

Item 35.**Traffic Treatment - Permanent Road Closure, Parking and Pedestrian Changes
- Park Road, Alexandria**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following changes in Alexandria:

- (A) The permanent closure of Park Road to traffic, between the points 32 metres and 48 metres north of Power Avenue;
- (B) The provision of a 2.1 metre wide kerb extension on the southern side of Buckland Street, between the points 30 metres and 36.8 metres, and the points 170 metres and 176.8 metres west of Phillip Street,
- (C) The provision of two continuous footpath treatments across the port-cochere on the western side of Park Road just north of Power Avenue.
- (D) Reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Park Road, between the points 10 metres and 18 metres (one car space) north of Power Avenue as "P15 8am-10am, 2pm-4pm Mon-Fri" and "2P 10am-2pm";
- (E) Reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Park Road, between the points 18 metres and 32 metres (three car spaces) north of Power Avenue as "No Stopping";
- (F) Reallocation of parking on the western side of Park Road, between the points 2 metres and 10 metres (one car space) north of Power Avenue as "No Parking 8am-4pm Mon-Fri, Save the Children Buses Excepted"; and
- (G) Reallocation of parking on the western side of Park Road, between the points 10 metres and 18 metres (one car space) north of Power Avenue as "P15 8am-10am, 2pm-4pm Mon-Fri" and "2P 10am-2pm"; and
- (H) Reallocation of parking on the western side of Park Road, between the points 18 metres and 32 metres (two car spaces) north of Power Avenue as "No Stopping".

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]

Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – South Sydney PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Heffron	[Insert]	[Insert]

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

On 21 June 2018, the Committee endorsed the permanent closure to traffic of Park Road, Alexandria. However, a section of Park Road was retained between Power Avenue and a point 48 metres north of Power Avenue with a turnaround area provided outside Alexandria Park Community School and on-street parking during school hours. The closure facilitated the development of a new recreational space and sports field for school and community use.

It is proposed to extend the previous closure to the south, to facilitate pedestrian and cyclist access to the school and recreational facilities.

Comments

Park Road, Alexandria is a local two-way street, which provides access to the Alexandria Park Community School and Alexandria Park. Park Road is a 'No Through Road' with access provided from Power Avenue at its southern end. Park Road is approximately 12.8 metres wide and has 2.1 metre wide footpaths on both sides of the road. There is parallel kerbside parking on eastern and western sides of the street.

Continuous Footpath Treatments

Alexandria Park Community school has a port-cochere on private land to facilitate pick-up and drop-off. The area also contains a public bus stop utilised by the route 355 bus. The traffic island between the port-cochere driveways provides parking for the 'Save the Children' bus service on Park Road services the children from the adjacent school.

Pedestrian access to the traffic island is currently provided by two at-grade and non-complaint pedestrian crossings at the northern and southern ends of the port-cochere. As part of the proposed changes, the footpath would be continued across the access to the port-cochere to provide a continuous pedestrian link.

Footpath Widening

In response to community concerns about cycle accessibility on Buckland Street at the western side of Alexandria Park Community School and the northern end of the closure of

Park Road, it is proposed to provide 2.1 metre wide kerb extensions at the existing kerb ramps within the existing chevron painted islands on Buckland Street. This would facilitate bicycle riders safely entering and exiting the road and would help prevent drivers parking their vehicle across the ramp and blocking access for children riding bikes.

The NSW Road Rules prohibit parking across a kerb ramp and as such the kerb extensions result in no loss of parking.

Parking

The kerb space on Park Road is currently a mix of "P15 8am-9:30am, 2:30pm-4pm" and "2P 9:30am-2:30pm, 4pm-6pm Mon-Fri" as well as "Bus Zone 8am-9:30am, 2:30am-4pm Mon-Fri, Save the Children Mobile Play Bus Excepted " restrictions.

To facilitate the vehicles turning around within the new closure location, without the use of private land, it is proposed to increase the "No Stopping" restriction on the eastern side of Park Road to facilitate vehicles turning around.

It is also proposed to update the existing restrictions to provide "P15 8am-10am, 2pm-4pm Mon-Fri" and "2P 10am-2pm" as well as a "No Parking 8am-4pm Mon-Fri, Save the Children Buses Excepted". This is proposed to increase access and reduce confusion about the restrictions to road users.

Two "No Parking Authorised NSW Health Service Vehicles Excepted 8am-5pm Mon-Fri" spaces are currently signposted within the proposed closure. These spaces are required to be removed as part of the extension of the closure. NSW Health have arranged for this parking to be accommodated within the site.

Consultation

As part of the original proposal to close Park Road, Alexandria to traffic, consultation was carried out in compliance with Section 116 of the Roads Act 1993. This covered the entire length of Park Road.

There were 11 submissions supporting the proposal and two submissions opposing to the proposal. Submissions opposing the proposal raised concerns about congestion and competition for parking.

The City, at the time, did not close the entire length of Park Road as per the Section 116 action, but now proposes to extend the closure to cover an extra 16 metre length. With the extension of the closure by 16 metres, the City consulted TfNSW, The Department of Education, NSW Health, and the principal of the Alexandria Park Community school to develop the proposal further and all endorsed the proposed work.

Financial

Costs associated with the proposal will be borne in part by the applicant and provided as part of the public domain works associated with the upgrade of the Alexandria Park Community School.

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