

Theme 5. Smart Parking Management



Our Objective

To manage car parking in a way that is equitable and supports the economic viability of centres and boosts sustainable public transport and active travel use.

Background

The management of parking needs to compliment strategies to increase public transport and active travel trips and discourage car trips.

Parking at town and village centres, as well as high visitation areas such as parks, beaches and recreational areas, need to be managed smarter. These areas are for people and local parking management plans will be developed to equitably balance the needs of all car users.

Priority will be given to short term parking, car share schemes and parking for people less mobile.

Technology will improve the efficiency of parking for all drivers. This includes providing infrastructure (electric car charging points etc.) on and off-street to support more fuel efficient vehicles. We also need to work with the NSW Government to free up local streets so they are not used to store trailers and boats.

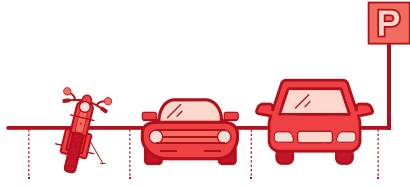
Implementing The Strategy

- Northern Beaches Parking Plan (2020)
- Accessible Parking provided

“ Parking to support public transport.²⁵ ”

“ Creating ‘hubs’ where people can safely leave their cars and connect to public transport options is essential.²⁶ ”

²⁵⁻²⁶ Community Quotes from people supporting better parking management



Community Attitudes about Parking Management

- Differentiating pricing and parking schemes are required for residents and visitors.
- Mis-use of on-street parking, particularly the parking of boats and campervans is an issue and policies should be tightened to address this.
- Providing additional Park and Ride facilities is a priority. Concerns were raised that the current B-Line car parks were at capacity during peak hours, leaving residents using their private vehicle. The provision of more feeder buses would address this.
- Supporting a shift in travel modes and car sharing is a potential way to manage high parking demand in the Northern Beaches.
- Cycle and motorcycle parking options were also highlighted as a priority.

Our Smart Parking Future Directions

1. **Develop local parking management plans for town and village centres including higher turnover parking in areas of high demand.**
2. Regularly review local parking management for high visitations places such as beaches, parks and recreational areas.
3. Ensure parking management approach is balanced, fair and equitable.
4. Deliver new and innovative parking, storage solutions and technology to improve information and experiences.
5. Provide on-street and off-street dedicated parking for car share providers, cycling, motorcycles and charging stations for electric vehicles.
6. Basing parking fees and charges to encourage public transport use and walking and cycling to reduce road congestion.

What will this look like in 2038?

- Easier, safe and smart parking options for scooters and cyclists (motorised and non-motorised)
- Park and ride options easing congestion
- Pedestrian only areas in villages makes shopping a pleasure
- Less on-street parking and storage of trailers and boats.

