Item 20.

Parking - No Stopping - Epsom Road, Zetland

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the allocation of parking on the southern side of Epsom Road, Zetland between the points 10 metres and 45 metres (six car spaces) east of Emanuel Lane, as "No Stopping 6.30am-9am, 3.30pm-6.30pm Mon-Fri".

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Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The State Transit Authority has requested timed No Stopping restrictions on the southern side of Epsom Road, Zetland to reduce congestion and prevent bus delays from queuing in a single lane east of Emanuel Lane during peak hours.
Comments

The kerb space on the southern side of Epsom Road, Zetland east of Emanuel Lane, where the changes are proposed, is currently unrestricted for parking.

Epsom Road is used by high-frequency and well patronised bus services and the State Transit Authority has raised concerns about delays that the buses encounter while travelling westbound on the approach to Botany Road.

The kerbside parking lane west of Emanuel Lane, towards Botany Road, already has "No Stopping 6.30am-9am" and "3.30pm-6.30pm Mon-Fri" restrictions.

However, during peak periods, traffic queues well beyond Emanuel Lane. Extending the "No Stopping 6.30am-9am" and "3.30pm-6.30pm Mon-Fri" for 35 metres east of Emanuel Lane will facilitate bus services exiting Epsom Road onto Botany Road during peak hours. This will make bus services much more efficient and therefore encourage increased usage instead of private car travel.

Parking in this location is in front of businesses, with off-street parking, and mainly occupied by commuters. Parking would remain unrestricted outside of peak hours as part of this proposal.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 52 letters sent out with one response opposing the proposal.

The response opposing the proposal noted that the proposal will remove access to parking during peak hours and the additional travel lane will make it more difficult for pedestrians to cross the street.

However the proposal restricts parking for a small section on the southern side of Epsom Road during peak hours only, and a signal-controlled pedestrian crossing is provided at Botany Road approximately 90 metres distance for pedestrians to safely use.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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