

NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

REPORT OF 518th TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE AT MEETING HELD IN THE SUPPER ROOM AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORTH SYDNEY, ON FRIDAY, 27 JULY 2018 AT 10.00AM.

PRESENT

Councillor Jilly Gibson in the Chair, Councillor Jessica Keen.

Staff: Michaela Kemp, Manager Traffic and Transport Operations
Mark Richardson, Manager Ranger and Parking Services
Nathan Wu, Traffic and Transport Engineer
Iman Mohammadi, Traffic and Transport Engineer
Nigel Turner, Senior Strategic Transport Planner
Maria Coyne, Traffic Operations Officer
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

Members: Garvin Rutherford, representing Gladys Berejiklian, Member for Willoughby
Felicity Wilson, MP, Member for North Shore
Constable James Logan, NSW Police

Non-voting

Members: Cameron McIntyre, RMS
Mitchell Ryan, RMS

Visitors: P Twiney, Resident
M de Solom, Resident
J Wakeling, Resident

Apologies were received from Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services and Sergeant Ryan Edwards, NSW Police.

At the commencement of business (10am) Councillors present were:
Councillor Jilly Gibson in the Chair, Councillor Jessica Keen.

48. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 15 June 2018, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

The Motion was moved by Cameron McIntyre and seconded by Councillor Keen.

Voting was unanimous.

ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD**49. (4.3.1) East Lane, North Sydney**

Report of Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp Attached is a list of recommendations made for minor traffic investigations.

Recommending:

- 1. THAT** Council install yellow kerbside linemarking to reinforce the No Stopping restrictions on the eastern side of East Lane.
- 2. THAT** Council install a Give Way line and sign to the north of the driveway to 1A Eden Street (Option 1).

Ms J Wakeling addressed the Committee on this item.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Keen and seconded by Mr Cameron McIntyre,

- 1. THAT** Council install yellow kerbside linemarking to reinforce the No Stopping restrictions on the eastern side of East Lane.
- 2. THAT** Council install a Give Way line and sign to the north of the driveway to 1A Eden Street (Option 1).
- 3. THAT** Council Rangers continue to enforce parking restrictions in the area.
- 4. THAT** Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations review the situation after the development is completed and continue to liaise with the residents.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

- 1. THAT** that Council install yellow kerbside linemarking on both sides of East Lane, including the kerb alignment in Eden Street and up to the East Lane driveways, to reinforce the No Stopping restrictions.
- 2. THAT** Council install a Give Way line and sign to the north of the driveway to 1A Eden Street (Option 1).
- 3. THAT** Council Rangers continue to enforce parking restrictions in the area.
- 4. THAT** Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations review the situation after the development is completed and continue to liaise with the residents.

50. (4.3.2) Eden Street, North Sydney

Report of Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp Attached is a list of recommendations made for minor traffic investigations.

Recommending:

- 1. THAT** Council install curve warning (W1-1) and 15km/h advisory speed signs in Eden Street on both approaches to the curve near East Lane.

Ms J Wakeling addressed the Committee on this item.

The Motion was moved by Ms Felicity Wilson and seconded by Councillor Keen.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

- 1. THAT** Council install curve warning (W1-1) and 15km/h advisory speed signs in Eden Street on both approaches to the curve near East Lane.

51. (5.3) Military Road Pedestrian Fencing

Report of Traffic & Transport Operations Manager, Michaela Kemp

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is implementing various changes along Military Road to minimise travel times for the B-Line bus services. This includes installation of an automated tidal flow system between Young Street and Spofforth Street which will replace the former centre median.

Subsequently, this system requires the removal of the pedestrian fences along the former median, which were installed in 1996, 2002 and 2004 by the RMS as a measure to address pedestrian crash history along Military Road. The RMS has indicated that kerbside fencing will need to be installed in the sections where the median fencing is removed.

Council officers from Traffic & Transport Operations, Project Management and Strategic Transport Planning departments have raised concerns to both TfNSW and RMS about the installation of kerbside fencing due to its negative impacts on pedestrian amenity, driver mentality and vehicle speeds, and parking. Council officers have repeatedly requested that the RMS and TfNSW

consider alternative measures that preserve or improve pedestrian and streetscape amenity rather than deteriorate it, and/or guidelines for fence installation.

There is limited research conducted in Australia on the effectiveness of pedestrian fencing and there are no specific local guidelines around the installation of pedestrian fencing. Despite this, the RMS has maintained its preference for kerbside pedestrian fencing, and have provided a copy of a Pedestrian Crash Investigation Report prepared by The Transport Planning Partnership (TTPP) in May 2017 and suggested that the matter be brought to the local Traffic Committee for further consideration.

Recommending:

1. THAT Council lobby the RMS to implement the recommendations of the TTPP report to increase green walk time, and implement late start for turning traffic at all signalised intersections along Military Road to improve pedestrian safety at the signalised intersections.

2. THAT TfNSW does not proceed with installing kerbside fencing in Military Road and that Council request RMS install a 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area along Military Road as a proven measure to increase safety for vulnerable road users.

3. THAT should the Traffic Committee not support Recommendation 2, that TfNSW does not proceed with installing kerbside fencing in Military Road and that an alternative be developed between RMS and Council that achieves safer and improved outcomes for pedestrians and the overall streetscape.

4. THAT Council request TfNSW to investigate opportunities to provide parking in the sections where fencing has been removed or not installed.

Mr P Twiney and Ms M de Solom addressed the Committee on this item.

It was determined that this matter was a State Government issue and could not be considered by the Traffic Committee.

The following points were noted:

- The local member for North Shore, Felicity Wilson will request a meeting with the B-line for the members of this Committee.
- The Mayor, Councillor Keen, and other interested Councillors will meet with Mr P Twiney, Ms M de Solom and Harrison Precinct as well as members of the public to discuss.
- Council acknowledges the varying views expressed around the table at the Traffic Committee.

- The Traffic Committee acknowledges the rights of the Mayor and Councillors to put in a submission individually and as a whole.
- The residents should be made aware that they can pursue this matter outside of the Traffic Committee.
- Road and Maritime Services is responsible for the setting and signposting of safe and appropriate speed limits in line with the current NSW Speed Zoning Guidelines.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

52. (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 Mr Garvin Rutherford and seconded by Councillor Gibson.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

53. (4.2.1) Eden Street, North Sydney

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** Council paint “No Parking” on the road pavement in front of the driveway at 13 Eden Street, North Sydney with the costs to be borne by the owner/occupants and approved under delegation by the Manager Traffic & Transport Operations.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Mr Cameron McIntyre.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** Council paint “No Parking” on the road pavement in front of the driveway at 13 Eden Street, North Sydney with the costs to be borne by the owner/occupants and approved under delegation by the Manager Traffic & Transport Operations.

54. (4.3.3) Spruson Street, Neutral Bay

Report of Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp Attached is a list of recommendations made for minor traffic investigations.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** Council undertake community consultation to:
 - i. change the existing three (3) parking spaces on the western side of Spruson Street between Holdsworth Road and Phillips Street to No Parking and;

- ii. install 90-degree angle parking on the western side of Spruson Street between property No. 50 and 68 and install No Parking on the eastern side between No. 49 and 61.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Mr Cameron McIntyre.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT Council undertake community consultation to:

- i. change the existing three (3) parking spaces on the western side of Spruson Street between Holdsworth Road and Phillips Street to No Parking and;
- ii. install 90-degree angle parking on the western side of Spruson Street between property No. 50 and 68 and install No Parking on the eastern side between No. 49 and 61.

INFORMAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

55. (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 26 May 2018 to 6 July 2018.

Year to date (2018) Council had investigated 234 reports of abandoned vehicles.

Year to date (2018) Council processed 40 reports of unattended boat trailers.

Recommending:

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

The Motion was moved by Mr Garvin Rutherford and seconded by Councillor Keen.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

56. (5.2) Sydney Metro City & South-West – Construction Update

Report of Manager Traffic & Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp

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. The RMS is the approval authority for the CTMPs, following endorsement by the SCO.

Demolition works are being undertaken by Delta Group. Tunnelling and Station Excavation (TSE) works will be undertaken by John Holland/ CPB/ Ghella Joint Venture (JHCPBG).

The purpose of this report is to update the North Sydney Traffic Committee on the current status of the project and upcoming works affecting local roads.

Updates are also provided on the Sydney Metro website at <https://www.sydneymetro.info/>

Recommending:

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

The Motion was moved by Councillor Keen and seconded by Ms Felicity Wilson.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

57. Roundabout at Bannerman and Murdoch Streets, Cremorne

This matter will be dealt with at the Council meeting on Monday, 30 July 2018.

58. Car Share

There was general discussion about car share including allocation and selection of spaces. It was noted that there are currently two operators in the area. Council does not have a contract with the operators but spaces are allocated on a case by case basis as per the current policy.

The meeting closed at 11.10am.

CHAIRPERSON

GENERAL MANAGER