

Reference: TR152-19

Location: Mercer Street Wellington Central

Proposal: Removal of Taxi stand, Metered Parking.

Information: With the proposed works on the Central Library and the required changes in parking on the eastern side of Victoria Street adjacent to the library, it is an opportune time to address current concerns raised by retailers in the area. Their concerns include taxis using the metered parking directly opposite the current taxi stand on Mercer Street as an overflow parking area for taxis waiting to get onto the stand.

Taxi drivers also regularly double park and reverse back up the street in order to get onto the taxi stand which is a safety hazard as well as impacting the flow of traffic through the area.

It is the strong view of the retailers in the immediate vicinity that taxis operating in this way are reducing opportunities for shoppers and others looking to do business in the area and potentially impacting on their businesses.

Additionally the behaviour of some of the taxi drivers using the stand has been directly impacting businesses in the area.

NZTA have been in touch with individual taxi drivers with respect to their conduct and council parking staff have significantly increased their presence to a point where the overall operation of the taxi stand has improved, however allocating so many staff to this one area is not sustainable and when staff are not present the issues raised by retailers return.

It is understood that most of the drivers using this taxi stand are sole operators and therefore it is difficult to discuss issues at a company level.

Operators of more established taxi companies have also complained about the behaviour of a number of the taxi drivers regularly making use of this stand.

Taxi organisations will have the opportunity to comment on this proposal as part of the Traffic Resolution consultation process.

Please refer to TR 139-19 Victoria Street – Proposed Parking changes where the introduction of a 30 metre taxi stand is proposed to replace the current taxi stand on Mercer Street.

The proposed solution is to move the existing 5 bay taxi stand to be outside the currently closed central library in Victoria Street.

The current 5 bay taxi stand will be replaced with P120 Metered parking with times and fees commensurate to parking throughout the CBD. The introduction of metered parking (P\$) will assist commerce in the adjacent Mercer and Willis Streets.

This traffic resolution aligns with and supports the achievement of Council's Transport Strategic outcomes of improving accessibility, safety and efficiency.

Key Dates:

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| 1) | Advertisement in the Dominion Post Newspaper | 29 October 2019 |
| 2) | Feedback period closes. | 15 November 2019 |
| 3) | If no objections received report sent to City Strategy Committee for approval. | 12 December 2019 |
| 4) | If objections are received, further consultation, amendment/s, or proceed with explanation as appropriate. | |

PROPOSED TRAFFIC RESOLUTION

Legal Description:

Delete from Schedule B (Class Restricted Parking) of the Traffic Restrictions Schedule

Column One	Column Two	Column Three
Mercer Street	<i>Taxi Stand, At All Times</i>	<i>North side, commencing 19 metres south-east of its intersection with Willis Street (Grid Coordinates X=1748657.8m, Y=5427730.6m) and extending in a south-easterly direction, following the northern kerbline for 28 metres (5 parallel parks)</i>

Add to Schedule F (Metered Parking) of the Traffic Restrictions Schedule

Column One	Column Two	Column Three
Mercer Street	<i>Metered Parking, P120 Maximum, Monday to Thursday 8:00am – 6:00pm, Friday 8:00am – 8:00pm, Saturday and Sunday 8:00am – 6:00pm</i>	<i>North side, commencing 19 metres south-east of its intersection with Willis Street (Grid Coordinates X=1748657.8m, Y=5427730.6m) and extending in a south-easterly direction, following the northern kerbline for 29 metres (5 parallel parks)</i>

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Traffic Resolution Plan: TR152-19 Mercer Street, Wellington Central – Metered Parking

