

NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

REPORT OF 532nd TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE SUPPER ROOM, NORTH SYDNEY, ON FRIDAY, 12 JUNE 2020 AT 10.00AM.

PRESENT

Councillor Gibson in the Chair and Councillors Brodie and Keen.

Staff: Michaela Kemp, Manager Traffic and Transport Operations
Nathan Wu, Traffic and Transport Engineer
Ian Curry, Manager Governance & Committee Services
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

Members: Veronique Marchandean representing Felicity Wilson, Member for North Shore (attended remotely)
Garvin Rutherford, representing Gladys Berejiklian, Member for Willoughby (attended remotely)
Bikram Singh, TfNSW (attended remotely)
Sgt Ryan Edwards, NSW Police

Non-Voting Members: Nil

Apologies: Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering & Property Services

At the commencement of business (10.11am) Councillors present were:
Councillor Gibson in the Chair and Councillors Brodie and Keen.

34. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday, 20 March 2020, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

The Motion was moved by Cr Keen and seconded by Garvin Rutherford

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD
35. (4.2) Spofforth Street at Holt Avenue and Rangers Road – Traffic Facilities Design Update

Report of Traffic & Transport Engineer, Nathan Wu

At its meeting on 7 February 2020, the North Sydney Traffic Committee made the following recommendation which was subsequently adopted at the Council meeting held on 6 April 2020:

1. THAT pedestrian safety on Spofforth Street be an item on the next Traffic Committee agenda, and that the senior staff member as well as Mosman Traffic Committee Chair, Councillor Simon Menzies from Mosman Council be invited to the next meeting to discuss the pedestrian crossing.

Recommending:

1. THAT the information concerning pedestrian safety on Spofforth Street be received.

2. THAT Council proceed with community consultation for Spofforth Street/Holt Avenue intersection once the concept plans are updated to reflect all the feedback from Council's Traffic Engineer, Mosman Council, Sydney Buses and North Sydney Traffic Committee for the following options:

- a) Roundabout.
- b) Kerb extensions.
- c) Refuge islands.

3. THAT Council proceed with community consultation for Spofforth Street/Rangers Road intersection

once the concept plans are updated to reflect all the feedback from Council's Traffic Engineer, Mosman Council, Sydney Buses and North Sydney Traffic Committee for the following options:

- a) Roundabout.
- b) Traffic and pedestrian signals.
- c) Re-alignment with optional Pedestrian Actuated Crossing.

The Mayor welcomed Cr Simon Menzies from Mosman Council who was attending the meeting remotely.

Ms Catherine Clarke, Mr Braydon Ames, Mr Craig Covich (Mosman Council) and Mr Andrew Condon addressed the Committee.

It was suggested that Council's temporary VMS speed sign be deployed on Spofforth Street near Holt Avenue to encourage slower speeds. Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations said this could be done when the VMS signs are next relocated.

A Motion was moved by Cr Gibson and seconded by Veronique Marchandeanu

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- f) Re-alignment with optional Pedestrian Actuated Crossing.
- 4. **THAT** North Sydney Council immediately correspond with Mosman Council and Transport NSW (Sydney Buses) urging them to fast track removal/relocation of bus stop on the eastern side of Spofforth Street with aim of increasing parking and all relevant consultation and usage data be provided when available. The Traffic Committee requests this matter be considered by the Mosman Council Traffic Committee, and that the North Sydney Mayor be notified of when the matter will be considered.
- 5. **THAT** a short report on the usage patterns of bus stop on western side of Spofforth St (alighting and embarking) be provided to the Traffic Committee
- 6. **THAT** the Mayor attend the Mosman Traffic Committee meeting and subsequent Council meeting to address this matter.
- 7. **THAT** it be noted that the aim of this process in to increase the amount of parking.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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36. (5.2) Standing Item, Gerard Street and Macpherson Street, Cremorne - Traffic Control Signals (TCS)

Report of Sustainable Transport Projects Coordinator, Lindsay Menday

At its meeting of 25 February 2019, Council resolved to adopt the following recommendation of the North Sydney Traffic Committee:

1. THAT pedestrian signals on Gerard Street at Macpherson Street be expedited as a high priority project and funding be brought forward to progress the project to construction.

At the Traffic Committee meeting on 22 March 2019 it was recommended:

1. THAT Gerard Street/ MacPherson Street traffic signals be included as a standing item on future Traffic Committee agendas.

The table below provides an update on the status of the project and will be updated at each milestone for the project.

Date	Project status
April 2019	Consultant brief and request for quotation completed. Quotation assessment and engagement of a contractor is scheduled for early May 2019.
May 2019	Site survey completed. Consultant quotations to undertake design have been received and are being assessed.
June 2019	Consultant has commenced concept design and traffic assessment. The drafts are scheduled for completion in early August 2019.
August 2019	Draft concept design and traffic assessment report completed. Consultation with RMS proposed for September 2019.
September 2019	Draft concept design and traffic assessment report submitted to RMS for comment.
October 2019	RMS provided feedback concerning the pedestrian volumes at the existing crossing being below the RMS numerical warrants for a signalised crossing.
November 2019	Council Traffic officers are arranging for more extensive pedestrian and vehicle counts to be conducted to support the proposal.
January 2020	Pedestrian and vehicle counts will be collected at the beginning of School Term 1 2020.
February 2020	Additional counts conducted in February 2020. Pedestrian numbers during the count period were below the required TfNSW numerical warrants for the installation of signals. Funding submission made to TfNSW Greater Sydney Walking Funding Program requesting funding of the project in the 2020/2021 Financial Year.
May 2020	Council has requested feedback from TfNSW regarding scope to vary warrant requirements at the site.

Recommending:

1. THAT the information concerning Gerard Street and MacPherson Street Traffic Control Signals Standing Item be received.

Mr Graham Short addressed the Committee

A Motion was moved by Cr Gibson and seconded by Sgt Edwards

1.THAT the Committee acknowledges the input from Mr Short and Mr Bikram Singh regarding this matter and thanks them for their input.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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37. (5.3) Standing Item - Military Road B-Line

Report of Traffic & Transport Operations Manager, 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 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.

Mr Graham Short addressed the Committee

A Motion was moved by Cr Keen and seconded by Garvin Rutherford

1.THAT the Committee accepts and acknowledges the two reports from Harrison Precinct and Mr Short's input regarding this matter.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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38. (7.1) Blues Point McMahons Point - Petition re speeding and night congregations

Ms Felicity O'Brien and Mr Paul Singh addressed the Committee

A Motion was moved by Cr Brodie and seconded by Sgt Edwards

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

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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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.

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5.THAT the Minutes of this meeting be forwarded to Felicity O'Brien and Paul Singh

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

39. (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 Traffic & Transport Operations Manager. Approval was given subject to concurrence of Roads and Maritime Services, the NSW Police and the local State Members.

Recommending:

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

The Motion was moved by Cr Keen and seconded by Veronique Marchandau

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

INFORMAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

40. (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 10 April 2020 to 22 May 2020.

Year to date (2020) Council had investigated 93 reports of abandoned vehicles.

Year to date (2020) Council processed 19 reports of unattended boat trailers.

Recommending:

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

The Mayor declared interest in the Levick St item (daughter owns property in that street)

The Motion was moved by Cr Keen and seconded by Sgt Edwards

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

41. (5.4) 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 that pedestrian safety be added to the agenda as a standing item as well as a shared zone in Bligh Street.

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.

The Mayor raised ongoing concerns from Francis Xavier retirement home adjacent to St Peters Park regarding safety issues with users of the path.

The Police noted that enforcement was ongoing but that some cyclists continued to use the path as there is no formal cycle facility/route on Blues Point Road.

The Motion was moved by Cr Keen and seconded by Sgt Edwards,

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

42. (7.2) Linemarking - 3 Morton Street, Wollstonecraft

The Mayor asked Traffic staff to contact the owner of this property regarding cars parking over his driveway, The Manager Traffic and Parking will contact him to discuss.

7.3) Kiara Close signage

The Mayor asked on behalf of Iora that, as a matter of urgency, 2 hour signs be reinstalled in this street. The Manager Traffic and Parking advised a letter was received this week and will be dealt with under maintenance.

(Cr Keen declared a non-pecuniary interest in this matter)

The meeting closed at 12.04pm

CHAIRPERSON

GENERAL MANAGER