

**Item 12.****Parking - Loading Zone - Baptist Street, Redfern**

TRIM Container No.: 2025/693603

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Forum review the reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Baptist Street, Redfern between the points 73 metres and 81 metres (one car space) south of Cleveland Street as "Loading Zone 7am-6pm Mon-Fri 7am-10am Sat" and "1P 6pm-10pm Mon-Fri 10am-10pm Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area 41".

Forum Members for this Item

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| 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**

Business owners with businesses on Cleveland Street and Baptist Street, Redfern have requested consideration for a "Loading Zone" in Baptist Street to support their delivery requirements

## Comments

The kerb space on the eastern side of Baptist Street between, south of Cleveland Street, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as “1P 8am-10pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area 41”.

The parking restrictions on the southern side of Cleveland Street, fronting the businesses, are currently signposted as “No Stopping.” There are no loading zones available on either Cleveland Street or Baptist Street where delivery vehicles can safely park to undertake deliveries. An on-site inspection showed that a Loading Zone is required to support local businesses, as no suitable loading facilities exist within a reasonable walking distance.

It is proposed to reallocate one timed permit parking space to “Loading Zone 7am-6pm Mon-Fri 7am-10am Sat” and “1P 6pm-10pm Mon-Fri 10am-10pm Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area 41” to assist businesses with their deliveries. The kerb space will revert to timed permit parking after the loading zone hours to enable residents with parking permits to find parking close to their homes.

## Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 138 letters sent out with no responses received either supporting or opposing the proposal. Two submissions were received that provided feedback on the proposal.

One submission was received that provided feedback on the proposal. The submission proposed converting the existing No Stopping zone on the eastern side of Baptist Street, south of Cleveland Street, into timed parking spaces to increase parking availability in the area. However, this section of kerb space has already been identified for on-street bike parking to accommodate shared bikes and prevent them from being left on the footpath, where they obstruct pedestrian movements. As a result, timed parking cannot be installed in this location, as the space is required for the proposed bike parking facilities.

Another submission that provided feedback, raised concerns about the location of the proposed loading zone and the approved on-street bike parking space noting that the loading zone’s distance from their business, would make deliveries, waste collection, and grease trap servicing impractical and potentially unsafe. They also emphasised that the bike rack proposal would obstruct emergency vehicle access to Matterson Lane.

The proposed bike parking spaces are located adjacent to the footpath and protected by a landscaped island, ensuring safe and convenient access for riders. Their installation will not impede emergency vehicle access to Matterson Lane, as vehicles are already unable to mount the footpath due to existing garden beds and trees. In an emergency, access would be via Cleveland Street, or emergency vehicles could temporarily use the No Stopping or Bus Zones on Baptist Street. For the same reasons, a loading zone cannot be accommodated at this location as the presence of garden beds and trees creates a health and safety risk for delivery personnel who would be required to move goods across the landscaped island to reach the footpath.

## Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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