

## Auckland Transport Response – Disabled Parking on Tamaki Drive

Thank you for your enquiry regarding mobility spaces in Kohimarama. Tamaki Dr is classified as an arterial road and between Averill Avenue and Neligan Avenue it carries approximately 25,000 vehicles per day. The location of mobility parking spaces need to be carefully considered to ensure safety of its vulnerable users. Installation of mobility parking on arterial road is not recommended due to volume of traffic. In addition, the clearance between the driver side and the live lanes is very limited. In the case of Tamaki Drive, there is a shared path adjacent to Tamaki Dr with the cycle lane on the kerb side, where the passenger exits. This shared path has a high volume of cyclists and pedestrians which isn't ideal for wheelchair users crossing from their vehicle to the beach side.

We do appreciate the difficulties faced by wheelchair users, and have given careful consideration to the points you have raised. It is our assessment that Tamaki Drive would not be a suitable location for a mobility car park. However, our investigation has revealed that relocation of current mobility parking space on Averill Street from eastern kerbside to angle parking area on western kerbside can improve access for its users to the local businesses and the beach. It will also bring mobility parking closer to the formalised crossing on Tamaki Drive.

To give you a brief idea of the process, we will need to draft a proposal and then carry out consultation. This involves canvassing the opinion of affected parties regarding the proposal. The implementation of any changes will be subject to a number of considerations, including positive consultation feedback from the majority of the consulted parties.

Should the decision be made to proceed with the proposal, a report must be prepared that becomes the legal document to support the restriction. Once a final decision has been made based on the feedback, all consulted parties will be contacted with the outcome. This entire process can take up to six months to finalise.

In the meanwhile, please continue to use the existing mobility parking on Averill Avenue. Please also note that mobility card holders are also entitled to park for double the time permitted in P20 to P120 restricted parking areas. However, in a parking space with a parking restriction below P20 or above P120, these exemptions do not apply. You can also consider the use of general on-street parking on Tamaki Drive. Site observations suggest, although parking is well utilised on Tamaki Drive, there are spaces available throughout the day.

Thank you for your patience while we investigated the matter.