

Item 27.**Parking - Proposed Parking Trial - Forbes Street and Bourke Street, Darlinghurst**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the proposed six-month trial of the following parking reallocation in Forbes Street and Bourke Street in Darlinghurst:

- (A) Western side of Forbes Street, between the points 10 metres and 25.2 metres, south of St Peters Street as "Bus Zone 7.30-9am 2.30-4pm School Days" and "No Parking 9am-2.30pm 4-6pm School Days Buses Excepted";
- (B) Western side of Forbes Street, between the points 39 metres and 61.5 metres, south of St Peters Street as "Bus Zone 7.30-9am 2.30-4pm School Days" and "1P 9am-2.30pm Mon-Fri";
- (C) Western side of Forbes Street, between the points 61.5 metres and 77.5 metres and between the points 85.2 metres and 97.5 metres, south of St Peters Street as "No Parking 7.30-9am 2.30-3.30pm School Days" and "1P 9am-2.30pm Mon-Fri"
- (D) Eastern side of Forbes Street, between the points 16.6 metres and 22.6 metres, north of Clapton Place as "No Stopping";
- (E) Eastern side of Forbes Street, between the points 22.6 metres and 29.1 metres, north of Clapton Place as "No Parking Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted";
- (F) Eastern side of Bourke Street, between the points 192 metres and 204 metres, south of St Peters Street as "No Parking 7.30-9.30am 2.30-3.30pm School Days", "1P 9.30am-2.30pm" and "1P 3.30pm-Midnight Mon-Fri 8am-Midnight Sat-Sun Permit Holders Excepted Area 17".

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – Kings Cross PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The City received representations about traffic and parking issues in Forbes Street and Bourke Street, Darlinghurst during school afternoon pick-up. The Sydney Church of England Girls' Grammar School (SCEGGS) and City staff investigated the concerns and recommended to trial the proposed parking changes in Forbes and Bourke Streets for a period of six months.

Comments

Parking restrictions along the frontages of SCEGGS, where the changes are proposed, consists of a mix of parking restrictions. To improve parking access for school buses and for drivers to pick up and drop off passengers, it is proposed to trial the following parking changes:

Length	Current Parking Restrictions	Proposed Trial Parking Restrictions
On the western side of Forbes Street:		
15.2m	No Parking 8am-6pm School Days Buses Excepted	Bus Zone 7.30-9am 2.30-4pm School Days No Parking 9am-2.30pm 4-6pm School Days Buses Excepted
22.5m	No Parking 7.30-9am 2.30-3.30pm School Days 2P 9am-2.30pm Mon-Fri	Bus Zone 7.30-9am 2.30-4pm School Days 1P 9am-2.30pm Mon-Fri*
28.3m	No Parking 7.30-9am 2.30-3.30pm School Days 2P 9am-2.30pm Mon-Fri	No Parking 7.30-9am 2.30-3.30pm School Days 1P 9am-2.30pm Mon-Fri*
*Restrictions proposed during consultation were No Parking 9am-2.30pm Mon-Fri		
On the eastern side of Forbes Street		
6m	No Parking	No Stopping

Length	Current Parking Restrictions	Proposed Trial Parking Restrictions
6.5m	No Parking & No Parking Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted	No Parking Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted
On the eastern side of Bourke Street		
12m	1P 8am-Midnight Permit Holders Excepted Area 17	No Parking 7.30-9.30am 2.30-3.30pm School Days 1P 9.30am-2.30pm Mon-Fri 1P 3.30-Midnight Mon-Fri 8am-Midnight Sat-Sun Permit Holders Excepted Area 17

In order to determine the suitability of the parking changes, the City proposes to trial the parking changes for at least two school terms between 18 July to 2 December 2022.

During the trial, SCEGGS will also appoint a traffic controller in Forbes Street to improve traffic safety during school pick up times in the afternoon. City Rangers will patrol and enforce the parking restrictions.

The City initially consulted on a proposed parking plan that included the removal of 2P parking between 9am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday on the western side of Forbes Street, south of St Peters Street. Following consideration of the submissions received, the proposed parking plan was amended with parking allocated as 1P parking between 9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday. The proposed 1P restriction is consistent with the existing parking restrictions in the area.

The City will undertake a review of the proposed trial parking restrictions at the end of the six-month trial to determine a way forward after the trial period.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 672 letters sent out and ten submissions were received. The submissions are summarised below.

Number of submissions	Summary of submissions	City comments
21	Object to the original parking plan which included the removal of 2P parking between 9am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday. Concerned that the removal of 2P parking will impact on the resident permit parking spaces elsewhere in Forbes Street.	Following consideration of the submissions, the proposal was amended with parking allocated as 1P parking between 9am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday. The proposed 1P restriction is consistent with surrounding parking restrictions in the area.

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1	Object to the proposal to increase pick up and drop off areas as it encourages more car traffic to the area. Suggest increasing enforcement of the existing traffic and parking restrictions to create a safe environment for students to walk to and from the school utilising nearby public transport.	There is an overall net reduction in drop off and pickup zones in Forbes Street where the high school students are picked up. The length of the Bus Zones will increase.
1	Object to the proposal to increase the number of bus zones in Forbes Street and is concerned about the increased noise and air pollution impacts on the health and amenity of the community.	The number of buses is not expected to increase, but the length of the Bus Zone has been extended to accommodate the current bus demand to reduce incidences of double parking.
3	<p>Object to the proposed increase in the number of pick up and drop off spaces in Bourke Street due to the loss of resident permit parking spaces.</p> <p>Request for "No Parking" time periods to be reduced to ease the parking impacts.</p> <p>Request for consideration to expand permit parking Area 17 and 21 in Bourke Street, Darlinghurst</p> <p>Request to consider using St Peters Street as a location for student pick up/drop off</p>	<p>There is a net increase of 2 spaces for drop off and pick up in Bourke Street to increase capacity and relieve some of the queuing that occurs in St Peters Street and loops back to Forbes Street which contributes to congestion and double parking issues in Forbes Street.</p> <p>Overall, there is a net decrease of No Parking zones for drop-off and pick-up in the scheme.</p> <p>The City will undertake a review of the proposed trial parking restrictions at the end of the six-month trial to determine a way forward after the trial period. The suggestions to expand permit parking Area 17 and 21 and reduce "No Parking" times will be taken into consideration at that time.</p> <p>There is a pedestrian crossing in St Peters Street, which connects the main school campus and the Diana Bowman building. During school peak times, St Peters Street is a high pedestrian activity area and is therefore not suitable</p>

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		as a pick up/drop off location for pedestrian safety reasons.
3	Request for the proposed parking trial to be put on hold until the SCEGGS Wilkinson House Development Application (DA) is approved.	<p>The proposed redevelopment of the SCEGGS Wilkinson House is a State Significant project and is currently being assessed by the Department of Planning NSW. The DA has not been approved at the time of writing.</p> <p>If the DA is approved, it is expected that appropriate conditions will be imposed to mitigate construction impacts. Any use of the public road will require approval by the City including a Construction Traffic and Pedestrian Management Plan to minimise traffic and parking impacts on the site's surrounding streets.</p>

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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