

**ITEM MAYORAL MINUTE: SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY DURING
CONSTRUCTION OF METRO WEST**

Department Executive Services

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REPORT

I would like to draw Council's attention to the potential impacts that the Metro West will have on our community during its construction.

In my Mayoral Minute considered at the 16 February 2021 Council meeting, I advocated for exploring the creation of additional off-street parking on Council owned land in Five Dock.

More broadly I am also concerned about the potential impact to on-street parking around the three Metro stations that are to be constructed in our area. Parking is already in high demand in the areas around the three Metro station sites and will need be removed in some locations to facilitate construction.

There is no general construction worker parking proposed to be provided within the station sites. The measures outlined to date by Metro West, such as encouraging workers to use public transport, appear grossly inadequate in protecting our community from the increased parking demand.

I would like the introduction of temporary permit parking schemes to be investigated in the areas around the station sites during the period of Metro West construction. Similar to existing schemes elsewhere in the Council area such as Drummoyne, time limits could be introduced with permit holder exemptions for businesses, residents and visitors.

I suggest a report be prepared for Council's consideration outlining the operation and the merits of a temporary permit scheme, along with the steps required for it to be further investigated, and if appropriate, implemented.

There is a need to investigate opportunities for funding and partnership for this project. I recommend that Council write to the Minister of Transport and Roads and Shadow Minister for Transport and Roads requesting a meeting to discuss the issues surrounding car parking around Metro station sites and the potential for investment to support detailed investigations and implementation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

It is considered that the initial report back to Council will be of minimal financial impact.

Further funding would be required to undertake the detailed parking inventory and utilisation audits, community engagement, and implementation.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Council conduct preliminary investigations into the introduction of temporary permit parking schemes around the three Metro station sites.

2. THAT Council write to the Minister of Transport and Roads and Shadow Minister for Transport and Roads outlining the issues surrounding car parking in Five Dock, the impacts of the Sydney Metro West project on Five Dock and the potential for further investment toward an improved car parking facility on Council owned land.
3. THAT a further report be brought back to Council to consider the preliminary investigations and funding opportunities.