

Item 23.**Parking - Mobility Parking - Belmont Street, Alexandria**

TRIM Container No.: 2025/355644

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Forum review the reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Belmont Street, Alexandria between the points 65.7 metres and 73.5 metres south of Maddox Street as "Mobility Parking Only".

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting

Background

A resident of Belmont Street has requested a mobility parking space in Belmont Street, Alexandria. The resident has advised they do not use a wheelchair but cannot physically walk far.

Although the resident requesting this space is not a wheelchair user, and kerb ramps are not necessary for them to use this space, the City will investigate installing ramps at this site should the proposal be endorsed.

Comments

Belmont Street, south of Maddox Street is designated for two-way road with an approximate width of 12.8m.

The kerb space, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as "2P 8am-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 36".

Under existing conditions, vehicles park on both sides of the street which reduces the trafficable lane for two-way traffic flow to an approximate width of 8.6 metres. The remaining width is allocated for on-street parking.

Footpaths (approximately 1.8 metres wide) 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 and with consideration for the width of existing parking lane in Belmont Street, a 3.2 metre wide bay can be accommodated within the carriageway.

Although the resident requesting this space is not a wheelchair user, and kerb ramps are not necessary for them to use this space, the City will investigate installing ramps at this site should the proposal be endorsed.

To ensure safe and convenient access for the resident between the footpath and the mobility parking space, the City would install concrete paving across the garden bed. This improvement will provide an accessible walking surface, enhancing safety for the resident.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 125 letters sent out with one response received supporting the proposal and no response received opposing the proposal. The submission received supporting the proposal noted that mobility parking would help improve access for people with disability visiting the area.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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