

**Item 17.****Parking - Disability Parking - Gowrie Street, Newtown**

TRIM Container No.: 2021/555768

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Gowrie Street, Newtown between the points 68.5 metres and 76.3 metres south of Newman Lane as 'Disability Parking Only'.

**Voting Members for this Item**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Object</b>
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – Inner West PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Newtown	[Insert]	[Insert]

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting

**Background**

A resident of Gowrie Street, Newtown 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

Gowrie Street between Newman Lane and Harold Street is designated for one-way southbound traffic flow with an approximate width of 8.6 metres.

The kerb space, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as " 2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri, Permit Holders Excepted Area 36"

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

Footpaths approximately 1.5 metres wide are provided on both sides 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.

A 7.8 metre long bay is proposed however with consideration for the constrained width of Gowrie Street, the 3.2 metre bay width cannot be accommodated either within the carriageway or the adjacent footpath. Given that Gowrie Street has very low traffic volumes and low vehicle speed, 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.

## Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 90 letters sent out with two responses opposing the proposal due to loss of a parking space.

## Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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