

Item 26.**Parking - Mobility Parking - Hutchinson Street, Surry Hills**

TRIM Container No.: 2022/532335

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the western side of Hutchinson Street, Surry Hills between the points 7.3 metres and 15.1 metres north of Sandwell Street as "Mobility 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 resident of Fitzroy Street has requested a mobility parking space in Hutchinson Street, Surry Hills. The resident has advised they are not in a wheelchair but cannot physically walk far.

Comments

Hutchinson Street, Surry Hills north of Sandwell Street is designated for two-way traffic flow with an approximate width of 5.9 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 "2P 8am-10pm, Permit Holders Excepted Area 18" on the western side of the street. Even though this parking space is not directly in front of the resident's premises, this proposed location would be the closest parking space available to the resident in question.

Under existing conditions, vehicles park on the western side of the street which reduces the trafficable lane for two-way traffic flow to an approximate width of 3.7 metres. The remaining width is allocated for on-street parking.

Footpaths (approximately 1.6 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 Hutchinson Street, the 3.2 metre bay width cannot be accommodated either within the carriageway or the adjacent footpath. However, as Hutchinson 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 178 letters sent out with no responses supporting the proposal and one response opposing the proposal due to lack of parking for other residents.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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