

Item 19.**Parking - Mobility Parking - Foss Street, Forest Lodge**

TRIM Container No.: 2023/536107

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Foss Street, Forest Lodge between the points 26.5 metres and 34.3 metres north of Bridge Street as "P15 Mobility Parking 8-9.30am and 3-6pm School Days 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

In response to a request from Forest Lodge Public School to reinstate on-street parking access for vehicles with a mobility parking permit, it is proposed to reallocate one parking space as "P15 Minute Mobility Parking 8-9.30am 3-6pm School Days Only" in Foss Street, Forest Lodge. The school has advised that the student uses a wheelchair.

Comments

Foss Street, Forest Lodge north of Bridge Road is designated for two-way traffic flow with an approximate width of 7.1 metres. The moderate road and footway grades at the proposed location and in the surrounding area on Foss Street slope away from the school. The wheelchair-accessible entry path to the school is located on Foss Street with no alternatives on other road frontages. Considering this site has previously been used for accessible school pick up / drop off and that the student being dropped off will be assisted by her parents, the proposed location represents the best feasible option to improve access to the school despite the adverse gradient.

The kerb space, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as "P5 Minute 8.30-9.30am and 3-4pm School Days Only".

Footpaths (approximately 2.7 metres wide) are provided on the northern side of the street. 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 7.8 metre long bay is proposed however with consideration width of Foss Street, the 3.2 metre bay width can be accommodated either within the carriageway or the adjacent footpath.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 76 letters sent out with 0 responses supporting the proposal and 2 responses opposing the proposal.

Submissions that objected raised concerns about lack of on-street parking availability for general pick up / drop off and for residents.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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