

Item 28.

Parking - On-Street Bicycle Parking - LGA Wide

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee review the installation of "Bicycle Parking Only" and "No Stopping Bicycles Only" signs at 21 sites across the City of Sydney Local Government Area, as shown in the attached table and plans.

Forum Members for this Item

City of Sydney
Transport for NSW
NSW Police – Sydney City PAC, South Sydney PAC, Leichhardt PAC, Kings Cross PAC, Inner West PAC
Representative for the Member for Sydney, Balmain, Heffron, Newtown

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The City of Sydney supports share bikes as a sustainable, low-cost transport option for everyday travel and deliveries. Use has grown rapidly, with 1.9 million trips in 2024 (a 92% increase from 2023), 3.15 million in 2025 (YTD) and an estimated 3.5 million trips by the end of the year. In the past month there have been approximately 440 000 share bike trips.

However, the rise in share bike and food delivery use has led to more bikes parked on footpaths in busy pedestrian areas. The community is requesting that these bikes be parked on the road to protect footpath amenity.

Comments

To reduce impacts on the footpath for people walking and to reduce footpath clutter, it is preferable to park share bikes and food delivery bikes in the carriageway, prioritising the reallocation of "No Stopping" and "No Parking" zones. This is consistent with the City's policies and strategies including:

- Neighbourhood On-Street Parking Policy - Section 7, Central Sydney Parking policy – Section 2.10;
- City Cycling Strategy and Action Plan – Priority 1, Item 1.5; and
- The City for Walking Action Plan – continuing the vision – Principle A1.

Proposed locations for designated on-street bike parking areas, associated kerbside changes, and the parking capacity at each site are summarised in Attachment 1.

A plan of each proposed bike parking area is included in Attachment 2 to this report. The reference numbers in Attachment 1 correspond to the plan for each site.

The proposed sites include bicycle parking within statutory "No Stopping" zones adjacent pedestrian crossings (NSW Road Rule 172) and both signalised and unsignalised intersections (NSW Road Rule 170).

These rules permit variations to the minimum "No Stopping" distances based on the presence of a permissive parking sign. The installation of these signs is subject to assessment by the applicable roads authority and technical advice from this forum.

In selecting these sites, assessment has been undertaken including vehicle tracking / swept paths and relevant sight distance metrics in accordance with methodology specified in Austroads Guidelines. Risk and constructability and maintenance assessments will also be undertaken prior to installation.

As part of the operation of these parking spaces, share bike operators are responsible for:

- Educating users and using geofencing to ensure appropriate parking;
- Monitoring bikes in the City of Sydney and removing those causing obstructions or that are parked incorrectly;
- Displaying clear contact details on each bike for public reporting or incident response; and
- Holding third-party insurance to cover property damage caused by share bikes.

Consultation

The City notified local residents and businesses by installing a notice on the "No Stopping" and "No Parking" signs at each proposed location.

The content of this sign has been developed in collaboration with the City's Communication and Engagement Team and is shown below.

We want share bike riders to park in designated spaces.

We'll convert this "No Stopping" zone or "No Parking Zone" to help keep footpaths clear.

For more information about the proposal, please visit (insert city of Sydney webpage and QR code).

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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