

## 10. WORCESTER STREET: PARKING RESTRICTION CHANGES

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to alter the parking restrictions at the corner of Worcester Street and Fitzgerald Avenue (see attachment).

### BACKGROUND

The old building at 282 Worcester Street which included a veranda and a "P15 at any time" sign has recently been demolished. Some new house units are being built on the section with a driveway being developed on the eastern side of the section. The introduction of a new driveway on this side of the section will reduce the number of 15 minute parking spaces by one. The on-street parking in this section of Worcester Street currently provides for all day parking, with a bus stop outside number 280/282.

Mrs Budhia, the owner of the shops at the corner of Worcester Street and Fitzgerald Avenue has requested that some additional 15 minute parking spaces be provided in this area after the loss of the one in front of number 282.

### CONCLUSION

When the opportunity arises, the time limits that are used for short term parking throughout the city are being rationalised to either 5, 10 or 30 minutes. Currently a 15 minute time limit is installed at this corner to provide some short parking for the dairy and hairdresser. For these two types of businesses a 10 or 30 minute limit would be more appropriate. Mrs Budhia and the hairdresser support a 30 minute time limit.

It is also practical to relocate the bus stop at this location to provide some additional short term parking near these shops, from outside number 280/282 to outside number 276/278 Worcester Street. Mrs Budhia owns the properties at 278 and 280 Worcester Street and is agreeable to the parking restrictions being installed in front of these properties. The owner of number 276 is currently overseas and Mrs Budhia has indicated that the owner would also be agreeable to these changes.

The Council's Parking Strategy provides guidance for the allocation of kerbside parking. For commercial/retail areas (including Central City Policies and Methods), Policy 6G refers to the use of a "mix of pricing regimes, time and parking restrictions to encourage the turnover of on-street parking in areas of high demand".

The Strategy suggests that kerbside parking space should be allocated where demand exceeds supply, in general accordance with the Commercial/Retail Centres table below:

	<b>Commercial/Retail Centres (Business) Parking Priority</b>
1	Bus Stops
2	Taxi, Limousine and Shuttle services
3	Loading zones
4	Short-stay private vehicle parking for business and retail needs
5	Parking for people with disabilities
6	Resident parking
7	Commuter parking

The proposal to change the length of the existing "P15 at any time" parking area and relocation of the existing bus stop on the south side of Worcester Street west of Fitzgerald Avenue fits with the strategy.

The Parking Operations Manager and adjacent businesses support the parking restriction changes.

**Staff****Recommendation:**

That the Board approves the following parking changes:

1. That the parking of vehicles restricted to a maximum period of "15 minutes at any time" on the south side of Worcester Street commencing at a point 6 metres from its intersection with Fitzgerald Avenue and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 23 metres, be revoked.
2. That the "bus stop" installed on the south side of Worcester Street commencing at a point 29 metres from its intersection with Fitzgerald Street and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 19 metres, be revoked.
3. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of "30 minutes at any time" on the south side of Worcester Street commencing at a point 6 metres from its intersection with Fitzgerald Avenue and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 37.5 metres
4. That a "bus stop" be installed on the south side of Worcester Street commencing at a point 48 metres from its intersection with Fitzgerald Street and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 15 metres.

**Chairperson's****Recommendation:**

That the recommendations be adopted.