

Item 12.**Parking - Electric Vehicle (EV) Parking - Dowling Street, Woolloomooloo**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Forum review the reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Dowling Street, Woolloomooloo between the points 72.8 metres and 84.8 metres (2 car spaces) north of William Street as: "2P 8am-8pm Electric Vehicles Only While Charging" and "No Parking Electric Vehicles Excepted While Charging All Other Times".

Forum Members for this Item

City of Sydney
Transport for NSW
NSW Police – Kings Cross PAC
Representative for the Member for Sydney

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The City of Sydney's Electrification of Transport in the City Strategy and Action Plan supports our commitment to achieving net zero emissions transport.

Action 20 of the Strategy and Action Plan outlines that the City will work with private sector providers to operate paid on-street electric vehicle charging in residential areas with constrained private charging opportunities. This should be cost neutral to the City and avoid negative impacts on the public domain and residential amenity.

In collaboration with Ausgrid and EVX who are the charging point operator, the City is undertaking a limited trial of dedicated on-street parking for electric vehicle charging using Ausgrid infrastructure in Dowling Street, Woolloomooloo.

Comments

Parking along the kerb space on the eastern side of Dowling Street, Woolloomooloo north of William Street, where the parking changes are proposed is currently signposted as "1P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 28".

It is proposed to change parking restrictions along two spaces at this location to "2P 8am-8pm Electric Vehicles Only While Charging" and "No Parking Electric Vehicles Excepted While Charging All Other Times".

The proposed parking changes would allow only electric vehicles to park while charging. This would be permitted for up to two hours of parking between 8am and 8pm, seven days a week. After 8pm electric vehicles can park for longer periods only while charging.

The proposed EV charging spaces in Dowling Street meets the following criteria:

- Support residents without access to off-street parking, or major off-street public electric vehicle charging facilities.
- Have limited direct impact on residential properties.
- The footpath adjacent to the parking space is sufficiently wide to ensure no impacts to pedestrians.
- Have no impacts to loading or mobility parking spaces.
- The Ausgrid electric pole is suitable to accommodate the electric vehicle chargers.
- Have adequate street and footpath lighting to support night time use.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 124 letters sent out with no responses supporting the proposal and 4 responses opposing the proposal.

The proposal was opposed by residents over concerns relating to visual impact and noise generation, and increased traffic. Concerns were also raised about the parking loss.

The installation of these EV charging aligns with Action 20 of the Electrification of Transport in the City Strategy and Action Plan, which commits to trialling on-street EV charging infrastructure in areas where residents lack access to off-street parking or nearby public charging facilities.

Dowling Street has been identified as one such location where on-street charging can help meet local demand and support equitable access to EV charging infrastructure. The trial is targeted to minimise impacts on general parking availability. The City will monitor usage and

community feedback throughout the trial to ensure the infrastructure is appropriately balanced with local parking needs.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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