

**Item 31.****Parking - No Parking, Loading Zone and Ticket Parking - Foster Street, Surry Hills**

TRIM Container No.: 2019/453662

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following reallocation of parking on Blackburn and Fosters Streets, Surry Hills as:

- (A) On the southern side of Blackburn Street, west of Foster Street, between the points 9.6 metres to 28.1 metres (three car spaces), as "No Parking"
- (B) On the western side of Foster Street, south of Blackburn Street, between the points 15.5 metres and 25.5 metres (two car spaces), as "Loading Zone 7am-6pm Mon-Fri, 7am-10am Sat" and "4P 6pm-10pm Mon-Fri, 10am-10pm Sat, 8am-10pm Sun & Public Holidays Excepted Area 18".

**Voting Members for this Item**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Object</b>
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]

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

## Background

The City has received a request to relocate the existing Loading Zone from Blackburn Street, Surry Hills to Foster Street due to the narrow width of Blackburn Street.

## Comments

Blackburn Street is approximately 3.4 metres kerb-to-kerb, and as such, there is insufficient space for a vehicle to pass another vehicle parked in the existing loading zone. To improve vehicle access in Blackburn Street and access to nearby on-street parking for residents, it is proposed to relocate the loading zone around the corner into Foster Street.

The kerb space on the western side of Foster Street, Surry Hills, south of Blackburn Street, where the loading zone is proposed to be relocated, is currently signposted as 'No Parking'.

The relocated space would be signposted as "Loading Zone 7am-6pm Mon-Fri, 7am-10am Sat" and "4P 6pm-10pm Mon-Fri, 10am-10pm Sat, 8am-10pm Sun & Public Holidays Excepted Area 18".

Foster Street is designated for one-way traffic flow with an approximate width of 6.7 metres. Swept path analysis indicates that the new location of the loading zone will not obstruct any nearby driveways or access to adjacent streets.

The proposed parking change would also provide some additional visitor parking in the area by limiting any vehicle that does not have an Area 18 parking permit to four hours of parking from 6pm-10pm Monday to Friday and 10am-10pm Saturday and 8am-10pm Sunday and Public Holidays, where the signs are installed.

Eligible residents will need to purchase parking permits from the City if they are to park their vehicles in kerb space allocated with permit parking restrictions.

## Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 207 letters sent out with one response supporting the proposal and seven responses opposing the proposal.

The responses objecting to the proposal raised concerns that vehicle manoeuvrability would be restricted, and it would create an unsafe environment for pedestrians.

However swept path analysis indicates that there is sufficient space for vehicles travelling along Foster Street to pass a vehicle parked in the proposed loading zone as well as sufficient space for vehicles to leave nearby driveways without being obstructed by the loading zone. Reducing the travel lane width will help slow down traffic in Foster Street and improve safety for pedestrians.

Submissions also suggested moving the proposed loading zone further north along Foster Street, closer to the businesses near Campbell Street. However this location would be directly opposite another driveway and would restrict turning traffic coming out of Hands Lane. The businesses near Campbell Street were also consulted as part of this proposal and did not provide any submissions requesting that the loading zone be moved closer to them.

**Financial**

Funds are available in the current budget.

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