

Item 16.**Parking - Disability Parking - Susan Street, Newtown**

TRIM Container No.: 2022/175569

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the western side of Susan Street, Newtown, between the points 65.9 metres and 73.3 metres south of Carillon Avenue 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 –InnerWest PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Newtown	[Insert]	[Insert]

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting

Background

A resident of Susan Street, Newtown has requested a disability parking space in their street. The resident has advised they are not in a wheelchair but cannot physically walk far.

Comments

Susan Street, Newtown between Carillon Avenue and Campbell Street is designated for two-way traffic flow with an approximate width of 4.3 metres.

The kerb space, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as "2P 8am-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 22" on the western side of the street.

The Australian Standard for on-street disability parking (AS 2890.5 – 2020) requires spaces to be 7.8 metres long and 3.2 metres wide.

The proposed space is only 7.4 metres long as it needs to fit between the existing next door neighbour's driveway and a "No Stopping" restriction installed to maintain access to a row of driveways on the opposite side of this narrow street. However the adjacent space provided by the driveways creates additional space for a person parking in the proposed disability space. Due to the constrained width of Susan Street, the 3.2 metre bay width cannot be accommodated either within the carriageway or the adjacent footpath. However, as Susan Street has very low traffic volumes, low vehicle speed and only provides local access then the requested disability space can be provided with reduced dimensions.

The City's Inclusive and Accessible Public Domain Guidelines notes that not every designated on street mobility parking space provided for residential use needs to comply with the requirements of the Australian Standard.

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 231 letters sent out with no responses supporting or opposing the proposal.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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