

Item 24.**Parking - Disability Parking - Belmore Street, Surry Hills**

TRIM Container No.: 2022/208382

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the western side of Belmore Street, Surry Hills between the points 10 metres and 17.8 metres south of Albion Way 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 –Surry Hills PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting

Background

A business owner and staff member in Belmore Street, Surry Hills has requested a disability parking space in the street, to provide safe access to their workplace. The applicant has advised they are not in a wheelchair but cannot physically walk far.

The City is proposing a full time Disability Parking space to facilitate other residents and visitors in the area outside the business operating hours.

Comments

Belmore Street, Surry Hills between Albion Way and Belmore Lane is designated for two-way traffic flow with an approximate width of 9.1 metres. The road and footway grades are relatively flat adjacent to this proposed space.

The kerb space, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as “2P Ticket 8am-6pm Mon-Fri, 4P Ticket 6pm-10pm Mon-Fri & 8pm-10pm Sat-Sun & Public Holidays Permit Holders excepted AREA 18” on both sides of the street.

Under existing conditions, vehicles park on both sides of the street which reduces the trafficable lane for two-way traffic flow to an approximate width of 4.7 metres. The remaining width is allocated for on-street parking.

Footpaths (approximately 3 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 and with consideration for the width of the existing parking lane in Belmore Street, a 3.2 metre wide bay can be accommodated within the carriageway. However, as the street has low traffic volumes and low speed, the City believes this disability parking space should 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 100 letters sent out with no responses supporting or opposing the proposal.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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