

Item 19.**Parking - Disability Parking - Union Street, Erskineville**

TRIM Container No.: 2022/093301

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the allocation of parking on the eastern side of Union Street, Erskineville between the points 86.7 metres and 94.5 metres north of Munni Street 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 –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 Union Street, Erskineville 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

Union Street, Erskineville between Munni Street and Toogood Lane is designated for one-way traffic flow northbound with an approximate width of 7.4 metres.

The kerb space, where the changes are proposed, is currently unrestricted for parking 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 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.

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 76 letters sent out with one response supporting the proposal and four responses opposing the proposal.

The opposing submissions were from residents that are concerned about the validity of the applicant's mobility permit and loss of on-street parking spaces.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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