

NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

REPORT OF 537th TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE AT MEETING HELD IN THE SUPPER ROOM AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORTH SYDNEY, ON FRIDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 10.00AM.

PRESENT

Councillor Gibson in the Chair, Councillor Keen

Staff: Michaela Kemp, Manager Traffic & Transport Operations
Mark Richardson, Manager Ranger & Parking Services
Nathan Wu, Traffic & Transport Engineer
Iman Mohammedi, Traffic & Transport Engineer
Ian Curry, Manager Governance & Committee Services
Josh Jongma, Governance Coordinator

Members: Veronique Marchandeanu representing Felicity Wilson,
Member for North Shore
Garvin Rutherford representing Gladys Berejiklian, Member
for Willoughby
Sgt Ryan Edwards, North Shore Police

**Non-Voting
Members:** Egwin Herbert, STA

Apologies were received from Bikram Singh, Transport for NSW

At the commencement of business (10.04am) Councillors present were:
Councillor Gibson in the Chair, Councillor Keen (attended remotely)

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 November 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

The Motion was moved by Veronique Marchandeanu and seconded by Garvin Rutherford

2. (4.3) Blues Point Road, McMahons Point - Proposed Traffic Calming

Report of Manager Traffic & Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp

Council has received further representations from residents of McMahons Point concerning vehicle noise, illegal parking and street racing in Blues Point Road near Blues Point Reserve.

A petition was tabled at the Traffic Committee meeting on 12 June 2020 where the Committee recommended and Council subsequently resolved:

1.THAT the Committee receives and acknowledge the petition with 113 signatures and thanks all residents who have had input on this matter.

2.THAT discussions commence immediately with Council staff, NSW Police and the two local residents with a view to finding a permanent solution to the issues at this location.

3.THAT Council Traffic staff investigate restrictions to prohibit parking in evenings in consultation with the Police, and if approved under delegated authority, signage be installed by 12 July 2020.

4.THAT Council develop concept plans for immediate consultation with the local community regarding traffic calming at this location, and the associated actions in the LATM Action Plan at this location be given priority.

5.THAT the Minutes of this meeting be forwarded to Felicity O'Brien and Paul Singh
This report provides an update on progress of the investigations.

Recommending:

1. THAT Council consults with the affected community with regard to the speed cushion traffic calming scheme for Blues Point Road between Princes Street and Blues Point Reserve as shown in the attached plans.

2. THAT Council request police enforcement of excessive noise from vehicles, illegal parking and street racing as raised by local residents, particularly on Friday and Saturday evenings between 9pm and 4am.

3. THAT Council request TfNSW install a speed camera in Blues Point Road between East Crescent Street and Blues Point Reserve.

4. THAT the traffic calming proposal be included in any funding applications for the McMahons Point (Blues Point Road) Public Domain Upgrade Masterplan and vice versa.

Steven Cooper, Felicity O'Brien, Thomas Whalley addressed the Committee

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5.THAT a site inspection be held ASAP with the Mayor, Councillor Keen, the Director Open Space and Environmental Services and Manager Traffic & Transport Operations to determine:

- a) where new line marking can be painted to clearly delineate legal parking spaces eastern side of Blues Point Road;
- b) how signage can be made more effective and efficient;
- c) where extra lighting can be installed.
- d) where short term parking can be provided

6 THAT the Committee give in principle approval for CCTV on Blues Point Road and report to next Traffic Committee on how these measures can proceed.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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Councillor Keen left the meeting at 10.46am

3. (4.6) Morton Street at Hazelbank Road, Wollstonecraft –Refuge Islands and Kerb Build-outs – Survey Results

Report of Traffic & Transport Engineer, Iman Mohammadi

Council has been successful in gaining funding under the 2020/21 Australian Government Black Spot Program to upgrade the existing intersection at Morton Street and Hazelbank Road with refuge islands and kerb build outs to improve pedestrian safety at the intersection.

The proposal incorporates construction of refuge islands at all four legs and kerb build out at the four corners of intersection which will increase visibility of approaching drivers, slow down traffic and reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians. A concept plan of the proposal is enclosed.

Community consultation took place from 20 November 2020 until 10 January 2021. Approximately 1280 questionnaires were sent to properties in the surrounding area, Wollstonecraft and Edward Precinct committees, and the survey was available online through Council's 'Have Your Say' webpage. A total of 131 responses were received, including 48 from the outside survey area.

The results indicate a community preference for the installation of the refuge island (89.3% support and 10.7% objection).

Recommending:

1. THAT Council, as part of the 2020/21 Black Spot program, constructs refuge islands and kerb build outs at the four corners of intersection of Morton Street and Hazelbank Road, as shown on the attached plan, after the affected properties are notified by letterbox delivery.

Graham Sinden, David Bennett addressed the Committee

A Motion was moved by Mayor and seconded by Veronique Marchandeanu,

1.THAT the matter be deferred for a site meeting commencing at 8.30am and a further report be submitted to the next Traffic Committee meeting

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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4. (4.8) Carabella Street, Kirribilli - Proposed Raised Pedestrian Crossing – Survey Results

Report of Traffic & Transport Engineer, Iman Mohammadi

As part of the 2020/2021 implementation of North Sydney Council's Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Action Plans, it is proposed to convert the existing marked foot crossing on Carabella Street at Fitzroy Street to a raised pedestrian crossing.

The project was identified through the 2020 Pedestrian Crossing Audit reported to the Traffic Committee meeting on 20 March 2020 where it was recommended and Council subsequently resolved, inter alia:

***THAT** each of the existing flush pedestrian crossings in the priority list attached to this report be added to the LATM Action Plans to upgrade to raised pedestrian crossings and three crossings per year be funded from the annual Traffic Facilities Program for upgrade*

The proposed raised pedestrian crossing on Carabella Street incorporates a flat top road hump and kerb extensions, which will increase visibility of approaching drivers, slow down traffic and reduce the crossing distance. A concept plan of the proposal is enclosed.

Community consultation took place from 20 November 2020 until 10 January 2021. Approximately 485 questionnaires were sent to properties in the surrounding area, Milson Precinct committee, and the survey was available online through Council's 'Have Your Say' webpage. A total of 35 responses were received, including 3 from the outside survey area.

The results indicate a community preference for the installation of the refuge island (68.50% support and 31.5% objection). Eight (8) responses objected to the proposed raised crossing due to the loss of one parking space.

Recommending:

1. THAT Council, as part of the 2020/21 LATM Program, convert the existing marked foot crossing on Carabella Street at Fitzroy Street to a raised pedestrian crossing, as shown on plan 20D97_SK_C11, after the affected properties are notified by letterbox delivery.

Jillian Christie addressed the Committee

A Motion was moved by the Mayor and seconded by Veronique Marchandeanu,

1.THAT the matter be deferred for a report on a proposal for a broken line on Carabella St and options for an extra parking space in the vicinity to offset the loss of a spot be submitted to the Traffic Committee.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1.THAT the matter be deferred for a report on a proposal for a broken line on Carabella St and options for an extra parking space in the vicinity to offset the loss of a spot be submitted to the Traffic Committee.

Matter of Urgency - Resident Parking Permits - Kirribilli

The Mayor asked that Mr John Gilbert be permitted to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding this matter.

Mr Gilbert addressed the Committee regarding this matter.

A Motion was moved by the Mayor and seconded by Veronique Marchandau,

1.THAT the Traffic Committee acknowledge the possible discrepancies in parking entitlements between apartment dwellings and free-standing dwellings.

2.THAT the Committee note that the Mayor will present a Mayoral Minute to the 22/2 Council meeting to amend the Resident Parking Policy to ensure that 4-bedroom apartments have the same entitlements as 4 bedroom houses.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1.THAT the Traffic Committee acknowledge the possible discrepancies in parking entitlements between apartment dwellings and free-standing dwellings.

2.THAT the Committee note that the Mayor will present a Mayoral Minute to the 22/2 Council meeting to amend the Resident Parking Policy to ensure that 4-bedroom apartments have the same entitlements as 4 bedroom houses.

5. (4.1) Delegated Authority

Report of Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp
Attached is a list of projects given approval under delegated authority to the Manager Traffic & Transport Operations. Approval was given subject to concurrence of Transport for NSW, the NSW Police and the local State Members.

Recommending:

1. THAT the information regarding Delegated Authority items be received.

A Motion was moved by Garvin Rutherford and seconded by Sgt Edwards,

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the information regarding Delegated Authority items be received.

6. (4.2) Minor Parking Restrictions

Report of Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp
Attached is a list of recommendations made for changes in the parking restrictions.

Recommending:

1. THAT the recommendations made for changes in the parking restrictions be received.

Northcliff Street

A Motion was moved by the Veronique Marchandean and seconded by the Mayor,

1. THAT the recommendations made for changes in the parking restrictions be received.

2. THAT in respect of Item 4.2.1, Traffic staff investigate if there is anywhere else the motorbike parking can be located in the vicinity without losing an existing parking spot.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the recommendations made for changes in the parking restrictions be received.

2. THAT in respect of Item 4.2.1, Traffic staff investigate if there is anywhere else the motorbike parking can be located in the vicinity without losing an existing parking spot.

7. (4.3) Blues Point Road, McMahons Point - Proposed Traffic Calming

(This matter was considered earlier in the meeting see item 2)

8. (4.4) Moodie Street, Cammeray–Footpath design and Parking Re-arrangement

Report of Traffic & Transport Engineer, Iman Mohammadi

A report concerning speeding and rat-run issues, request for converting Moodie Street to one-way and construction of footpath in the northern section of street was considered at the 536th Traffic Committee meeting on 27 November 2020 where it was recommended:

- 1. THAT** Council progress as soon as possible the construction of a footpath in the northern section of Moodie Street and offset some of the parking loss by converting the parallel parking in the central section of Moodie Street to angle parking.
- 2. THAT** Council proceed with community consultation as soon as practicable.
- 3. THAT** a report be submitted to the next Traffic Committee on the design and estimated cost of this work.
- 4. THAT** Council acknowledges the concerns raised by local residents with regard to pedestrians and traffic in Moodie Street.

Subsequently, Henry & Hymas Consulting was engaged by North Sydney Council to undertake concept design plans for footpath and associated civil and drainage works as well as parking re-arrangement in Moodie Street. This report outlines the proposed arrangements and the financial implications.

Recommending:

1. THAT residents of Moodie Street be consulted on the proposed footpath and parking re-arrangement and the result of this consultation be reported to the next available Traffic Committee.

2. THAT it be noted that the Moodie Street footpath and parking re-arrangement is a medium-term priority in the LATM Action Plan Zone 2 and funding allocations for 2021/22 will be determined based on funding availability and respective priorities of projects within the 7 LATM Zones.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Keen and seconded by Garvin Rutherford,

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT residents of Moodie Street be consulted on the proposed footpath and parking re-arrangement and the result of this consultation be reported to the next available Traffic Committee.

2. THAT it be noted that the Moodie Street footpath and parking re-arrangement is a medium-term priority in the LATM Action Plan Zone 2 and funding allocations for 2021/22 will be determined based on funding availability and respective priorities of projects within the 7 LATM Zones.

9. **(4.5) River Road at Russell Street, Wollstonecraft –Refuge Island and Kerb Build-outs - Survey Results**

Report of Traffic & Transport Engineer, Iman Mohammadi

As part of the 2020/2021 implementation of North Sydney Council's Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Action Plans, it is proposed to construct a refuge Island and kerb build out in Russell Street at River Road. The proposed works will increase visibility of approaching drivers, slow down traffic and reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians. A concept plan of the proposal is enclosed.

Community consultation took place from 20 November 2020 until 10 January 2021. Approximately 110 questionnaires were sent to properties in the surrounding area, Wollstonecraft Precinct committee, and the survey was available online through Council's 'Have Your Say' webpage. A total of 8 responses were received, including 5 from the outside survey area.

The results indicate a community preference for the installation of the refuge island (100% support and no objection).

Recommending:

1. THAT Council, as part of the 2020/21 LATM program, constructs a refuge island and kerb build outs in Russell Street at River Road, Wollstonecraft as shown on Plan 062-19C-S2-0601 Rev D to comply with the current Australian Standards, after the affected properties are notified by letterbox delivery.

A Motion was moved by the Mayor and seconded by Veronique Marchandeanu,

1.THAT before the proposal for a refuge island and kerb build outs in Russell Street at River Road proceeds confirmation be provided to the Committee that appropriate vegetation will be used rather than concrete, and the advance warning signs requested by TfNSW be included, and turn paths for the design vehicle be provided to TfNSW to verify safe turning movements can be achieved.

Mr Rutherford referred to the pedestrian refuge recently constructed on Ernest Street and Sophia Street and the alignment of the traffic lanes. The Mayor requested a report on the background of this refuge to be provided to the next Traffic Committee meeting.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1.THAT before the proposal for a refuge island and kerb build outs in Russell Street at River Road proceeds confirmation be provided to the Committee that appropriate vegetation will be used rather than concrete, and the advance warning signs requested by TfNSW be included, and turn paths for the design vehicle be provided to TfNSW to verify safe turning movements can be achieved.

10. **(4.6) Morton Street at Hazelbank Road, Wollstonecraft – Refuge Islands and Kerb Build-outs – Survey Results**

(This matter was considered earlier in the meeting see item 3)

11. **(4.7) Lavender Street, Lavender Bay – Raised Pedestrian Crossing – Survey Results**

Report of Traffic & Transport Engineer, Iman Mohammadi

Council has been successful in gaining funding under the 2020/21 Australian Government Black Spot Program to convert the existing marked foot crossing on Lavender Street at Walker Street to a raised pedestrian crossing.

The proposed raised pedestrian crossing incorporates a flat top road hump and kerb extensions, which will increase visibility of approaching drivers, slow down traffic and reduce the crossing distance. A concept plan of the proposal is enclosed.

Community consultation took place from 20 November 2020 until 10 January 2021. Approximately 960 questionnaires were sent to properties in the surrounding area, Wollstonecraft and Edward Precinct committees, and the survey was available online through Council's 'Have Your Say' webpage. A total of 39 responses were received, including 7 from the outside survey area.

The results indicate a community preference for the installation of the refuge island (89.7% support and 10.3% objection).

Recommending:

1. THAT Council, as part of the 2020/21 Black Spot Program, convert the existing marked foot crossing on Lavender Street at Walker Street to a raised pedestrian crossing as shown on the attached plan, after the affected properties are notified by letterbox delivery.

A Motion was moved by the Mayor and seconded by RE,

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT Council, as part of the 2020/21 Black Spot Program, convert the existing marked foot crossing on Lavender Street at Walker Street to a raised pedestrian crossing as shown on the attached plan, after the affected properties are notified by letterbox delivery.

12. **(4.8) Carabella Street, Kirribilli - Proposed Raised Pedestrian Crossing – Survey Results**

(This matter was considered earlier in the meeting see item 4)

13. **(4.9) Kurraba Point South Area - Parking Area 32 – Survey Results**

Report of Parking Operations Support Officer, Jessica Choy

A parking survey for Kurraba Point South Parking Area 32 was sent out on the 24 November 2020 to 520 residents, businesses, and to Edward, Waverton & Wollstonecraft Precincts. Residents were given until 10 January 2021 to respond. A total of 32 responses were received. This represents a response rate of 6%, which is below the average response rate of 10 to 12%.

The answers received from the residents for the Parking Area 32 survey are summarised in the attached report. Recommended changes to the parking restrictions in the Parking Area 32 are also detailed in the report.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** Council change one (1) existing unrestricted parking space fronting property No. 200 Kurraba Road, Kurraba Point, to “2 Hour Parking 8.30am - 6pm Mon – Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 32”.
2. **THAT** Council notify the residents before installing the parking restriction changes in Kurraba Point South Parking Area 32.
3. **THAT** the new parking restrictions be reviewed six (6) months after the date of installation in Kurraba Point South Parking Area 32.

A Motion was moved by the Mayor and seconded by Veronique Marchandeanu,

1.**THAT** this matter be deferred to the next meeting to allow further discussions with residents in Baden Road.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1.**THAT** this matter be deferred to the next meeting to allow further discussions with residents in Baden Road.

INFORMAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

14. (5.1) Abandoned Vehicles and Unattended Boat Trailers Processed Report

Report of Manager Ranger and Parking Services, Mark Richardson
 Report of Abandoned Vehicles and Unattended Boat Trailers processed during the reporting period of 7 November 2020 to 18 January 2021.
 Year to date (2020) Council had investigated 254 reports of abandoned vehicles.
 Year to date (2021) Council had investigated 23 reports of abandoned vehicles.
 Year to date (2020) Council processed 84 reports of unattended boat trailers.
 Year to date (2021) Council processed 0 reports of unattended boat trailers.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** the information concerning the Abandoned Vehicles and Unattended Boat Trailers Processed Report be received.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Keen and seconded by Garvin Rutherford,

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** the information concerning the Abandoned Vehicles and Unattended Boat Trailers Processed Report be received.

15. (5.2) Standing Item - Military Road B-Line

Report of Manager Traffic & Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp
 At the Traffic Committee meeting on 3 May 2019, it was agreed to add a standing item for each future traffic committee agenda with regard to B-Line, including matters concerning off-set parking arrangements due to parking losses along Military Road, and general traffic and parking matters that arise.
 The table overleaf outlines the status of current traffic and parking matters relating to B-Line.

Recommending:

1. THAT the information concerning Standing Item - Military Road B-Line be received.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Keen and seconded by Garvin Rutherford,

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the information concerning Standing Item - Military Road B-Line be received.

16. (5.3) Standing Item – Pedestrian Safety

Report of Manager Traffic & Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp

At the 530th Traffic Committee meeting on 7 February 2020, it was recommended that pedestrian safety be added to the agenda as a standing item.

A list of current pedestrian safety standing items and their current status is attached.

Recommending:

1. THAT the information concerning Standing Item – Pedestrian Safety be received.

A Motion was moved by the Mayor and seconded by Veronique Marchandeanu,

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the information concerning Standing Item – Pedestrian Safety be received.

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS
FOR CONSIDERATION**

Nil

General Business

Barry Lane/Yeo St Neutral Bay

Councillor Keen advised that residents at this location has concerns about the access to Yeo Street and had requested convex mirror to be installed to assist with cars exiting Barry Lane

The Manager Traffic & Transport Operations advised that such mirrors are not supported by TfNSW due to distorted images and susceptibility to damage and vandalism, however she would investigate installation of a “give way to pedestrian” sign.

The Mayor noted that the existing stop sign and line painting are not clear and asked that this be rectified.

A Motion was moved by the Mayor and seconded by Veronique Marchandeanu,

1. THAT the Manager Traffic & Transport Operations investigate installation of a “give way to pedestrian” sign at the intersection of Barry Lane/Yeo St Neutral Bay.

2.THAT the existing stop sign and line painting at the intersection of Barry Lane/Yeo St Neutral Bay be rectified.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1.THAT the Manager Traffic & Transport Operations investigate installation of a “give way to pedestrian” sign at the intersection of Barry Lane/Yeo St Neutral Bay.

2.THAT the existing stop sign and line painting at the intersection of Barry Lane/Yeo St Neutral Bay be rectified.

Spofforth/Holt St, Cremorne

Councillor Keen referred to a serious accident at this location on 15 February 2021 and advised that residents have ideas to improve line of sight at the intersection.

The Manager Traffic & Transport Operations advised that consultation on designs previously presented to the Committee will commence soon.

Neutral Bay Public School

Councillor Keen thanked the Manager Traffic & Transport Operations for her response to a question about the gates for emergency exit, noting that currently anyone can park there.

The Manager Traffic & Transport Operations advised that the School could apply to Council to have the area as a formal driveway.

Councillor Keen declared that she is on Neutral Bay Public School Council.

September Traffic Committee date

Veronique Marchandau reminded staff that the Committee had requested a change to the date of the September meeting, due to the elections.

The Minutes of the November Traffic Committee Meeting will be submitted to Council on 2 February 2021.

The meeting closed at 12.04pm

CHAIRPERSON

GENERAL MANAGER