

Item 9.**Parking - No Parking, Timed Parking - Bridge and Malcolm Streets, Erskineville**

TRIM Container No.: 2026/235682

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Forum review the reallocation of parking in Erskineville as follows:

- (A) On the eastern side of Bridge Street, between the points 13 metres and 49.5 metres (6 car spaces) south of Swanson Street as "P5 minute 8-9.30am, 2.30-6pm (School days)";
- (B) On the eastern side of Bridge Street, between the points 58.2 metres and 69.2 metres (2 car spaces) south of Swanson Street as "No Parking Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted Bay 523 and 850"; and
- (C) On the western side of Malcolm Street, between the points 63.5 metres and 99.5 metres (6 car spaces) south of Swanson Street as "No Parking 7.30-9.30am, 2.30-4.30pm (School Days).

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

Parents and carers of students attending Erskineville Public School have requested consideration of improvements to parking arrangements on Malcolm Street to better support safe and convenient drop-off and pick-up during school hours.

The existing P5 minute parking spaces located in front of Gowrie (Outside School Hours Care) currently operate until 4pm on school days. As the outside school hours care program operates until 6pm, the current restriction does not align with pick-up times for parents and carers.

Parents and carers have requested consideration to extend the P5 minute parking restriction in the afternoons until 6pm on weekdays to better support safe and convenient short-term parking when picking up their children from the facility. They have also requested consideration for two additional P5 minute parking spaces in Bridge Street.

In response to the request, the City is proposing to introduce a “No Parking” zone on Malcolm Street to support parents during school pick-up and drop-off times. The City is also proposing to extend the operating hours of the existing P5 minute parking restrictions to 6pm on weekdays and to provide two additional P5 minute parking spaces to better facilitate pick-up and drop-off activities near the after school care facility.

Comments

The kerb space on the eastern side of Malcolm Street, Erskineville south of Swanson Street, where the changes are proposed, is currently unrestricted for parking. It is proposed to change parking along this kerb space to provide six “No Parking” bays to support parents during school pick-up and drop-off times.

The kerb space on the western side of Bridge Street, Erskineville south of Swanson Street, where the changes are proposed, is currently a combination of “P5 Minute 8-9.30am 2.30-4pm (School days)”, “No Parking Authorised Car Share Vehicles Expected Bay 523 and 850” and “2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 36”.

It is proposed to extend the current afternoon P5 minute parking restrictions to 6pm to align with the operating hours of the after-school care facility. The updated restriction would be “P5 Minute 8-9.30 am 2.30-6pm (School Days)”.

In addition, two new “P5 Minute 8-9.30am 2.30-4pm (School Days)” spaces are proposed by relocating the existing car share spaces further south within the permit parking area. This would result in a total of six P5 minute parking spaces, providing increased short-term parking opportunities for parents during pick-up and drop-off times.

The proposal would result in the loss of two permit parking spaces. However, as these spaces are located along the school frontage rather than in front of residential properties, the impact on residents is expected to be minimal, noting that there is ample permit parking spaces available in Bridge Street along the residential frontages.

Consultation

The City consulted/notified local residents and businesses in the area. There were 329 letters sent out with 11 responses supporting the proposal and nine responses opposing the proposal.

A summary of the submissions is outlined in the following table:

No.	Support / Objection	Summary of Objection	COS Response
1	Objection	- The submission objects to the proposed extension of the operating hours and length of the P5 MIN zone in Bridge Street, as it may encourage car-based travel to school and discourage walking. - The submission also objects to the proposed pick-up and drop-off zone in Malcolm Street, noting that it may increase traffic in the area and result in the loss of on-street parking.	- The City notes the objection regarding increased traffic, car-based travel and loss of on-street parking. - The proposed changes aim to provide safer and more orderly pick-up and drop-off arrangements for parents and carers. - The proposed short-term parking would help reduce unsafe behaviours such as double parking, queuing and stopping in unsuitable locations. - The City continues to encourage walking, cycling and public transport for school travel where possible. - The proposal seeks to balance school access, road safety and local parking needs.
2	Objection	- The submission objects to the proposed changes due to the loss of resident parking in Bridge Street, noting the street has already been impacted by previous parking changes. - The submission supports extending the P5 MIN parking for school pick-up and drop-off but does not	- The City notes the concerns about the loss of resident parking in Bridge Street. - The proposed P5 MIN zone is recommended to be retained, with the operating time extended to 6.00pm to better support pick-up and drop-off activity associated with Erskineville Public School and Gowrie Outside School Hours Care. This will help parents and carers

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		support extending the operating time to 6pm. The submission suggests parents collecting children later could use other nearby parking space	safely access the area during afternoon pick-up periods, improve parking turnover and reduce the likelihood of vehicles double parking, which currently creates safety concerns.
3	Objection	- The submission objects to the proposed No Parking restriction in Malcolm Street, noting it would remove six parking spaces for four hours on school days. - The submission suggests installing P5 MIN parking instead, so the spaces can also be used by residents, including elderly residents, for short-term parking	- The City notes the concerns regarding the proposed No Parking restriction and its impact on resident parking. - The restriction is intended to support safer pick-up and drop-off activity, reduce double parking and allow drivers to stop briefly, provided the vehicle is not left unattended
4,5,6, 7,8	Objection	- The submission supports relocating school pick-up and drop-off activity to Malcolm Street. - The submission objects to retaining and expanding the P5 MIN zone in Bridge Street, noting concerns about U-turns, three-point turns and safety. - The submission recommends removing general school pick-up/drop-off activity from Bridge Street, retaining accessible parking, installing bicycle parking, providing traffic calming in Malcolm Street, and considering a School Street trial on Bridge Street	- The City notes the submission in support of relocating some school pick-up and drop-off activity to Malcolm Street. - The proposed P5 MIN zone is recommended to be retained, with the operating time extended to 6.30pm to better support pick-up and drop-off activity associated with Erskineville Public School and Gowrie Outside School Hours Care. This will help parents and carers safely access the area during afternoon pick-up periods, improve parking turnover and reduce the likelihood of vehicles double parking, which currently creates safety concerns. - The City notes the concerns regarding U-turns and three-point turns in Bridge Street.

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			The proposal seeks to provide more orderly kerbside arrangements and improve safety for school access. The City supports walking and cycling to school where possible. Requests for additional bicycle parking and traffic calming can be considered separately. However, the City will not be considering a School Street trial.
9,10,11	Support	- The submission supports the proposed parking changes in Bridge Street and Malcolm Street, including the No Parking restriction in Malcolm Street and extended P5 MIN restriction in Bridge Street. - The submission notes that existing parking arrangements are inadequate during school pick-up and drop-off times and supports creating safer and more orderly kerbside access. - The submission also recommends reopening Bridge Street to Swanson Street/Henderson Road, converting Bridge Street to one-way southbound with a 10km/h shared zone, introducing resident parking protections, and installing dedicated e-bike/micro-mobility parking.	- The City notes the submission in support of the proposed parking changes in Bridge Street and Malcolm Street. - The proposed changes aim to improve safety and support more orderly pick-up and drop-off activity for the school and Gowrie After School Care. - The City has no plans to reopen Bridge Street. Bridge Street is a residential street primarily accessed by residents and school-related traffic.

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12	Support	- The submission supports the proposed parking restrictions in Bridge Street and Malcolm Street. - The submission raises safety concerns about vehicles reversing into Swanson Lane and performing three-point turns during school pick-up and drop-off times. - The submission requests restrictions to prevent unsafe vehicle movements in Swanson Lane, including limiting access to authorised residents during school drop-off and pick-up period	- The City notes the submission in support of the proposed parking changes. - The City acknowledges the concerns regarding vehicle movements in Swanson Lane during school pick-up and drop-off periods. - The proposed No Parking restriction in Malcolm Street aims to provide safer pick-up and drop-off arrangements and reduce the need for drivers to reverse or turn around in nearby laneway
13,14	Support	- The submission strongly supports the proposed parking changes in Bridge Street and Malcolm Street. - The submission notes that existing arrangements are inadequate during school pick-up and drop-off times and supports the proposed No Parking restriction in Malcolm Street and extended P5 MIN restrictions in Bridge Street.	- The City notes the submission in support of the proposed parking changes. - The proposed changes aim to provide safer and more orderly pick-up and drop-off arrangements for Erskineville Public School and Gowrie After School Care.
15	Objection	- Objects to the proposed parking changes in Malcolm Street and the removal of unrestricted parking. - Raises concern that the proposal will increase parking pressure for residents, visitors, carers,	- The City acknowledges the concerns raised regarding residential parking availability and local amenity in Malcolm Street. - The proposed pick-up and drop-off zone is intended to provide a safer and more organised location for short-term school activity during peak periods and reduce

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		tradespeople and support workers. - Considers that unsafe driver behaviour during school pick-up and drop-off times is the main issue, therefore, suggests increased enforcement of existing parking and traffic rules instead of changing the restrictions. - Raises concern that congestion and parking impacts may shift to nearby streets	unsafe behaviours such as double parking, stopping in the travel lane and blocking driveways. The restriction will only operate during school pick-up and drop-off times on school days. Outside these times, the kerb space will remain available for general parking. City Rangers can continue to monitor compliance in the area.
16	Objection	- Objects to the proposed parking changes in Bridge Street and Malcolm Street due to the further loss of on-street parking. - Raises concern that parking availability has reduced over time despite increasing demand from residents, workers and visitors. - Suggests that the school should better utilise its own internal space for pick-up and drop-off activity rather than relying on surrounding street.	The City acknowledges the concerns raised regarding on-street parking availability and cumulative impacts in the area. However, there is currently no pick-up and drop-off zone in Malcolm Street. The proposal is intended to provide safer short-term pick-up and drop-off opportunities and reduce the likelihood of parents double parking, which can create safety concerns.
17	Support	- Supports the proposed changes in Malcolm Street, noting that parents frequently double park near the school entrances and create safety issues for pedestrians and other road users. - Supports the additional P5 MIN spaces and extended operating hours in Bridge	- The City notes the support for the proposed changes in Malcolm Street and Bridge Street to improve safety during school pick-up and drop-off times. - The P5 MIN spaces in Bridge Street are proposed to operate until 6pm to support Gowrie pick-up. The Malcolm Street restrictions

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		Street to support Gowrie after school care pick-up, but suggests considering extending the Malcolm Street pick-up and drop-off hours until 6pm. • Raises broader safety concerns at the Bridge Street Rest Area, including conflicts between pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles, poor sightlines, parked share bikes, narrow footpaths and unsafe vehicle turning movements. •	are proposed to operate during school peak periods to balance school access and residential parking. • The City acknowledges the safety concerns raised near the Bridge Street Rest Area. These comments will be noted for future consideration
18	Support	• Supports the proposed Malcolm Street changes to improve safety and manage school pick-up and drop-off activity, but requests the restrictions be extended until 6pm in Malcolm Street to align with Gowrie Outside School Hours Care operations. • Supports extending the P5 MIN operating time in Bridge Street until 6pm but suggests replacing the car share spaces in Bridge Street with bike parking, including cargo bike parking. • Raises broader safety concerns in Bridge Street, including unsafe U-turns/three-point turns, pedestrian and cyclist conflicts, narrow footpaths, and requests future consideration of a School Street.	• The proposed six P5 MIN spaces in Bridge Street are recommended to operate until 6.30pm to align with Gowrie Outside School Hours Care operating times, and parents/carers accessing Gowrie can use these P5 MIN spaces. The Malcolm Street pick-up and drop-off zone is recommended to remain until 4.30pm to support school pick-up and drop-off activity, while balancing the demand for on-street parking for residents. • The City previously investigated the location of the car share spaces in Bridge Street. The spaces are located close to Erskineville Train Station, making them accessible for people who rely on car share services. The removal or relocation of these car share spaces does not form part of this proposal.

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			The City supports walking and cycling to school where possible. Requests for additional bicycle parking and traffic calming can be considered separately. However, the City will not be considering a School Street trial.
19	Support	- Supports changes to improve safety around Erskineville Public School, but raises concern that additional P5 MIN spaces in Bridge Street may increase traffic. - Raises safety concerns about U-turns and three-point turns at the closed end of Bridge Street, particularly near the bike path and school entrance. - Requests consideration of a raised pedestrian crossing at Bridge Street and Ashmore Street, and supports future implementation of a School Street on Bridge Street.	- The City notes the support for improving safety around the school and acknowledges the concerns raised regarding vehicle movements at the closed end of Bridge Street. The proposed P5 MIN spaces in Bridge Street are intended to support short-term pick-up for Gowrie Outside School Hours Care and reduce unsafe parking behaviour during peak periods. - The City notes the request to upgrade the existing at-grade pedestrian crossing at Ashmore Street and Bridge Street to a raised pedestrian crossing. This would require a separate investigation and assessment of traffic conditions, drainage, accessibility and funding before it could be considered further. - The City will not be considering a School Street in Bridge Street.
20	Support	The submission supports the proposed No Parking restrictions in Malcolm Street to support school pick-up and drop-off activity.	The City notes the support for the proposed Malcolm Street restrictions and the extension of the P5 MIN operating hours in Bridge Street.

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		- Supports extending the operating hours of the P5 MIN spaces in Bridge Street, but requests that the restriction be changed to P10 or P15 to allow more time for Gowrie pick-up. - suggests removing the car share spaces from in front of the Bridge Street school gate and requests they be relocated to a more appropriate location, such as Swanson Street.	- The proposed P5 MIN restriction is intended to encourage short-term parking turnover during school peak periods and support safe pick-up and drop-off activity. - The City previously investigated the location of the car share spaces in Bridge Street. The spaces are located close to Erskineville Train Station, making them accessible for people who rely on car share services. The removal or relocation of these car share spaces does not form part of this proposal.
21	Support	- The submission does not object to the proposed changes in Malcolm Street, although notes a preference for no changes to parking restrictions - Raises concern that the proposal may increase parking pressure for residents in Malcolm Street. - Requests increased monitoring and enforcement of the existing 2P Permit Holders Excepted parking restrictions.	- The City notes the submission and acknowledges the concerns raised regarding parking pressure in Malcolm Street. - The proposed restrictions are intended to support safer school pick-up and drop-off activity while balancing residential parking needs. - City Rangers can continue to monitor compliance with parking restrictions in the area, including 2P Permit Holders Excepted spaces.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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