

Item 14.**Parking - Mobility Parking - Reuss Street, Glebe**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the southern side of Reuss Street, Glebe between the points 15 metres and 22 metres west of Purves 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 –Leichhardt PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Balmain	[Insert]	[Insert]

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting

Background

There is an existing part-time "Mobility Parking Only" space in Reuss Street, Glebe. To improve both the access to mobility parking and enforcement of the mobility parking restriction, it is proposed to introduce "Mobility Parking Only" full time.

Comments

The southern side of Reuss Street, west of Purves Street, where the changes are proposed, is currently “1P 8am-6pm Permit Holders Excepted Area G” & “Mobility Parking Only At Other Times”.

The Australian Standard for on-street mobility parking (AS 2890.5 – 2020) requires spaces to be 7.8 metres long and 3.2 metres wide.

A 7 metre long bay is proposed however with consideration for the constrained width of Reuss Street, the 3.2 metre bay width cannot be accommodated either within the carriageway or the adjacent footpath. The length of the space has not been increased from the existing 7 metres as it meets the need of the local resident and any increase in length would result in the effective loss of one parking space. As Reuss Street is a cul-de-sac and has very low traffic volumes, low vehicle speed and only provides local access then the requested mobility space can be provided with reduced dimensions.

The resident is not a wheelchair user and kerb ramps are not required, nor can they be provided due to the limited footpath width.

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.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 123 letters sent out with one response supporting the proposal and 8 responses opposing the proposal.

Residents raised the following issues / concerns:

- Potential loss of parking due to any increase in the length of the mobility parking space;
- Requests for the space to be relocated to St Johns Road to improve access for the wider community;
- Concerns around the legitimacy of the permit holder's condition; and
- Questions about the need for the change and the limited history of non-compliance.

The proposal maintains the existing length of the mobility parking space and there are no parking loss. The mobility parking space is only available to those with a valid permit, any further discussion about the validity / issuing of mobility parking permits is not relevant to or appropriate for this committee. The existing part time mobility parking restriction does not provide significant benefits as the resident is usually parked for most of the day. The restriction does inherently lead to situations where drivers may park illegally by overstaying the 6pm time limit.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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