

Item 21.**Parking - Mobility Parking - O'Connor Street, Chippendale**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the southern side of O'Connor Street between the points 37.1 metres and 44.2 metres east of Central Park Avenue as "4P Mobility Parking 8am-10pm".

Voting Members for this Item

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

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting

Background

The City's Inclusion (Disability) Action Plan 2021-2025 (IDAP) includes a series of actions designed to actively address barriers faced by people with disability.

One of the actions identified in the IDAP is to "continue to explore and implement strategies to increase access to on-street and off-street accessible parking and drop off points in the City of Sydney area".

Therefore, the City is proposing to install "4P Mobility Parking 8am-10pm" in O'Connor Street, Chippendale.

Comments

O'Connor Street, Zetland east of Central Park Avenue is designated for two-way traffic flow with an approximate width of 8.7 metres, and includes indented parking on southern side of the street. The road and footway grades are generally flat adjacent to the proposed parking space.

The southern side of O'Connor Street, east of Central Park Avenue, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as "2P Ticket 8am-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 32".

In line with the actions recommended in the IDAP, it is proposed to introduce "4P Mobility Parking 8am-10pm".

The proposed parking changes would limit any vehicle with a NSW Mobility Parking Scheme permit to 4 hours of parking between 8am-10pm seven days a week where the signs are installed.

Under existing conditions, the trafficable lane for two-way traffic flow is provided as approximate width of 6 metres. The remaining width is allocated for indented on-street parking.

Footpaths (approximately 2.5 metres) are provided on both sides 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 for the constrained width of O'Connor Street, the 3.2 metre bay width cannot be accommodated either within the carriageway or the adjacent footpath. However, as O'Connor Street is designated for two-way traffic flow 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 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.

The City will investigate installing ramps at this site should the proposal be endorsed.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 848 letters sent out with no responses supporting the proposal and one response opposing the proposal due to loss of parking.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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