

9.1. Traffic Committee Minutes - 9 May 2025

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ATTACHMENTS	1. Traffic Minutes 9 May 2025 [9.1.1 - 6 pages]
CSP LINK	2. Our Built Infrastructure 2.3 Prioritise sustainable and active transport 2.4 Efficient traffic mobility and parking

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 9 May 2025 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 9 May 2025 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** will be held
at the Council Chambers, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney
at 10:00 AM on Friday 9 May 2025
are as follows:



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Councillor Baker in the Chair.
Councillor Santer.

Staff: Eoin Cunningham, Manager Traffic and Transport Operations
Elisabet Skogback, A/Manager Ranger and Parking Services
Pragya Sharma, Transport Engineer
Jasmine Wong, Transport Engineer
Narelle Lamond, Traffic Operations Officer
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (minutes)

Members: Nihal Khurshid, Transport for New South Wales (remote)
Sandra Armstrong, representative for Felicity Wilson, State Member for North Shore (remote)
Garvin Rutherford, representative for Tim James, State Member for Willoughby

**Non-Voting
Members:** Nil.

Visitors: Ms Bella Scaplehorn - Resident
Mr Sam Obey - Resident
Peter Navratil - Resident

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 28 March 2025, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

Moved by Mr Rutherford and seconded by Mr Khurshid.

2. Disclosures of Interest

Nil.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

4. Matters Arising from Council Resolutions

Nil.

5. Items for Consideration

Item 5.2 was brought forward due to members of the public addressing the committee on this item.

5.2. West Street, North Sydney - Parking Restriction Change

AUTHOR	Jasmine Wong, Transport Engineer
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The purpose of this report is to seek the committee's endorsement to change unrestricted parking to time restricted parking with permit holders excepted on West Street between Ridge Street and Myrtle Street in North Sydney.

- To address community concerns about limited parking availability and low turnover of spaces along West Street, Council undertook community consultation to convert unrestricted parking to "2P 8:30am-6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 21" between Ridge Street and Myrtle Street.
- The proposal aims to make short term parking more accessible by increasing turnover and to support a vibrant urban environment, in line with Council's Community Strategic Plan.
- On 10 February 2025, Council adopted its Integrated Transport Strategy which includes a Strategic Direction to ensure a fair allocation of assets, parking and road space to promote sustainable travel and prioritise access for those who need it most. The proposal would align with this strategic direction by improving parking availability during business hours allowing residents and visitors will have greater opportunity to park in the area.
- Occupancy surveys undertaken for the parking indicate between 95% and 100% of spaces are occupied during both daytime and evening hours indicating that drivers would be currently highly unlikely to find an available parking space to park at any time. This supports community concerns that the high occupancy and limited turnover severely limit access to the parking spaces.
- The responses to the consultation show 22% support from the submissions received for the proposal with 78% opposed to the proposal. Reasons for the community's support consisted of improved parking turnover, better access for short-term users, and improved access to local businesses and amenities.
- Objections to the proposal predominantly related to the limited parking availability. These responses included concerns about the loss of long-term parking and concerns about limited parking alternatives for residents who are not eligible for parking permits and do not have access to off-street parking.
- Access to parking is the primary concern outlined in submissions for and against the proposal. The occupancy surveys support the concern that drivers are currently highly unlikely to find an available parking space. Parking demand is also expected to increase with development of the Marist College, new Metro Station and continuation of the West Street cycleway.
- While the consultation received more opposition than support, it is considered that the proposal would help address community concerns about to limited turnover and increase access to parking by ensuring that drivers without a resident parking permit are allowed to park in the area for up to two hours during the day.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Committee endorse the proposed conversion of unrestricted parking to “2P 8:30am-6pm Mon-Fri, Permit Holders Excepted Area 21” at the following locations:

- Between points 20 metres and 44 metres (4 car spaces) on the western side of West Street, north of Ridge Street, North Sydney.
- Between points 26 metres and 140 metres (19 car spaces) on the eastern side of West Street, north of Ridge Street, North Sydney.

Sergeant Anthony Leeson, Traffic Supervisor Northern Suburbs Police Area Command advised that he is unable to attend the Traffic Committee meeting on this occasion. He stated that he had read the agenda and has no objections to the recommendation.

Mr Sam Obey addressed the committee on the following item.

Ms Bella Scaplehorn addressed the committee on the following item.

A Motion was moved by Mr Khurshid and seconded by Mr Rutherford,

1. THAT these changes be undertaken as a trial for a six month period, reporting on the impact of the change 6 months after installation.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the Committee endorse the proposed conversion of unrestricted parking to “2P 8:30am-6pm Mon-Fri, Permit Holders Excepted Area 21” at the following locations:

- Between points 20 metres and 44 metres (4 car spaces) on the western side of West Street, north of Ridge Street, North Sydney.
- Between points 26 metres and 140 metres (19 car spaces) on the eastern side of West Street, north of Ridge Street, North Sydney.

2. THAT these changes be undertaken as a trial for a six month period, reporting on the impact of the change 6 months after installation.

5.1. Out-of-Session Endorsements

AUTHOR	Narelle Lamond, Traffic Operations Officer
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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.

Sergeant Anthony Leeson, Traffic Supervisor Northern Suburbs Police Area Command advised that he is unable to attend the Traffic Committee meeting on this occasion. He stated that he had read the agenda and has no objections to the recommendation.

The Motion was moved by Mr Rutherford and seconded by Mr Khurshid.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

6. Informal Items for Consideration

Nil

7. Local Development Advisory Committee Items for Consideration

Nil

8. Closure

The meeting closed at 10.15am