

Item 20.**Parking - 4P Mobility Parking - St James Road, Sydney**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the southern side of St James Road, Sydney between the points 36.2 metres and 69.2 metres (four mobility parking spaces) east of Elizabeth Street as "4P Mobility Parking Only".

Voting Members for this Item

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

One of the IDAP actions 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”.

In response to feedback from the community about difficulties for Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permit holders to access parking close to the city centre, it is proposed to change the existing all day Mobility Parking restrictions in St James Road to 4P Mobility Parking Only seven days a week to increase parking turnover and improve on-street parking access for MPS permit holders visiting the city centre.

Comments

St James Road between Elizabeth Street and Prince Albert Road is designated for two way traffic with an approximate width of 14.8 metres.

The kerb space, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as "Mobility Parking Only" (four mobility parking spaces).

Footpaths (approximately three metres wide) are provided on the southern 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.

The length of the existing four mobility parking spaces meets the standard length for mobility parking spaces as outlined in the Australian Standards (AS 2890.5-2020).

To increase parking turnover and improve on-street parking access for Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permit holders visiting the city centre, it is proposed to reallocate the all day "Mobility Parking Only" restrictions to "4P Mobility Parking Only " seven days a week. There are existing kerb ramps located at either ends of the mobility parking spaces to assist MPS permit holders who are wheelchair users.

MPS permit holders will be allowed to park in the mobility parking spaces for up to four hours. These restrictions will be enforced 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Consultation

The City distributed 23 letters to local residents and businesses to share details about the proposed changes. No feedback was received regarding the proposal.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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