



Minutes

The Minutes of the **Traffic Committee** will be held at the
Council Chambers,
200 Miller Street, North Sydney
at 10:00 AM on Friday 10 February 2023
are as follows:



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Councillor Baker in the Chair, Councillors Godfrey, Santer and Welch

Staff: Jon Higlett, Acting Director Engineering & Property Services
Iman Mohammadi, Acting Manager Traffic and Transport Operations
Brin Baskaran, Traffic and Transport Engineer
Bec Thomas, Road Safety Co-ordinator
Elisabet Skogback, Team Leader Parking Services
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (minutes)

Members: Garvin Rutherford, representative for Tim James Member for Willoughby
Leading Constable Sam Sholkie, NSW Police
Constable Charlotte Buchannan, NSW Police
Lisa Forrest, representative for Felicity Wilson Member for North Shore (remotely)
David Osborne, TfNSW (remotely)

Non-Voting Members:

Nil

Visitors: Ian Curdie, Resident

Apologies: Nil

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 November 2022, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

Moved by Councillor Welch and seconded by David Osbourne.

2. Disclosures of Interest

Nil.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

4. Matters Arising from Council Resolutions

Nil.

This matter is a general business item that has being brought forward as Mr Ian Curdie is registered to address the committee on this item.

8.1 Illegal Turn into Blue Street – I. Curdie, Resident

I hope you've noticed this problem already, but time and again pedestrians crossing Blue St at the Pacific Highway have to contend with vehicles turning into Blue St from the middle lane of the Pacific Hwy, having come from the south. Whether they miss the filter lane or have come from High St and are just doing their own thing or following GPS, I don't know, but it is illegal and often happens when pedestrians are crossing on a green pedestrian signal.

At the intersection of Pacific Hwy and Blue St, where traffic often accesses Blue St illegally from the centre of the Pacific Highway, perhaps there could be "no left turn" symbols on the northernmost 6 median paddles.

Mr Curdie addressed the Committee on this item.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Santer,

1.THAT the issue of illegal left turns at intersection of Pacific Hwy and Blue St be referred to TfNSW in relation to line marking, and given that it's a TfNSW Road, Council request that they address pedestrian safety as a result of it being an illegal turn across the highway into Blue Street.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1.THAT the issue of illegal left turns at intersection of Pacific Hwy and Blue St be referred to TfNSW in relation to line marking, and given that it's a TfNSW Road, Council request that they address pedestrian safety as a result of it being an illegal turn across the highway into Blue Street.

5. Items for Consideration

5.1. Traffic Delegations

AUTHOR: Narelle Lamond, Traffic Operations Officer

To report to the Committee matters given approval under delegated authority to the Traffic & Transport Operations Manager.

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

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Recommending:

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

The Motion was moved by Garvin Rutherford and seconded by David Osbourne.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

6.1. Standing Item - Pedestrian Safety

AUTHOR: Iman Mohammadi, Acting Manager Traffic and Transport Operations

To provide a report to the Committee on current pedestrian safety matters and projects, and their current status.

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.

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Recommending:

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

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

1. THAT Council write to TfNSW requesting that they prioritise funding for the left-hand turn signal at Wycombe and Yeo Street, Neutral Bay.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT Council write to TfNSW requesting that they prioritise funding for the left-hand turn signal at Wycombe and Yeo Street, Neutral Bay.

6.2. Standing Item - Blues Point Road - Vehicle Noise & Traffic Issues

AUTHOR: Iman Mohammadi, Acting Manager Traffic and Transport Operations

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on previous Council resolutions in regard to traffic management in Blues Point Road, McMahons Point.

At the Traffic Committee meeting on 19 March 2021, it was recommended that the matter of vehicle noise and traffic issues in Blues Point Road, McMahons Point be kept as a standing item at the Traffic Committee meetings.

The rectification works at Blues Point Reserve was completed by Sydney Metro in December 2022 under the Public Domain Works interface Agreement.

Sydney Metro have made a number of design changes to the construction design plans.

Council officers have recently completed practical completion inspections and are checking on the ground works against what was agreed at design stage, also identifying any defects, and are currently preparing comments for the attention of Sydney Metro.

The works included conversion of Blues Point Road at the reserve to a 10km Shared Zone, rearranging parking spaces and reinstating Henry Lawson Reserve.

This report provides an update on previous Council resolutions in relation to this matter.

Financial implications will be outlined for any proposed measures prior to the matter being considered by Council for adoption.

Recommending:

1. THAT the updates concerning Standing Item - Blues Point Road – Vehicle Noise & Traffic Issues be received.

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

1. THAT Blues Point Road - Vehicle Noise & Traffic Issues remain on the agenda as a standing item, and that it be continually monitored.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT Blues Point Road - Vehicle Noise & Traffic Issues stay on the agenda as a standing item, and that it be continually monitored.

6.3. Standing Item - Sydney Metro - Project Update

AUTHOR: Iman Mohammadi, Acting Manager, Traffic and Transport Operations

The purpose of this report is to update the North Sydney Traffic Committee on the current status of the Metro City & South-West (Metro) project and upcoming works affecting local roads.

Updates are also provided on the Sydney Metro website at <https://www.sydneymetro.info/>. Consent for the Metro City & South-West (Metro) project was granted by the Department of Planning and Environment on 9 January 2017. The consent can be viewed in full at www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au.

The project will deliver new railway infrastructure for Sydney, including two new Metro stations within the North Sydney Local Government Area - at Crows Nest and Victoria Cross (North Sydney Centre). Construction commenced in early 2017, with train operations expected to be underway by 2024.

In accordance with the various conditions of consent, a Traffic and Transport Liaison Group (TTLG) has been established to inform traffic and transport measures during construction and operation of the project. The TTLG is chaired by the Sydney Coordination Office (SCO) and comprises representatives from the relevant Road Authorities, which includes North Sydney Council. The TTLG meets monthly and a smaller group of representatives known as the Traffic Control Group (TCG) meets weekly to discuss impending construction-related traffic management matters.

The Construction Traffic Management Plans (CTMPs) must be developed in consultation with the TTLG. TfNSW is the approval authority for the CTMPs, following endorsement by the SCO. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Recommending:

1. THAT the information concerning Sydney Metro City & South-West Construction Update be received.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Santer and seconded by Garvin Rutherford.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the information concerning Sydney Metro City & South-West Construction Update be received.

6.4. Standing Item - Western Harbour Tunnel & Warringah Freeway Upgrade

AUTHOR: Iman Mohammadi, Acting Manager Traffic and Transport Operations

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on current works and impacts associated with the Transport for NSW Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade project (SSI 8863).

The Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade project SSI 8863 was approved by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces on 21 January 2021. The project is being undertaken by Transport for NSW.

Warringah Freeway Upgrade Early Works commenced in April 2021 and impact on a number of Council roads adjacent to and alongside the Warringah Freeway. Transport for NSW has exercised functions of a roads authority under the Roads Act 1993 for those roads.

This report provides a high-level overview of the current work sites and summary of complaints received by Council.

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Recommending:

1. THAT the information concerning the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade project be received.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Welch and seconded by David Osbourne.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the information concerning the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade project be received.

7. Local Development Advisory Committee Items for Consideration

Nil

8. General Business

1. Parking Signs in Kirribilli – K. Rigney, resident

A resident has advised that It appears some signs no longer have 3 /4 as other signs nearby do on Elamang Avenue. I've parked in this area for many years, being a 2 decade + resident. When was this changed and what notifications were given to residents?

I was unaware changes were made - received no communication. Several stickers appear to be over stickered too Not having a parking permit sticker on my car this year, like other residents, I'd have little idea if it's 3 or 4 I'm entitled to.

Additionally, street lighting is very poor in this part of Elamang Ave, low wattage and trees interrupt what little light there is - can council please look into this at night time and illuminate the area properly.

Are you aware the entirety of Peel Street is labelled 3/4, around 400 metres including both sides. The map on your website does not show that Area 3 residents can park on this long street (see below screen grab with highlighted area) - as it appears changes were made on Elamang Avenue, can council please hand back 200 metres of this street to Area 4 residents. Furthermore, it appears a section is also available 24/7 and 365 days of the year to Anyone to park.

Investigated the area and no recent changes in the area. The next area ward parking survey they can add additional questions to get feedback from the residents and then can change the signage.

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

1. THAT the matter of parking signs in Kirribilli be referred the issue to Council officers to respond to the resident, and investigate if there is an issue with garbage trucks and that it be investigated as to whether there was some physical change that may be able to assist with safety.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the matter of parking signs in Kirribilli be referred the issue to Council officers to respond to the resident, and investigate if there is an issue with garbage trucks and that it be investigated as to whether there was some physical change that may be able to assist with safety.

2. Location of Pedestrian Crossing on Rosalind Street, Cammeray - East of Miller Street – L. Dalla, Resident

I would like to draw your attention to a traffic management issue related to pedestrian traffic at Rosalind Street east of Miller Street near Anzac Park Public School.

The current pedestrian facility at this intersection is insufficient and a danger to parents and children. Cars drive up Rosalind Street and also turn into Rosalind Street from Miller Street in 2 directions. It is difficult to cross safely when there are large groups of people using this route as the current pedestrian refuge is too small. There are often cars

approaching this intersection at dangerous speeds particularly when they are turning right into Rosalind Street from Miller Street.

I would like to propose that you also investigate installing a raised pedestrian crossing on Rosalind Street East halfway at approximately in front of the complex at No. 77. This would allow people to cross Rosalind Street without the issue/concern of cars turning in from several directions at the Miller Street intersection and in addition, slow down drivers on Rosalind Street East. I have spoken to other Kindergarten parents who use this route, who are also concerned about safety and they agree with my suggestion.

I am also addressing a letter to our local State Member of Parliament Tim James. I note a new pedestrian crossing is currently being installed on the west side of the Miller Street and Palmer Street intersection, near Cammeray Public School.

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

1. THAT Council staff be requested to have a closer look at the traffic movements on Rosalind Street, Cammeray - East of Miller Street, and that the resident be notified that there has been some interim work in consultation with the contractor of the western freeway to ensure there is something to assist with the Australian Safety standards.

2. THAT the location of Pedestrian Crossing on Rosalind Street, Cammeray - East of Miller Street be kept on the agenda as a standing item.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1.THAT Council staff be requested to have a closer look at the traffic movements on Rosalind Street, Cammeray - East of Miller Street, and that the resident be notified that there has been some interim work in consultation with the contractor of the western freeway to ensure there is something to assist with the Australian Safety standards.

2.THAT the location of Pedestrian Crossing on Rosalind Street, Cammeray - East of Miller Street be kept on the agenda as a standing item.

4. Parking in Cammeray

Councillor Bourke advised that there was a request from a resident for permissive parking signs be installed 5 metres from each corner of the intersection of East Avenue and Pine Street, Cammeray.

Councillor Baker advised that a response has been sent to the resident.

5. Moodie Street – Two way to one way

Councillor Bourke stated that a petition was submitted to Council for a change in Moodie Street from two way to one way, and the next step was going to be community consultation. He would like a response as to where we are up to and when the community consultation might happen.

Council's Acting Manager Traffic and Transport Operation stated that to be able to convert Moodie Street from a two way to one way, Council would be required to do a study on the impact on the street (Traffic Impact Study). Council would need to get a consultant to engage that task. A tender was sent out on the week of 3 February and within the next 10 days we will award the contract and within about 3 weeks after that we will get the report. The report will be presented to the Traffic Committee for consultation and recommendation and once that is done, we can start consultation with the residents.

6. Tidal Flow, RLS Cameras and Pedestrian safety issues Military Rd, Cremorne

Councillor Welch stated that she had received another letter from a resident due to there being a number of issues with the Military Road Tidal Flow.

Motorists, since tidal flow was installed, repeatedly either run the red lights when traffic is flowing or block pedestrian crossings, on green walk signal, when traffic is congested.

Both actions cause danger to pedestrians. Tidal flow aggravated the danger because median strips were removed, and the swerving motion of tidal flow distracts drivers.

Tidal Flow was introduced against strong community opposition (5200 signatures petition) and contrary to TfNSW's own guidelines.

TfNSW guidelines recommend installation of Red Light speed cameras when Tidal Flow is installed in heavily pedestrianised areas.

The Tidal Flow does not conform to geometric requirements.

It remained on the NS Traffic Committee as a Standing Agenda item for quite a time after installation to address ongoing concerns.

NS Traffic Committee (Police, Council and local MP reps) supported Red Light Speed cameras and North Sydney Council made an unsuccessful submission by Mayor Jilly Gibson to the Roads Minister.

Ministerial responses to MP letters repeatedly recommend raising our concerns with Police.

However, North Sydney Police when complaints have been made about driver misbehaviour insisted on evidence ie Time, dates Licence plate etc. However, when photographic and video evidence was produced we were told Police can not act on 3rd party evidence and that infringements are a matter between the Police and the miscreant driver!

So we are between a rock and a hard place.

The Police rarely Police that section of road saying it is too dangerous to do so.

NSW Police advised they are aware of the intersection, and they do visit it quiet often, but when they go there people see police and everyone all of a sudden does the right thing. She stated they do not have the resources to go there every day.

The Police advised they are more than happy to task the guys at the station again to keep their eye out, but they have been doing that anyway. The police they will raise it as part of the outcome of the transport meeting.

David Osbourne from TfNSW advised he will put in a request for red light speed cameras to the Centre for Road Safety but stated that it is ultimately up to them to decide.

7. Traffic Management Plan for Spofforth, Rangers and Murdoch

Council Welch asked how the Traffic Management Plan for Spofforth, Rangers Road and Murdoch Street was going?

This was put on notice as a question to Council staff.

9. Closure

Meeting closed at 10.35am