

Item 24.**Parking - Taxi Zone - Clarence Street, Sydney**

TRIM Container No.: 2023/124888

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Clarence Street, Sydney between the points 94 metres and 127 metres (six car spaces) north of Market Street as "No Stopping 3pm-8pm Mon-Fri 10am-6pm Sat-Sun & Public Holidays", "Loading Zone Ticket 6am-3pm Mon-Fri 6am-10am Sat-Sun & Public Holidays" and "Taxi Zone All Other Times".

Voting Members for this Item

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

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The York, Clarence and Kent Streets, Sydney (YCK precinct) working group comprising of representatives from the YCK Association, local hospitality businesses, Theatre Royal, City of Sydney, Transport for NSW, QVB, QT Hotel, NSW Taxi Council and Point to Point Commissioner have identified the need for a secure taxi rank in Clarence Street due to the influx of visitors to the precinct.

Comments

The kerb space on the eastern side of Clarence Street, Sydney between Market and King Streets, where the changes are proposed, is currently as "No Stopping 3pm-8pm Mon-Fri 10am-6pm Sat-Sun & Public Holidays", "Loading Zone Ticket 6am-3pm Mon-Fri 6am-10am Sat-Sun & Public Holidays" and "4P Ticket 8pm-Midnight Mon-Fri 6pm-10pm Sat-Sun & Public Holidays".

The first of its kind in Australia, Purple Flag is an international accreditation scheme that aims to identify areas offering a diverse, vibrant and safe night out.

To achieve Purple Flag accreditation, areas need to meet a set of criteria, including access to public transport, adequate street lighting and great food and beverage offerings.

The Purple Flag accreditation scheme is a key initiative (Action 3) of the NSW Government's 24-Hour Economy Strategy enhancing our thriving, diverse and inclusive night-time destinations.

York, Clarence and Kent Streets, Sydney (YCK) is the first accredited Purple Flag precinct in Australia. The YCK Laneways precinct is Sydney's premier destination for boutique and independent hospitality, nightlife, cultural, creative and retail experiences. Additionally, the area is a central hub for all transport types and central to other key Sydney CBD precincts such as The Rocks, Circular Quay and Chinatown.

The YCK working group comprising of representatives from the YCK Association, local hospitality businesses, Theatre Royal, City of Sydney, Transport for NSW, QVB, QT Hotel, NSW Taxi Council and Point to Point Commissioner have identified the need for a secure taxi rank in Clarence Street due to the influx of visitors to the precinct. This will be exemplified due to further marketing and communication of the precinct to consumers as a Purple Flag Accredited area.

Given that there are currently no Taxi Zones in Clarence Street, a new Taxi Zone is proposed in Clarence Street, adjacent to the YCK precinct to improve access to taxis for visitors to the YCK Precinct. The Taxi Zone will operate after the end of the "No Stopping" restrictions during the weekday PM peak hours and the weekend. The current Loading Zone restrictions are maintained and as such there will be no impact to deliveries to businesses in the area.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 191 letters sent out with three responses supporting the proposal and no responses opposing the proposal.

The proposal is supported by Transport for NSW, NSW Taxi Council, Sydney City PAC, Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade and businesses in the YCK precinct.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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