

Item 26.**Parking – Various Parking Changes – Oxford Street, Darlinghurst**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the following reallocation of parking on the northern side of Oxford Street, Darlinghurst, east of Liverpool Street:

- (A) Between the points 52.2 metres and 68.8 metres as "Loading Zone 7.30am-3pm Mon-Fri 8.30am-12.30pm Sat", "Taxi Zone All Other Times" and "Bus Lane 3pm-7pm Mon-Fri";
- (B) Between the points 292.5 metres and 315.5 metres as "No Stopping 7am-9am Mon-Fri ", "1P Ticket Parking 7am-9am Mon-Fri 8:30am-6pm Sat Sun & Public Holiday" and "Bus Lane 3pm-7pm Mon-Fri"; and
- (C) Between the points 315.5 metres and 339 metres as "No Stopping 7am-9am Mon-Fri ", "Loading Zone 7.30am-3pm Mon-Fri 8.30am-12.30pm Sat" and "Bus Lane 3pm-7pm Mon-Fri".

It is recommended that Committee notes the following reallocation of parking along the Oxford Street road sections controlled by Transport for NSW:

- (D) On the northern side of Oxford Street, between the points 23.8 metre and 33.2 metre, east of Crown Street as "Loading Zone 7am-3pm Mon-Fri 7am-10am Sat", "Bus Lane 3pm-7pm Mon-Fri" and "Bus Zone Other Times";
- (E) On the northern side of Oxford Street, between the points 15.7 metre and 47.5 metre, east of Palmer Street as "No Stopping" and "Clearway 3pm-7pm Mon-Fri "; and
- (F) on the southern side of Oxford Street, between the points 165 metre and 177.5 metre, east of Flinders Street as "Loading Zone 10am-4.30pm Mon-Fri 7am-10am Sat", "Bus Lane 6am-10am Mon-Fri" and "No Parking Other Times 4:30pm-6:30pm Mon-Fri ".

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]

NSW Police – Surry Hills PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The approval of the traffic and parking for the separated Cycleway, permanent road closures, turn bans and parking changes for the Oxford Street and Liverpool Street, was approved at the Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee in April 2023.

The City and Transport for NSW are proposing modification with the parking arrangement along the northern side of Oxford Street to improve congestion to traffic and public transport as part of the new cycleway on Liverpool and Oxfords Streets.

Comments

A key outcome of the project is to ensure public transport services are not unduly impacted by the reduction in city-bound traffic lanes from 2 to 1 in in the off peak. For this reason, TfNSW will monitor public transport services as part of a six-month trial before committing to maintaining parking and loading spaces on the southern side of Oxford Street for the life of the cycleway. This trial only affects the 18 off-peak spaces on the southern side of Oxford Street between Darlinghurst Road and Elizabeth Street. The cycleway itself or spaces on the northern side are not part of the TfNSW trial.

Six months will allow time to ensure that any impacts on bus services are within the acceptable range. During the trial, TfNSW will manage and mitigate the expected traffic congestion and impacts on bus operations.

In preparation to manage any impacts due to the construction and operation of the cycleway, TfNSW is developing a Concept of Operations for the surrounding transport network.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area as part of the separated Cycleway project. The City exhibited the concept design for the cycleways on Oxford and Liverpool Streets and consulted with the community over four weeks between 28 October and 25 November 2021. 157 submissions were received. The City consulted with the following stakeholders to inform the development of the concept design:

- Two information sessions were held online, being a lunch time session on 10 November 2021 and an afternoon session on 11 November 2021.

- Three in-person drop-in sessions were held at Taylor Square on 16, 17 and 18 November 2021.
- The Sydney Your Say page was visited 1,012 times during the consultation period. The plan was downloaded 213 times.
- A notification letter was sent to 12,500 properties.
- 126 people dropped 193 pins on the Social PinPoint map-based survey.
- 31 emails submissions were submitted during the public exhibition period.
- The majority of the submissions were supportive of the cycleway works, with several suggestions made to improve the designs.

Additional a newspaper advertisement was published in the Sydney Morning Herald on Wednesday 22 February 2023 in relation to the proposal to permanently close Liverpool Street at Oxford Street and restrict left turn access into Palmer Street Darlinghurst – Section 116 exhibition. Also 1550 letters were sent to the surrounding businesses and residents requesting feedback on the proposal.

No additional consultation for these changes have occurred.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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