

Item 13.**Parking - Electric Vehicle Parking - St John Street, Newtown**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Forum review the reallocation of parking on the northern side of St John Street, Newtown between the points 22.5 metres and 34.5 metres (two car spaces) west of Angel 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 – Inner West PAC
Representative for the Member for Newtown

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The City's Electrification of Transport in the City Strategy and Action Plan outlines key actions to support the transition towards achieving net zero emissions in transport, including advocacy and actions within the City's control.

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 St John Street, Newtown

The proposed location has existing electrical infrastructure for the charger installation, and lighting for its safe use. It will support residents without access to off-street parking or off-street public electric vehicle charging facilities, and minimises impacts to residents, footpath access, loading and mobility parking.

Comments

The kerb space on the northern side of St John Street, Newtown between King and Angel Streets, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as "2P 8am-10pm, Permit Holders Excepted Area 36".

It is proposed to change parking 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 to allow for full charging.

The proposed EV charging spaces in St John 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 56 letters sent out with two responses supporting the proposal and four responses opposing the proposal. In addition, one neutral response was received providing feedback to the proposal.

The four submissions objecting to the proposal had concerns of loss of parking to general vehicles and that parking in this area is already very difficult for residents.

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.

St John 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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