

# Council offers carpark options

## ALTERNATIVES UNDER WRAPS

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OPPOSITION to a multi-level carpark at Mona Vale for bus commuters has prompted Pittwater authorities to propose an alternative.

The State Government plans up to 150 additional parking spaces at Mona Vale so commuters can park and ride the bus rapid transit service, B-Line, which is due in 2017.

Pittwater Mayor Jacqui Townsend said residents made it clear they did not want a multi-level carpark at Village Park or Beeby Reserve – which might be considered – during recent feedback on the Mona Vale Place Plan.

“We like our green space and don’t want it concreted over,” Cr Townsend said.

“A two-tier carpark over Beeby Park and Village Park isn’t something the community is willing to accommodate.”

Cr Townsend handed the feedback to Transport Minister Andrew Constance during a meeting with peninsula mayors and MPs about the B-Line at State Parliament last week.

“The good news is we’re continuing our discussions and nothing has been finalised,” Cr Townsend said.



The B-Line bus stops.

The council has proposed alternative locations for the carpark.

Yet Cr Townsend declined to reveal these until the State Government gave feedback.

“I don’t want it in public debate until it can be established whether it has merit,” she said.

Asked whether these involved underground parking, she said: “Not necessarily.”

A spokesman for Mr Constance said the Government would continue working with councils on a range of items for the B-Line.

Mona Vale is one of several stops on the 27km route. These also include Warriewood, Narrabeen, Collaroy, Dee Why, Brookvale, Manly Vale, Spit Junction, Neutral Bay and the city.

Services will depart at least every 10 minutes from 5.30am to 11pm, seven days a week.

About 900 additional parking spaces will be provided across most of the stops.