Item 42.

Traffic Treatment & Parking - Various - Phillip Street, Sydney

TRIM Container No.: 2023/017591

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following parking changes and traffic treatments in Phillip Street, Sydney south of Martin Place:

- (A) Reallocation of parking on the western side, between the points 77 metres and 89 metres as "No Stopping";
- (B) Reallocation of parking on the western side, between the points 98 metres and 104 metres as "P30mins Ticket";
- (C) Reallocation of parking on the eastern side, between the points 66 metres and 82 metres as "Mobility Parking 8am-6pm Mon-Fri" and "4P Ticket 6pm-12am Mon-Fri 8am-10pm Sat Sun & Public Holidays";
- (D) Reallocation of parking on the eastern side, between the points 82 metres and 98 metres as "No Stopping";
- (E) Installation of a U-Turn arrow and pavement line markings between 90 metres and 98 metres; and
- (F) Introduce a "No Entry Bicycles and Supreme Court Vehicles Excepted" restriction for the southbound lane between 98 metres and 109 metres.

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

In July 2022, as part of the King Street Cycleway project, the City completed works to make King Street one-way, east of Elizabeth Street and a short section of Phillip Street. The works were installed to create a safer crossing of King Street at Phillip Street for people walking and riding.

With the one-way arrangement, the Supreme Court of NSW has raised concerns about increasing number of vehicles using its driveway to perform U-turning movements. The U-turn vehicles impact on the accessibility and safety of drivers entering and exiting the Supreme Court's car park.

Comments

Access restriction

The proposed "No Entry Bicycles and Supreme Court Vehicles Excepted" restriction for southbound traffic in Phillip Street will limit the number of movements adjacent to the Supreme Court driveway, improving access and safety for drivers entering and exiting the Court's car park

Pavement Markings

The proposed pavement markings provide guidance to drivers to U-turn safely in Phillip Street before the Supreme Court's driveway.

Parking

Parking restrictions along the eastern and western kerbs of Phillip Street, south of Martin Place is currently a mix of Loading Zones, 4P Ticket, P30mins Ticket and Mobility Parking.

The proposed "No Stopping" restrictions will allow vehicles more road space to perform Uturn movements safely.

The proposal results in a loss of two loading zone/4P ticket spaces. There are no net loss of P30mins Ticket and Mobility Parking spaces from this proposal.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 523 letters sent out with no responses supporting or opposing the proposal.

The proposal was consulted with the Supreme Court of NSW and Counsel's Chambers Limited (CCL).

Supreme Court of NSW did not raise objections to the proposal.

CCL objected to the proposal due to parking losses and the need for vehicles to undertake U-turn movements. CCL requested consideration to make Phillip Street one way between Elizabeth and Hunter Streets to alleviate the inefficiency and safety issues from vehicles making U-turns.

The City did consider making the whole of Phillip Street one way as part of the King Street cycleway project. The one way proposal was not supported by property owners as it limits the number of available routes for vehicles to enter Phillip Street.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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