

REPORT TO WAVERLEY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Francis Street, Bondi Beach – Motorcycle Parking (A02/0637- 02)

Report dated 3 August 2010 from the Divisional Manager, Technical Services detailing a Proposal for a “P Motor Bike Only” zone to be installed at a short section of kerb between two driveways in Francis Street, Bondi Beach.

Council’s Proposal: That a 3.8m full-time “P Motor Bike Only” zone be installed between the driveway of 121 Francis Street and the driveway at the rear of 261-265 Old South Head Road.

Purpose of Report

This report arises from a request from residents of a unit block at 261-265 Old South Head Road, Bondi Beach, regarding vehicles being regularly parked at a short section of kerb between two driveways in Francis Street causing access difficulties to and from their property. This report seeks approval for the installation of “Motor Bike Only” parking at the short section of kerb. Council will be required to exercise its delegated functions to implement the proposal.

Introduction

Council has received a complaint from residents of the unit block 261-265 Old South Head Road, regarding vehicular access frequently being blocked to that property by vehicles being parked very close to the driveway on its eastern side. There is only a short (3.8m) length of kerb between the driveways serving 121 Francis Street and 261-265 Old South Head Road. The 3.8m length is insufficient to accommodate a standard B85 vehicle. Parking on the street is regularly at a premium and due to narrow carriageway width, residents have problems gaining access into and out of their property when cars are parked close to the driveway and directly opposite it.

Technical Analysis

Currently there are no parking restrictions in Francis Street in the vicinity of the properties. Properties 121 Francis Street and 261-265 South Head Road are located on the northern side of the street towards the western dead end. There is a gap of approximately 3.8m between the driveway at 121 Francis Street and the driveway at the rear of 261-265 Old South Head Road, which is insufficient to accommodate the parking of a standard (85th percentile) sized vehicles. Francis Street has a fairly narrow carriageway with parking permitted on the both sides.

In order to address the access issue, it is proposed to signpost the 3.8m section of kerb between the two driveways as full-time motorcycle parking. “P Motor Bike Only” parking will result in improved access to both properties and supports a Council resolution of April 2008 to expand the amount of designated on-street, free motorbike parking.

Financial Information for Council’s Consideration

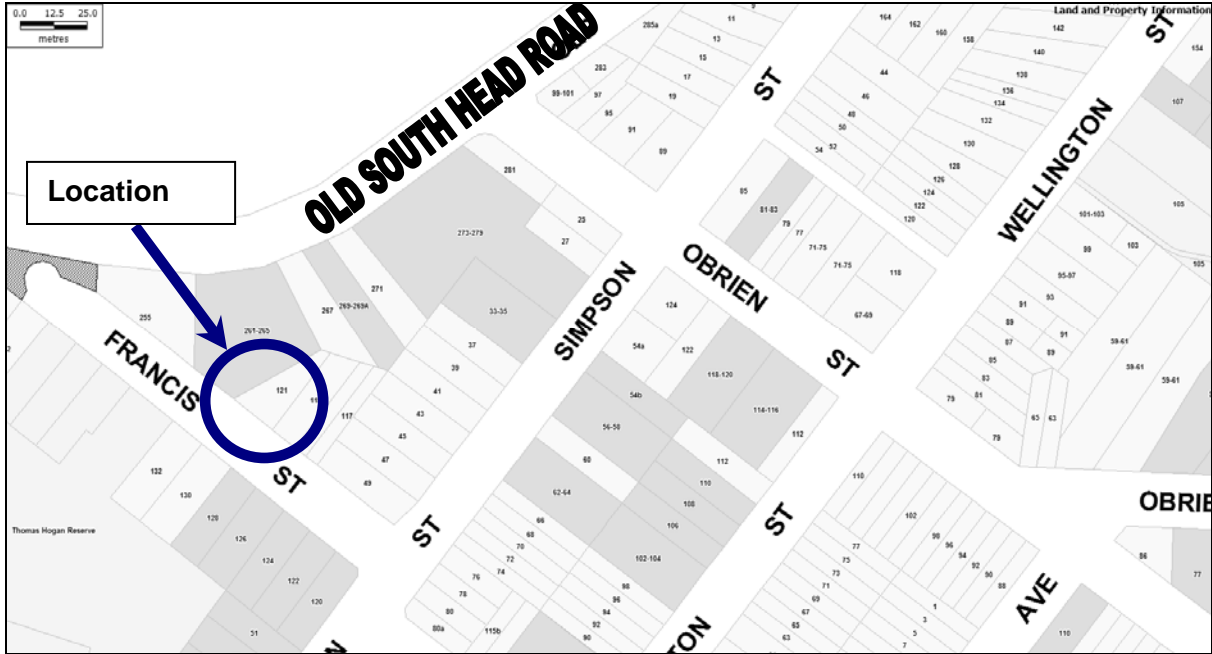
RTA will be requested to meet the cost of supply and installation of the signs.

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**Proposed Motorcycle Parking zone
(Aprx. 3.8m) between 121 Francis St
and 261-265 Old South Head Rd.**

