

Item 59.**Other Authorities - Parking - Various Parking Changes - Bridge Street, Sydney****TRIM Container No.: 2019/552674****Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following reallocation of parking on the southern side of Bridge Street, Sydney, east of Bridge Lane as:

- (A) "No Stopping" between the points 0 metre and 10 metres (two car spaces);
- (B) "Bus Zone" between the points 10 metres and 46.9 metres (four car spaces); and
- (C) "No Stopping 6-10am 3-8pm Mon-Fri", "Loading Zone Ticket 10am-3pm Mon-Fri", "4P Ticket 8am-8pm Sat-Sun & Public Holidays" and "Taxi Zone 8pm-6am Mon-Sun" between the points 46.9 metres and 69.4 metres (six car spaces).

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – Sydney City PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

A bus stop on the southern side of Bridge St between Tank Stream Way and Bridge Lane (Transit Stop Number 2000417) was installed in 2015 as part of the NSW Government and Transport for NSW CBD Bus Plan. This bus stop was included in the stopping pattern for Route 343 services towards Chatswood and buses towards Cammeray and Eastern Valley Way (201-8 & 263).

After 8pm, the section of roadway immediately west of the Bus Zone is a Taxi Zone. As has been experienced in other locations where a taxi rank is situated in front of a bus zone, numerous taxis often illegally rank back into the bus zone leaving it inaccessible for buses. Whilst this is a compliance issue, recurring instances of non-compliance by taxi drivers resulting in no guaranteed safe boarding location for intending bus passengers.

From October 2017, bus stopping patterns for Routes 208 & 343 were altered, with this bus stop no longer included in the schedule after 8pm. Although the bus stop does not appear in the TransportNSW.info trip planner or timetable display at the bus stop, it is quite difficult to communicate this arrangement with customers, particularly individuals who access this bus stop at various times of day.

Whilst the impact on Route 208 is minimal due to commencing in the CBD, Route 343 operates between Kingsford and Chatswood with customers wishing to alight from the bus at this location. This is the last bus stop before the Sydney Harbour Bridge with the next stopping location being North Sydney Station.

Comments

The proposal is to relocate the existing bus zone west towards George St and move the existing parking/loading zone/taxi zone east towards Tank Stream Way.

End state reconfiguration of Bridge St following light rail construction will see No Left Turn from Bridge St westbound into George St southbound with the kerb side lane marked for traffic continuing westbound into Grosvenor St. This will enable buses to pull into head of rank before continuing into Bridge St.

This proposal has been sent to the Sydney Coordination Office who are supportive of trialling these arrangements with the aim of making this a permanent solution.

This arrangement is likely to prevent taxis from ranking into bus zone and enable the bus stop to be used by buses at all times of the day, removing confusing time-of-day arrangements.

Consultation

Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) State Transit consulted Taxi Council and 13Cabs.

There are no change to the type, length or time of the restriction. It is a proposal to switch two existing restrictions and does not affect buses, taxis and customers.

Financial

All costs associated with the parking change will be borne by TfNSW State Transit.

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