

Item 20.**Parking - Disability Parking - Union Street, Erskineville**

TRIM Container No.: 2021/215172

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the allocation of parking on the eastern side of Union Street, Erskineville between the points 16 metres and 22.7 metres south of Newman Lane as "Disability Parking Only".

Voting Members for this Item

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

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting

Background

A resident of Union Street, Erskineville has requested a disability parking space in front of their house. The resident has advised they are not in a wheelchair but cannot physically walk far.

Comments

Union Street, Erskineville, south of Newman Lane, where the changes are proposed, is designated for one-way traffic flow with an approximate width of 6.7 metres.

The kerb space, where the changes are proposed, is currently unrestricted for parking on both sides of the street.

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 2.3 metres. The remaining width is allocated for on-street parking.

Footpaths (approximately 1.7 metres wide) are provided on both sides of the street.

The Australian Standard for on-street disability parking (AS 2890.5 – 1993) requires spaces to be 6.7 metres long and 3.2 metres wide for middle spaces.

A 6.7 metre long bay is proposed however with consideration for the constrained width of Union Street, the 3.2 metre bay width cannot be accommodated either within the carriageway or the adjacent footpath. However as Union Street is designated for one-way traffic flow and has very low traffic volumes, low vehicle speed and only provides local access then the requested disability space can be provided with reduced dimensions.

Although the resident is 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 46 letters sent out with four responses supporting the proposal and no responses opposing the proposal.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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