

Item 24.

Parking - Mobility Parking - Chalmers Street, Redfern

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Forum review the reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Chalmers Street, Redfern between the points 130 metres and 137.8 metres north of Redfern Street as "P Mobility Parking Only".

Forum Members for this Item

City of Sydney
Transport for NSW
NSW Police – South Sydney PAC
Representative for the Member for Newtown

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting

Background

A resident of Chalmers Street, Redfern has requested a mobility parking space in Chalmers Street, Redfern. The resident has advised they use a wheelchair.

The City will investigate installing ramps at this site should the Forum raise no issues with the proposal.

Comments

Chalmers Street, Redfern, north of Redfern Street is designated for one-way traffic flow with an approximate width of 12.8 metres. The road and footway grades are relatively flat adjacent to this proposed space.

The kerb space, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as “2P 8am-8pm Permit Holders Excepted Area 41” on the eastern side of the street.

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

Footpaths (approximately 3 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 Chalmers Street, a 3.2 metre wide bay can be accommodated within the carriageway.

As the resident is a wheelchair user, the City will investigate installing ramps at this site should the proposal be endorsed

The City of Sydney Streets Code provides guidance on the placement of mobility parking spaces, including in residential areas. As far as is practicable, new or relocated on street mobility parking spaces will be designed to be accessible to people with a range of disabilities, ambulant and non-ambulant. The placement of designated on street mobility parking spaces will take into consideration the accessibility of the street environment and existing infrastructure to ensure access outcomes are maximised.

Consultation

The City notified local residents and businesses in the area. There were 220 letters sent out with no responses received supporting the proposal and one response received opposing the proposal.

The submission objects to the proposal on the grounds that most residents in the area already hold parking permits, and those with Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permits can park in permit parking spaces without time restrictions, as such providing a dedicated mobility parking space is unnecessary. Additionally, they are concerned about the impacts to the green space as the mobility parking space would require the removal of adjacent planting.

The City's *Neighbourhood On-Street Parking Policy* includes a provision for establishing a mobility parking space outside a resident's home where the individual has difficulty walking long distances. This ensures equitable access and supports residents with mobility challenges in safely accessing their homes.

Given that the resident has indicated they are unable to walk long distances, the City proposes to install a dedicated mobility parking space on Chalmers Street directly in front of their property. The proposal aligns with the parking policy.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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