

**Item 20.****Parking - No Parking - Macquarie Street, Sydney**

TRIM Container No.: 2023/536067

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the western side of Macquarie Street, Sydney between the points 81.5 metres and 96.5 metres south of Hunter Street as: "No Parking 9am-9pm Wedding Or Funeral Or Church Delivery Vehicles Excepted".

**Voting Members for this Item**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Object</b>
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**

Volunteers at St Stephen's Uniting Church of Macquarie Street, Sydney have requested consideration of changes in the duration and scope of the existing restriction in Macquarie Street outside the church to better facilitate deliveries and volunteer access to the Church's early morning food bank and community outreach known as the 'Early Bird Café'.

## Comments

The kerb space on the western side of Macquarie Street, Sydney between Hunter Street and Martin Place, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as "No Parking 8.30am-9pm Wedding Or Funeral Vehicles Excepted"

Delivery trucks from various organisations bring surplus foodstuffs to the church on an ad-hoc basis throughout the day. Volunteers also use the space for parking, typically arriving at 5am and finishing at 9am-10am.

Permitting deliveries to take place on Macquarie Street will allow heavy trolleys of food to be wheeled to the Church's accessible entrance and lift, rather than needing to be carried up steps from Phillip Street. Existing Loading Zones on Macquarie Street nearby are often fully occupied and as deliveries aren't scheduled, pre-booking these zones is not practical. Considering the community benefits of this charitable activity, use of public space that is already partially managed by the church to support the operation of the 'Early Bird Café' is acceptable.

Reducing the duration of the No Parking restriction by 30 minutes will also provide more time for volunteers who are finishing their shifts to leave before the parking restriction takes effect. Commencement of the restriction at 9am still supports pick up / drop off at nearby businesses and access to the broader CBD.

## Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 155 letters sent out with no responses supporting or opposing the proposal.

## Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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