

Item 22.**Parking - Disability Parking - Gowrie Street, Newtown**

TRIM Container No.: 2018/341519

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Gowrie Street, Newtown, between the points 25.7 metres and 41.3 metres (2 car spaces) south of Newman Lane, 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 – Newtown PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Newtown	[Insert]	[Insert]

Decision

Decisions will be updated after the meeting

Background

Two residents of Gowrie Street, Newtown, have requested a disability parking space each, in the street. Both residents have advised that they are not in a wheelchair but cannot physically walk far.

Comments

Gowrie Street, Newtown, between Newman Lane and Harold Street, is designated for one-way southbound traffic flow, with an approximate width of 8.2 metres.

The kerb space, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as "2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri, Permit Holders Excepted Area 36".

Under existing conditions, vehicles park on both sides of the street which reduces the trafficable lane for one-way traffic flow to an approximate width of 3.8 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 15.6 metre long bay (two spaces) is proposed and with consideration for the width of existing parking lane in Gowrie Street, a 3.2 metre wide bay can be accommodated within the carriageway.

Although both residents are 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 74 letters sent out with three responses supporting the proposal and no responses opposing the proposal.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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