

9.2. Traffic Committee Minutes - 29 November 2024

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PURPOSE:

Council is required to consider the Minutes of this Committee. Section 5.3.2 of the RMS Delegation to Council for the Regulation of Traffic states that: *All proposals recommended by the LTC must still be formally endorsed by the elected Council (or their sub-delegate), subject to certain limitations.*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- This report presents the Minutes of the last meeting of the Traffic Committee held 29 November 2024 for Council adoption. The Minutes are attached for information.
- The full reports to the Traffic Committee can be viewed at <https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/homepage/82/traffic-committee>.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting dated 29 November 2024 be received.

Background

Section 5.3.2 of the RMS *Delegation to Council for the Regulation of Traffic* states that: *All proposals recommended by the LTC must still be formally endorsed by the elected Council (or their sub-delegate), subject to certain limitations.*

Report

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Minutes

The Minutes of the **Traffic Committee Meeting** will be held at the Council Chambers, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney at 10:00 AM on Friday 29 November 2024 are as follows:



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Present

Councillor Baker in the Chair.
Councillor Beregi.
Councillor Santer.
Councillor Keen.

Staff: Eoin Cunningham, Manager Traffic and Transport Operations
Pragya Sharma, Transport Engineer
Narelle Lamond, Traffic Operations Officer
Mark Richardson, Manager Ranger and Parking Services
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

Members: Nihal Khurshid, Transport for New South Wales
Lisa Forrest, representative for Felicity Wilson, State Member for North Shore (remote)

Non-Voting

Members: Ben Cantor, Busways (remote)
James Makasiale, Keolis Downer Bus Services (remote)

Apologies: Garvin Rutherford, representative for Tim James, State Member for Willoughby
Ryan Edwards, North Shore Police

Visitors: Chris Comino, Resident
Richard Burek, Resident
Lisa MacDonald, Resident
Maree Graham, Resident (remote)

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 October 2024, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

Moved by Mr Khurshid and seconded by Councillor Baker.

2. Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Santer, who is not a voting delegate, advised that he has a non pecuniary interest in Item 5.6, as he is a resident of one of the streets.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

4. Matters Arising from Council Resolutions

Nil.

5. Items for Consideration

5.1. Raised pedestrian crossings and footpath widening - Fitzroy Street, Kirribilli

AUTHOR Pragma Sharma, Traffic and Transport Engineer, Traffic and Transport Operations

The purpose of this report is to seek Committee endorsement for the installation of two raised pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Fitzroy Street and Jeffreys Street in Kirribilli.

- In development of the Local Area Traffic Management Plan for Kirribilli and North Sydney, Council received concerns about road safety for pedestrians including students crossing at the intersection of Fitzroy Street and Jeffreys Street. The Council adopted actions in the Local Area Traffic Management Plan 2019 (LATM) included the redesign of the intersection to improve pedestrian safety.
- Council has also received safety concerns that the footpath is too narrow to accommodate the number of students waiting at the southeastern corner of the intersection of Broughton Street and Fitzroy Street.
- In response to the concerns raised, Council is proposing to construct two raised pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Fitzroy Street and Jeffreys Street and remove the garden bed at the corner of Broughton Street and Fitzroy Street to widen the footpath.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Committee endorse the installation of two raised pedestrian crossings across Jeffreys Street, just south of Fitzroy Street and across Fitzroy Street just west of Jeffreys Street in Kirribilli.

2. THAT the Committee endorse the installation of a kerb extension on the southern side of Fitzroy Street, Kirribilli between the points 0 metres and 10 meters east of Jeffreys Street.

3. THAT the Committee endorse the installation of a kerb extension on the western side of Jeffreys Street, Kirribilli between the points 10 metres and 17 meters south of Fitzroy Street.

4. THAT the Committee endorse the installation of a kerb extension on the eastern side of Jeffreys Street, Kirribilli between the points 8.5 metres and 14.8 meters south of Fitzroy Street.

5. THAT the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Jeffreys Street, Kirribilli between the points 14.8 metres and 20.8 meters south of Fitzroy Street as “No Parking Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted Area 100”.

6. THAT the Committee note the provision of a wider footpath and removal of low level landscaping in the road related area on the southeastern corner of Broughton Street and Fitzroy Street.

- Maree Graham addressed the Committee on this item.
- Richard Burek addressed the Committee on this item.

The Motion was moved by Mr Khurshid and seconded by Councillor Baker.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the Committee endorse the installation of two raised pedestrian crossings across Jeffreys Street, just south of Fitzroy Street and across Fitzroy Street just west of Jeffreys Street in Kirribilli.

2. THAT the Committee endorse the installation of a kerb extension on the southern side of Fitzroy Street, Kirribilli between the points 0 metres and 10 meters east of Jeffreys Street.

3. THAT the Committee endorse the installation of a kerb extension on the western side of Jeffreys Street, Kirribilli between the points 10 metres and 17 meters south of Fitzroy Street.

4. THAT the Committee endorse the installation of a kerb extension on the eastern side of Jeffreys Street, Kirribilli between the points 8.5 metres and 14.8 meters south of Fitzroy Street.

5. THAT the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the eastern side of Jeffreys Street, Kirribilli between the points 14.8 metres and 20.8 meters south of Fitzroy Street as “No Parking Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted Area 100”.

6. THAT the Committee note the provision of a wider footpath and removal of low level landscaping in the road related area on the southeastern corner of Broughton Street and Fitzroy Street.

ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

5.3. Road Opening, Left Turn Only restriction and Continuous Footpath Treatments – Young Street, Neutral Bay

AUTHOR Diana Mejia, Project Manager

This report seeks Traffic Committee endorsement for the partial reopening of Young Street Neutral Bay.

- On 1 December 2023 Council received TfNSW in-principle support for the permanent partial opening of Young Street.
- At its meeting of 11 December 2023, Council resolved to seek community feedback on the concept designs developed for Young Street Plaza. Concept designs were placed on public exhibition from 1 May to 12 June 2024.
- Community consultation for the proposal for the reopening of Young Street to traffic revealed broad support for the concept design.
- General feedback suggestions included greenery, gardens, walkways, shade and seating, along with a desire for the inclusion of native plants, non-slip surfaces, and adequate lighting. All these elements can be incorporated into the further development of the design.
- At its meeting of 28 October 2024, Council endorsed the concept design for upgrade of the Young Street Plaza in Neutral Bay to proceed to detailed design, tender, and construction, pending endorsement from Traffic Committee.
- Following Council's resolution, this report recommends reopening Young Street, Neutral Bay, to southbound traffic between Grosvenor Lane and Military Road. The endorsed concept plan includes continuous footpath treatments across Young Street, one at the intersection of Military Road and one at the intersection of Grosvenor Lane.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** the Committee endorse the reopening of Young Street, Neutral Bay to southbound traffic between Grosvenor Lane and Military Road.
- 2. THAT** the Committee endorse two continuous footpath treatments across Young Street, Neutral Bay, one south of the intersection with Grosvenor Lane and one north of the intersection with Military Road.
- 3. THAT** the Committee endorse the 'Left Only' restriction from Young Street onto Military Road.

- Chris Comino addressed the Committee on this item.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Baker and seconded by Mr Khurshid.

Councillor Keen and Lisa Forrest advised that they were not in favour of this Motion.

The Motion was carried.

Resolved to Recommend:

- 1. THAT** the Committee endorse the reopening of Young Street, Neutral Bay to southbound traffic between Grosvenor Lane and Military Road.
- 2. THAT** the Committee endorse two continuous footpath treatments across Young Street, Neutral Bay, one south of the intersection with Grosvenor Lane and one north of the intersection with Military Road.

3. THAT the Committee endorse the 'Left Only' restriction from Young Street onto Military Road.

5.6. Approvals under TfNSW's Delegation to Council

AUTHOR Jasmine Wong, Transport Engineer

The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of items which are to be approved by Council under Transport for NSW (TfNSW) temporary delegation to Council for traffic management and pedestrian works.

- TfNSW has provided councils with the authority to approve specific works on local roads related to the regulation of parking and traffic on local roads without the requirements for endorsement by the Traffic Committee.
- This report provides information on proposed changes for Council approval under this delegation.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the information regarding the Temporary Delegation to Council items (Attachment 1 to this report) be received.

- Lisa MacDonald addressed the Committee on this item.

The Motion was moved by Mr Khurshid and seconded by Councillor Baker.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the information regarding the Temporary Delegation to Council items (Attachment 1 to this report) be received.

5.2. Footpath widening and raised pedestrian crossing - Russell Street at Smoothery Park, Wollstonecraft

AUTHOR Jasmine Wong, Transport Engineer

The purpose of this report is to seek committee endorsement for the widening of a footpath and installation of a raised pedestrian crossing across Russell Street, east of Smoothery Park, in Wollstonecraft.

- To address community safety concerns, Council has adopted the action items in Council's Local Area Traffic Management Plans, including Item T.44 to improve pedestrian crossing facilities across Russell Street at Smoothery Park.
- In response to concerns raised, Council undertook community consultation to widen the existing footpath by up to 1.2m additional width and replace the pedestrian refuge island with a raised pedestrian crossing to improve pedestrian safety, accessibility, and reduce vehicle speeds.
- The original plan also included the proposed removal of northbound and southbound speed cushions on Russell Street. The amended proposal consists of the retention of the southbound speed cushions and the provision of zig-zag line-marking on Russell Street to address community feedback.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Committee endorse the raised pedestrian crossing on Russell Street between points 129m and 135m, south of River Road, Wollstonecraft.
2. **THAT** the Committee endorse the footpath widening of 1.2m on the eastern side and 3.2m on the western sides of Russell Street, between points 111m and 144m south of River Road.
3. **THAT** the Committee endorse the reallocation of kerb space from “No Parking” to “No Stopping”:
 - a. On the eastern side of Russell Street between points 111m and 120m south of River Road.
 - b. On the western side of Russell Street between points 122m and 132m south of River Road.
4. **THAT** the Committee endorse the zig-zig line-marking on Russell Street between points 47m and 96m south of River Road.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Baker and seconded by Mr Khurshid.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** the Committee endorse the raised pedestrian crossing on Russell Street between points 129m and 135m, south of River Road, Wollstonecraft.
2. **THAT** the Committee endorse the footpath widening of 1.2m on the eastern side and 3.2m on the western sides of Russell Street, between points 111m and 144m south of River Road.
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 - a. On the eastern side of Russell Street between points 111m and 120m south of River Road.
 - b. On the western side of Russell Street between points 122m and 132m south of River Road.
4. **THAT** the Committee endorse the zig-zig line-marking on Russell Street between points 47m and 96m south of River Road.

5.4. Grosvenor Lane, Neutral Bay to Young Street - Left Turn Only Restriction

AUTHOR Bec Thomas, Road Safety Co-ordinator

The purpose of this report is to seek Committee endorsement for a ‘Left Only’ and ‘No Right turn’ restriction for drivers travelling from Grosvenor Lane Shared Zone to Young Street Neutral Bay.

- Council has received concerns regarding pedestrian safety on Grosvenor Lane, Neutral Bay. Council investigated these concerns by conducting a Road Safety Audit, Traffic Impact Assessment and pedestrian and cyclist conflict analysis.
- A number of options were considered as part of these studies, and it is recommended that a ‘Left Only’ and ‘No Right Turn’ restriction be implemented for drivers travelling from Grosvenor Lane into Young Street. This option will reduce the number of cars, and the speed of drivers, travelling along the Lane to access the Grosvenor Lane car park.

- In principal support was gained from TfNSW for the 'Left Only' and 'No Right Turn' out of Grosvenor Lane after providing the TIA and RSA reports, and before consulting the public and gaining approval from Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Committee endorse the installation of a 'Left Only' and 'No Right Turn' restriction from Grosvenor Lane into Young Street, Neutral Bay.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Baker and seconded by Mr Khurshid.

Councillor Keen and Lisa Forrest advised that they were not in favour of this Motion.

The Motion was carried.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the Committee endorse the installation of a 'Left Only' and 'No Right Turn' restriction from Grosvenor Lane into Young Street, Neutral Bay.

5.5. Temporary Road Closures - New Year's Eve 2024

AUTHOR Pragma Sharma, Traffic and Transport Engineer, Traffic and Transport Operations

To purpose of this report is to seek Committee endorsement for the proposed temporary road closures and traffic management arrangements for New Year's Eve Tuesday 31 December 2024.

- Road closures and Special Event Clearways are proposed to be implemented across North Sydney, Blues Point, Lavender Bay, Kirribilli, and Cremorne Point from Monday 30 December 2024, to early Wednesday 1 January 2025, to facilitate New Year's Eve celebrations.
- New Year's Eve is an annual event hosted by North Sydney Council with an anticipated crowd of up to 30,000 patrons gathering at key vantage points - Blues Point Reserve, Lavender Bay Parklands, and Bradfield Park; these measures are essential to ensure safe and efficient movement in and around these areas.
- CATO Traffic Management Company has prepared Traffic Guidance Scheme (TGS) and proposed road closures for the event.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Committee endorse the temporary road closures in North Sydney to support the New Year's Eve 2024 Event, between 7pm 30 December 2024 and 3am 1 January 2025.

The Motion was moved by Mr Khurshid and seconded by Councillor Baker.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the Committee endorse the temporary road closures in North Sydney to support the New Year's Eve 2024 Event, between 7pm 30 December 2024 and 3am 1 January 2025.

5.7. Out of Session Approvals

AUTHOR Narelle Lamond, Traffic Operations Officer

The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of matters approved out-of-session from scheduled Traffic Committee meetings with the concurrence of Transport for NSW, NSW Police, local State Members, and under delegated authority to the Service Unit Manager for Traffic & Transport Operations.

- Items listed within the schedule attached to this report have been approved out of the regular session of Traffic Committee.
- The items have concurrence of Transport for NSW, the NSW Police, and the local State Members and have been approved by North Sydney Council's Traffic Engineer in accordance with North Sydney Council's Delegations of Authority to staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the information regarding Out of Session endorsements be received.

The Motion was moved by Mr Khurshid and seconded by Councillor Baker.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** the information regarding Out of Session endorsements be received.

LATE ITEM

5.8 Traffic Committee Meeting Dates 2025

The following are dates for the Traffic Committee meetings to be held in 2025:

- Friday 7th February
- Friday 14th March
- Friday 9th May
- Friday 13th June
- Friday 18th July
- Friday 29th August
- Friday 17th October
- Friday 21st November

A Motion was moved by Councillor Baker and seconded by Mr Khurshid,

1. **THAT** the Traffic Committee meeting dates for 2025 as follows be adopted.

- Friday 7th February
- Friday 14th March
- Friday 9th May
- Friday 13th June
- Friday 18th July

- Friday 29th August
- Friday 17th October
- Friday 21st November

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the Traffic Committee meeting dates for 2025 as follows be adopted.

- Friday 7th February
- Friday 14th March
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- Friday 17th October
- Friday 21st November

6. Informal Items for Consideration

Nil

7. Local Development Advisory Committee Items for Consideration

Nil

8. Closure

The meeting closed at 10.40am