

8.1 LINE MARKING IN THREE CBD PRIORITY BLOCKS

File No: 28.00006

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- a) recognise community calls to urgently upgrade car parking in the three priority zones of Howick Street (William to George), Russell Street (Bentinck to William), and Keppel Street (Seymour to Bentinck).
- b) refer proposal for 60° line-marking of priority zones to Traffic Committee, noting that 60° parking creates 43 additional marked spaces compared to 45° parking;
- c) thank the community for donations of \$15,000 received and a further pledge of \$6,000 to the Mayor of Bathurst Charitable Fund to line-mark the identified three priority zones; and
- d) report back to Council when works are commenced and once completed.

REPORT:

Council recognises the generous financial contribution of the local business community to the Mayor of Bathurst Charitable Fund and will use these funds to urgently maximise public car parking opportunities across three identified priority blocks with line-marking of 60° angled car parking, as follows:

1. Keppel Street – line-mark both sides, from Seymour to Bentinck Streets;
2. Russell Street – line-mark both sides, from Bentinck to William Streets; and
3. Howick Streets – line-mark both sides, from William to George Streets;

Increased efficiency from line making

Based on previous experience around Machattie Park (George and Keppel Streets) the existing 45° line-marked car parking is considered significantly more efficient than no lines at all.

Parking 60° versus 45°

Council's investigation of 60° line marking versus 45° suggests a total net gain of 43 additional marked car spaces across the three priority zones when 60° parking is applied.

Street	No. of spaces 45° angle	No. of spaces 60° angle	Net gain 60° vs 45°

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Howick	52	63	11
Russell	43	54	11
Keppel	72	93	21
Total	167	210	43

It is noted that while 60° line-marking does not guarantee driver behaviour, it does provide greater guidance for 43 additional car spaces.

Accessible parking

There are currently four (4) accessible parking spaces across the three priority zones, and these are to remain but with new 60° lines marked.

New signage

Delivering this proposal across the three priority zones will require existing signage to change from 45° to 60° angle parking, which requires Traffic Committee approval, noting all other traffic treatments, such as taxi zones and time limits are to remain as is.

Council is to submit the 60° parking proposal to the next Traffic Committee meeting (to be held 7 May 2024) with the resulting decision likely reported to Council's Ordinary Meeting of 15 May 2024.

Delivery of works

Pending approval from Traffic Committee, Council's delivery of works will commence as soon as Council's works program reasonably allows, potentially May - June 2024, with commencement and completion to be reported to Council in due course.

Future options

Council is to consider further line-marking options that improve our CBD in the 2024-25 budget to compliment these priority areas and maximise better parking benefits to the Bathurst CBD, its businesses, customers who utilise parking, and ultimately the local economy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Based on the estimates provided for these works, the community donations received will be sufficient to fund this project.

BATHURST COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN – OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES:

Objective 4: Sustainable and balanced growth.

Strategy 4.4 Provide parking to meet the needs of the City.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

01 **Inform** - to provide the public with balanced and objective information to help them understand the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

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MOVED: Cr J Jennings

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