

Item 10.**Car Share - Linthorpe Street, Newtown**

TRIM Container No.: 2023/197328

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the extension to the existing car share space on the southern side of Linthorpe Street, Newtown between the points 13 metres and 17 metres (one car space) west of Brown Street as "No Parking Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted Bay".

Voting Members for this Item

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

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The City is committed to providing dedicated parking for car sharing across the Local Government Area as part of a Council approved Car Share Policy. An Application has been received from Popcar for an additional car share space in Linthorpe Street, Newtown west of Brown Street.

The car share space in Linthorpe and Brown Streets were considered and endorsed at the Local Pedestrian Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee (LPCTCC) meeting in July 2023.

However, the submissions received were not recorded in the LPCTCC reports. Therefore, the City is considering these reports again with updated information for Committee's consideration.

Comments

The kerb space on the southern side of Linthorpe Street, Newtown, west of Brown Street, where the changes are proposed, is currently unrestricted for parking.

The proposed car share will be installed adjacent the existing car share.

The car share space will be installed and managed in accordance with the Transport for New South Wales's Technical Direction 2018/001 and the provisions of the Council-approved Car Share Policy.

Car sharing is popular in more than 600 cities worldwide, and research has shown substantial environmental benefits. Car sharing reduces total urban driving, reduces household vehicle holdings, and increases walking, cycling and public transport use.

Car sharing can provide numerous environmental and transportation benefits. It is an alternative to owning a car where public transport, walking, and cycling can be used most of the time and a car is only necessary for long distance trips, moving large items, or special occasions. Car share members typically take fewer trips by car after becoming an active car share member. This means their total mileage driven and use of fuel decreases which also means fewer carbon emissions and less traffic congestion.

On average, each car share vehicle in the City can replace up to 12 private vehicles that would otherwise compete for parking.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 126 letters sent out with no responses supporting and 10 responses opposing the proposal.

The responses opposing the proposal noted that car share spaces are already installed in Linthorpe and Brown Streets, installing more car share space will result in loss of parking for residents.

However, the City has approved additional Car Share Operators, including Popcar, which will provide more options to residents, but additional car share spaces are needed for the new operators. Therefore it is proposed to proceed with this proposal.

Financial

All costs associated with the Car Share space installation will be borne by the Applicant.

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