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**Information:** The Wellington City Council has received a proposal from "Cityhop" to

establish a car share scheme for the Newtown area. Cityhop have been operating in Wellington since 2008 with two parking spaces in the central

city.

The scheme is based on the idea that a number of individuals who are currently using their own cars for travelling can share the use of a vehicle, thus potentially reducing the overall number of vehicles on the road and offsetting the necessity for some families to own and operate two or more cars.

This scheme, if effectively operated, can contribute in the delivery of a number of objectives which are consistent with the Council's overall Transport Strategy aims. Some of these objectives are:

- Reduction in the number of vehicles using limited capacity roads.
- Through the reduction of vehicle numbers more road capacity can be directed to alternative transport modes such as cycling and public transport.
- Improved environmental outcomes less air and water pollution.
- Through a scheme membership fee and an hourly rate per use of the shared vehicle, some families can offset the need to operate their own cars thus reducing demand on limited household budgets.
- It could offset the need for extensive parking facilities and improve travel choices.

The scheme proposal is a fully self-funded business activity. It relies on scheme membership and the level of shared vehicle utilisation to generate revenue to cover all its operating costs.

The Council has no involvement in the business aspect of the scheme but it has been requested to provide and fully dedicate to the scheme one car park space as a pilot project. The location of this car park, as currently proposed, is on the Wilson Street shoppers' car park - as highlighted on the attached plan.

If the proposal is agreed, this car park will not be available for any other use and it will be appropriately regulated, marked and sign posted by the scheme. Unauthorised use of the car park may result in infringement notices and/or the tow away of offending vehicles. If the scheme, after a 12 month trial, demonstrates tangible overall benefits it may be extended to cover more on-street car parks and more city zones and potentially involve a number of companies running similar schemes around the city.

If approval is given, we will agree with the operator the terms of the trial and how they will demonstrate its success. From there decisions can be made on any further use of the Wilson Street car park space.

Initial feedback has been sought and received from both the Newtown Residents and Business associations.

# The Newtown Residents Association have made the following comments:

The Newtown Residents' Association agrees the car share scheme is worth supporting.

There was general agreement from the members meeting that our Association welcomes giving it a trial based with one car located in the Wilson Street car park. It was noted that it's just the one allocated reserved car park, which should be very clearly marked with signage on the fence clearly visible to drivers.

#### The Newtown Business Group provided the following comments:

The general feedback has been receptive to the idea and that it should be trialled.

The main concern is the valuable car parking space taken by City Hop. We suggest that other parking could be explored and the Newtown Business Group have put out a request to businesses if they have any spare commercial parking available.

We do acknowledge that there could be a greater benefit to the whole community and acknowledge that it could reduce car usage and give the Newtown Community another transport option.

We have also received some opposition from local businesses, Lloyd Kelly made the following comments:

We object to giving up a public car park to a profit making business that is literally taking customers away from Newtown. Many of our customers, especially the elderly, already complain that it is difficult to get a convenient car park in Newtown.

The Wilson Street car park is used extensively by customers for Moahams, Halal Butcher, Newtown Laundry, Jens Hairdresser, Tax Wise Accounting and Lloyd Kelly Jewellery.

We spent many years lobbying the council to seal the car park and put up signage so our customers could use it safely. Not so that City Hop can use it exclusively, at no charge.

People come to use the Wilson Street car park and they expect it to be available for the public not for a private business. If they get ticketed for parking there they will be disinclined to visit Newtown in the future. If City Hop must have parking for a whole year why not one at the very end of the car park? Not one right in the middle! Or better still somewhere else that doesn't inconvenience our customers.

- 1) Advertisement in the Dominion Post Newspaper
- 2) Feedback period closes.
- Report sent to Strategy and Policy Committee for approval.
- 4) Feedback may result in further consultation or amendment as appropriate.

23 July 2013

9 August 2013

19 September 2013

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#### **Legal Description:**

Delete from Schedule A (Time Limited Parking) of the Traffic Restrictions Schedule

Column One	Column Two	Column Three
Wilson Street	P60, Monday to Saturday, 8:00am- 6:00pm	East side, commencing from its intersection with Wilson Street and extending in a northerly then westerly direction for 42 metres.

Add to Schedule A (Time Limited Parking) of the Traffic Restrictions Schedule

Column One	Column Two	Column Three
Wilson Street	P60, Monday to Saturday, 8:00am- 6:00pm	East side (Wilson Street Car Park), commencing 8.5 metres north of its intersection with Wilson Street (Grid coordinates x=1748999.8 m, y= 5424982.0 m), and extending in a northerly direction for 12.5 metres (5 angled parks).
Wilson Street	P60, Monday to Saturday, 8:00am- 6:00pm	East side (Wilson Street Car Park), commencing 23.5 metres north of its intersection with Wilson Street (Grid coordinates x=1748999.8 m, y= 5424982.0 m), and extending in a northerly

then westerly direction for 15.5 metres (4 angled parks and turning area).

### Add to Schedule B (Restricted Parking) of the Traffic Restrictions Schedule

Column One	Column Two	Column Three
Wilson Street	Mobility Parking - Displaying an Operation Mobility Permit Only, P60, Monday to Saturday 8:00am - 6:00pm.	East side (Wilson Street Car Park), commencing 2.5 metres north of its intersection with Wilson Street (Grid coordinates x=1748999.8 m, y= 5424982.0 m), and extending in a northerly direction for 6 metres (1 large angled park and hatched area).
Wilson Street	Mobility Parking - Displaying an Operation Mobility Permit Only, at all other times.	East side (Wilson Street Car Park), commencing 2.5 metres north of its intersection with Wilson Street (Grid coordinates x=1748999.8 m, y= 5424982.0 m), and extending in a northerly direction for 6 metres (1 large angled park and hatched area).
Wilson Street	Cityhop Car Share Authorised Vehicles only, at all times.	East side (Wilson Street Car Park), commencing 21 metres north of its intersection with Wilson Street (Grid coordinates x=1748999.8 m, y= 5424982.0 m), and extending in a northerly direction for 2.5 metres (1 angled park).



WILSON STREET (CAR PARK), NEWTOWN PROPOSED TRAFFIC RESOLUTION TR42-13

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**Comments:**