

Item 11.

Parking - Timed Parking - Ralph Street, Alexandria

TRIM Container No.: 2026/425350

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Forum review the allocation of parking on the southern side of Ralph Street between the points 81.6 metres and 141.1 metres (10 car spaces) east of Gillespie Avenue as "2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri".

Forum Members for this Item

City of Sydney
Transport for NSW
NSW Police – South Sydney PAC
Representative for the Member for Heffron

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

The City is proposing to introduce "2P 8am–6pm Mon–Fri" timed parking along the frontage of 45–47 Ralph Street in response to the change in the adjacent land use and improve parking turnover in this section of the street.

Comments

The City has approved the redevelopment of 45–47 Ralph Street, Alexandria.

The kerb space on the southern side of Ralph Street, east of Gillespie Avenue, where the changes are proposed is currently unrestricted for parking.

To reflect the change in the adjacent land use which is now retail and residential apartments, the City originally proposed to introduce “2P 8am–10pm” timed parking restrictions. Following feedback received from residents in the area, the City has revised the proposal to “2P 8am–6pm Mon–Fri”.

The revised restrictions would improve parking turnover during weekday daytime hours while allowing residents and other vehicles to park without a time restriction during evenings and on weekends.

A two-hour parking limit is preferred in inner residential areas as it provides a balance between longer-term parking needs and the need to provide parking opportunities for visitors, family members, carers and tradespeople.

Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 400 letters sent out with no response supporting the proposal and 13 responses opposing the proposal and 2 wished to provide feedback only. Feedback received and the City's responses are summarised below.

No	Support / Objection	Summary of Objection	COS Response
5	Objection	- Supports “2P 8am–5pm Mon–Fri, excluding public holidays”, but does not support restrictions extending to 10pm or weekends. - Considers parking congestion to be mainly associated with weekday business activity and believes restrictions after 5pm are unnecessary. - Raises concern that longer restrictions would reduce parking flexibility and amenity for existing residents.	- The City acknowledges the resident’s preference for “2P 8am–5pm Mon–Fri, excluding public holidays” and their concerns regarding evening and weekend restrictions - Following resident feedback, the City revised the proposal from “2P 8am–10pm” to “2P 8am–6pm Mon–Fri”. - The revised proposal removes evening and weekend restrictions while maintaining weekday parking turnover.
1	Feedback	The resident suggests that residents in the area be made eligible for parking permits.	Under the City’s Neighbourhood Parking Policy, residents of this apartment building are not eligible for resident parking permits.

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5	Objection	• Opposes the proposed “2P 8am–10pm” restriction, raising concerns about the impact on residents without off-street parking. • Requests that a resident parking permit scheme be introduced, particularly for residents without an allocated parking space. • Considers the area to be increasingly residential and believes the proposed restrictions do not reflect residents’ long-term parking needs. • Raises concerns about additional financial and personal stress from having to find or rent alternative parking.	• Under the City’s Neighbourhood Parking Policy, residents of the apartment building are not eligible for resident parking permits. The City’s parking policies are intended to manage limited kerbside space and support more sustainable transport choices, including walking, cycling and public transport.
1	Objection	• Raises concern that the proposed parking changes may increase illegal parking at 34–36 Ralph Street, affecting parking availability for genuine visitors to businesses and units. • Advises that unauthorised and after-hours parking is already an existing problem for owners.	• The City has revised the proposal from “2P 8am–10pm” to “2P 8am–6pm Mon–Fri”, removing evening and weekend restrictions. • The revised restriction is intended to improve parking turnover during weekday business hours while allowing unrestricted parking outside these times.
1	Objection	• Raises concerns about the additional financial pressure and inconvenience of having to rent private parking or continually move vehicles	• The City’s parking policies are intended to manage limited kerbside space and support more sustainable transport choices, including walking, cycling and public transport.

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1	Feedback	- Doesn't concern resident as she has access to off-street parking - Raised concerns regarding speeding and other No Stopping restrictions, which are not part of the current proposal.	The City notes the comment. Speeding is an enforcement matter and should be referred to NSW Police for appropriate enforcement.

Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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