

**Item 25.****Parking - Bus Zone - Baptist Street, Redfern**

TRIM Container No.: 2019/543830

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following reallocation of parking on the western side of Baptist Street, Redfern;

- (A) Between the points 26.3 metres and 46.7 metres (three car spaces) south of Zamia Street, as "Bus Zone"; and
- (B) Between the points 10 metres and 34.2 metres (four car spaces) north of Telopea Street, as "2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 41".

**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 – South Sydney PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Newtown	[Insert]	[Insert]

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

## Background

State Transit has requested the extension of the existing Bus Zone restrictions in Baptist Street, Redfern to facilitate safe access as part of the operation of higher capacity articulated buses stopping at the existing bus stop.

The proposals also include the removal of Bus Zone restrictions at a bus stop which is no longer in operation as kerb extensions and an overhanging tree prevent safe access for buses to set down and pick-up passengers.

The changes to bus stop locations were installed by State Transit (Transport for NSW) and chosen in regards to service requirements. The City installs bus zone restrictions surrounding bus stops in accordance with the NSW Road Rules 2014.

In this case, the bus changes have been in operation since December 2018 and remain without signposted Bus Zone restrictions as the previous proposal was deferred pending the provision of further information.

## Comments

The kerb space on the western side of Baptist Street, Redfern between Zamia Street and Phillip Street, where the changes are proposed, is currently "2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted, Area 41".

The extension of the Bus Zone would allow for increased frequency and capacity buses to service residents and business in Redfern. The proposal would result in the loss of three car parking spaces south of Zamia Street. However, the removal of the existing bus stop on Baptist Street just north of Telopea Street would provide an additional four timed permit parking spaces north of Telopea Street. Overall, the proposal would result in the net gain of one car parking space on Baptist Street.

OPAL ticket data for March 2019 recorded 16 pensioner/senior boarding's per day from the existing bus stop, highlighting the importance of buses being able to set down next to the kerb to pick-up passengers safely.

## Consultation

As part of this proposal, State Transit consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 60 letters sent out with no responses supporting the proposal and four responses opposing the proposal.

The responses opposing the proposal noted that the removal of parking for the extended Bus Zone would reduce the availability of parking for residents near their homes. The proposal increases the number of parking spaces overall by one and provides safe access to public transport services.

## Financial

All costs associated with the bus changes will be borne by State Transit

Brendan Rabbitt, State transit