

**Item 2.****Item for Committee Information - Temporary Road Closure and Parking Changes - Hunter Street, Sydney**

TRIM Container No.: 2024/525315

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee note the following temporary traffic and parking changes in Sydney:

- (A) Introduction of a "No Entry Authorised Construction and Austpost Vehicles Excepted" restriction for westbound traffic on Hunter Street;
- (B) Road closure of Hunter Street between George Street and Hamilton Street to general traffic. Access will only be limited to authorised construction vehicles only.
- (C) Converting Hamilton Street to a one-way southbound road between Curtin Place and Hunter Street;
- (D) Introduction of a pedestrian (zebra) crossing in Hunter Street, just west of Hamilton Street;
- (E) Footpath closure on the southern side of Hunter Street, between Hamilton and George Streets.
- (F) Reallocation of parking on both sides of Hamilton Street, between Curtin Place and Hunter Street as "No Stopping";
- (G) Reallocation of parking on the northern side of Hunter Street between the points 10 metre and 24 metre (two car spaces), east of Hamilton Street as "No Parking 6pm-6am" and "1/4P All Other Times"
- (H) Reallocation of parking on the southern side of Hunter Street between the points 18 metre and 46 metre (four parking spaces), west of Pitt Street as "No Stopping".

The above recommendations were submitted and endorsed by the Committee as a late item at its meeting on the 12 September 2024.

**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

The proposed Sydney Metro West runs between Hunter Street in the Sydney CBD and Westmead in Western Sydney. One of the metro stations for Sydney Metro West is proposed in the Sydney CBD on Hunter Street. Two construction sites, namely Hunter Street East and Hunter Street West are established to undertake the proposed construction works.

The Construction Traffic Management Plan for the Hunter Street West site has identified the need to temporarily close Hunter Street between George and Pitt Streets to general traffic. The closure is proposed to improve pedestrian safety and increase efficiency for construction activities associated with the Sydney Metro Hunter Street West station.

## Comments

### Vehicle access

#### Hunter Street between Hamilton and George Streets.

The section of Hunter Street, between Hamilton and George Streets will be closed to general traffic. Access will only be provided for authorised construction, emergency and Australia Post vehicles only.

With George Street closed to general traffic, site observations have shown that there are a high number of vehicles making U-turns at the end Hunter Street. This includes delivery vehicles, taxis and general vehicles wanting to pick up and drop off goods and passengers.

There are also a high number of pedestrians observed crossing across Hunter Street without a safe crossing point between Hamilton and George Streets.

The U-turn movements combined with the high number of pedestrians crossing creates an unsafe environment, increasing the risk of conflicts in the area.

The proposal will also include the introduction of a pedestrian (zebra) crossing in Hunter Street, just west of Hamilton Street.

The closure of Hunter Street, between Hamilton and George Streets will improve pedestrian safety significantly and increase efficiency for construction activities associated with the Sydney Metro station.

### Hunter Street between Hamilton and Pitt Streets

Westbound traffic access will only be limited to authorised construction, emergency and Australia Post vehicles only.

Eastbound traffic access is open to all traffic. This is to provide access to vehicles that are picking up and dropping off goods and passengers to the businesses along Hunter Street. Access will be via Pitt Street, Curtin Place and Hamilton Street.

### Hamilton Street

Hamilton Street between Curtin Place and Hunter Street is currently a two-way road. It is proposed to convert Hamilton Street into a one-way southbound road to improve traffic flow and support the efficient operation of the narrow road.

### Parking restrictions

Parking along the northern side of Hunter Street, east of Hamilton Street is currently restricted as "No Stopping". To improve access for vehicles picking and dropping off goods and passengers to the businesses along Hunter Street, it is proposed to reallocate parking as "No Parking 6pm-6am" and "1/4P All Other Times".

"No Stopping" restrictions are proposed in Hamilton Street and the southern side of Hunter Street to improve traffic flow and enhance safety in the area.

### Consultation

Sydney Metro consulted the proposal with local businesses and key stakeholders. There were 10 briefings undertaken, with one objection received from A by Adina Hotel located at 2 Hunter Street. The below summarises the feedback received for the proposal.

Comments	Response
<p>A by Adina raised the following concerns regarding the proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hotel's inability to provide disability access;</li> <li>• Risk of emergency services access to the Hotel;</li> <li>• Denying taxi set down directly in front and in a convenient proximity to the Hotel;</li> <li>• Increased operating costs to provide full time concierge at hotel entrance;</li> <li>• Broader impacts to surrounding landowners which will result from the complete extinguishment of vehicular access in this section of Hunter St; and</li> </ul>	<p>The closure of Hunter Street, between Hamilton and George Streets will improve pedestrian safety significantly and increase efficiency for construction activities associated with the Sydney Metro station.</p> <p>The footpath on the northern side of Hunter Street will be widened to improve accessibility for pedestrians and mobility impaired users.</p> <p>People will be separated from the work zone with hoarding in place between the closed road and the public footpaths.</p> <p>The proposal will include the introduction of a pedestrian (zebra) crossing in Hunter Street, just west of Hamilton Street, which provides a safe crossing point across Hunter Street.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broader impacts to the public which will result from the severe restriction of pedestrian access in this section of Hunter St.</li> </ul>	<p>Parking restriction on the northern side of Hunter Street, east of Hamilton Street will be reallocated as "No Parking 6pm-6am" and "1/4P All Other Times" for taxis and other vehicles to pick up and drop off goods and passengers. The spaces are approximately 60 metres from the hotel entrance. It is acknowledged that the spaces are not directly outside the hotel. The proposal prioritises pedestrian safety over convenience while also aims to balance the parking needs for stakeholders in Hunter Street.</p> <p>Access will be maintained for emergency vehicles in the closed section of Hunter Street. There were no objections raised by NSW Police, Fire and Rescue NSW and the Ambulance NSW on the proposed closure.</p> <p>Opportunities to include wayfinding signage on the hoarding will be sought to enable pedestrians to easily navigate to and from businesses around the surrounding pedestrian network.</p>
<p>Taxi Council would like the new 15P parking area outside The Grand Hotel to become a mix of Taxi Zone or a No Parking area (Pick up drop off excepted).</p>	<p>The City do not have plans to introduce dedicated taxi parking in Hunter Street at this time. Taxi zones can sterilise parking in high demand areas like Hunter Street as it prevents other vehicles from parking in those spaces when is not used. The proposed "1/4P / No Parking" restrictions balance the needs of all road users to pick up and drop off goods and passengers.</p> <p>The City staff will monitor parking conditions upon implementation of the proposal and propose further changes where required.</p>

The proposed traffic and parking changes have been consulted with the Sydney Metro's Traffic Control Group (TCG) and Traffic and Transport Liaison Group (TTLG). No objections were raised by the TCG and TTLG.

**Financial**

All costs associated with the proposal will be borne by the Applicant.

**CLEMENT LIM, TRAFFIC MANAGER - NORTH**