking space in front of their house. The resident has advised they are not in a wheelchair but cannot physically walk far.

Comments

Stewart Street, Paddington, between Gordon and Bent Streets, is designated for two-way traffic flow with an approximate width of 12.8 metres. The road and footway grades are relatively flat adjacent to this proposed space.

The kerb space, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as "1P 8am-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 13".

Under existing conditions, vehicles park on both sides of Stewart Street, reducing the trafficable lane for two-way traffic flow to an approximate width of 8.6 metres. The remaining width is allocated for on-street parking.

Footpaths (approximately 1.8 metres wide) are provided on both sides of the street.

The Australian Standard for on-street disability parking (AS 2890.6 – 2009) requires the provision of a 3.2 metre wide by 7.8 metre long bay.

A 7.8 metre long bay is proposed and with consideration for the width of existing parking in Stewart Street, a 3.2 metre wide bay can be accommodated within the carriageway.

Although the resident is not wheelchair-bound and kerb ramps are not necessary, the City will investigate installing ramps at this site should the proposal be endorsed.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 36 letters sent out with no responses supporting the proposal and 7 responses opposing the proposal.

The submissions opposing the proposal raised concerns about the loss of permit parking in the street and the location of another disability parking space within 82 metres of the proposed space.

However, the second disability parking space in the street is being used by another resident with a mobility impairment.

Given that there is a second resident in the street with a mobility impairment, and this resident does not have any off-street parking at her property, it is considered appropriate to provide a second disability parking space in the street. The kerb space in the rest of the street is fully allocated with permit parking restrictions so that the temporary loss to one parking spot can not be replaced in the street.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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