

## **NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS SUMMARY 2015 - 2017 RELATING TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT'S B-LINE PROJECT**

### **2015**

Council at its meeting of 19 November 2015 resolved (Min. No. 422):

- 1. THAT Council write to the NSW Premier, the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight and local member Jillian Skinner expressing its qualified support for the Northern Beaches B-line (BRT) project and encourage that the project be further developed to address the significant concerns identified in this report.*
- 2. THAT Council assist TfNSW with identification of relevant stakeholders to ensure that its consultation process is as far reaching and focused as possible.*
- 3. THAT Council request that the strategic business case for the B-line project be submitted to Council for its consideration.*
- 4. THAT Council request that the full business case for the B-line, which identifies how the project will address broad NSCSP objectives as per issues raised in Attachment 3 to this report, be sent to Council as soon as it is finalised.*

Report: [CiS01: Northern Beaches B-Line BRT](#)

### **2016**

Legal and Planning Committee at its meeting of 22 August 2016 resolved (Min. No. 17):

*THAT Council continue to encourage the following outcomes for the Northern Beaches B-line project for Neutral Bay and Cremorne via the regular stakeholder meetings with TfNSW:*

- a) improved bus passenger travel times;*
- b) mode shift towards a greater percentage patronage of public transport for trips between the northern beaches and global Sydney;*
- c) Military Road traffic reduction;*
- d) Consideration of a stop in or near the North Sydney Centre in recognition of the Centre's major employment role; and*
- e) reduced external parking demand.*

Note: The minutes of this Committee meeting were adopted by Council at its meeting of 19 September 2016 (Min. No. 307)

Report: [LP04: Northern Beaches B-line Update August 2016](#)

Council at its meeting of 19 September 2016 resolved (Min. No. 301):

- 1. THAT Council notes the issues and concerns outlined in this report in response to the RMS proposal as outlined in its Review of Environmental Factors dated 30 August 2016.*
- 2. THAT Council prepare a submission to the RMS based on the concerns outlined in this report.*
- 3. THAT Council commence negotiations with Transport for NSW to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to contribute financially towards civic infrastructure improvement works along the corridor.*

Report: [CiS04 Northern Beaches B-Line Review of Environmental Factors](#)

Legal and Planning Committee at its meeting of 31 October 2016 resolved (Min. No. 23):

- 8. THAT the Northern Beaches B-line report be noted.*

Report: [LP05: Northern Beaches B-line](#)

Extract from report:

*“Based on the information provided, it can be shown that the following trip types will be negatively impacted by the current project proposals:*

*a) The omission of a BRT Station/Stop within the North Sydney CBD will result in the proposed project not servicing approximately 1 in 3 commuter trips to/from northern beaches LGAs to/from Global Sydney (including North Sydney).*

*b) The removal of on-street parking (extension of Clearway periods – 24hr Clearways) will not only reduce the accessibility of these commercial precincts in terms of the convenience of parking opportunities, it will also bring more, larger, fast-moving buses to the kerb-side, create an unpleasant walking environment (the George Street experience), with the potential to significantly impact walking activity, business activity and property values.*

*c) Mixing more and bigger buses with cyclists in the kerb-side lane will deter existing cyclists and potential future cyclists from cycling through North Sydney or to local centres on Military Road.*

*d) Not providing level boarding and alighting will not improve the accessibility of bus services for passengers with particular accessibility needs (mobility impaired, aged, mothers with prams, etc.).*

*e) Removing kerb-side loading bays will create issues with daytime deliveries and increase complexity/costs for local businesses.*

*f) While additional parking and traffic capacity may make driving to local Northern Beaches centres more convenient in the short term, in the mid- to long-term, it will:*

- unlock latent traffic demand (Leeming, 1969),*
- increase traffic congestion at up-stream/down-stream pinch-points and, more generally, as traffic expands to fill the available road space (the Lewis-Mogridge Position), and*
- reduce uptake of alternative travel modes (the Downs-Thomson Paradox).*

*While the delivery of improved public transport services is generally consistent with the NSCSP transport vision, the information provided to date gives no indication of how these initiatives will contribute to an overarching vision for the project in terms of mode shift and traffic demand management. Nor does it provide any indication of the scale of on-street parking loss involved or how commuters will access the North Sydney Centre.*

*It is recommended that Council advocates for the further development of the project to address the significant concerns identified in this report. Further it is recommended that Council request the latest business case information which will help Council officers to assist with this further development of the project.*

Note: The minutes of this Committee meeting were adopted by Council at its meeting of 21 November 2016 (Min. No. 326)

Council at its meeting of 21 November 2016 resolved (Min. No. 326):

*8. THAT the Northern Beaches B-line report be noted.*

Report: [COS04 Legal and Planning Committee Minutes 31 October 2016](#)

## **2017**

Council at its meeting of 22 February 2017 resolved (Min. No. 8):

- 1. THAT Council submit the report as presented as its response to the B-line.*
- 2. THAT Council write to the Premier, the Minister for Transport and our local Member and ask them to deliver on the numerous promises that have been made to the people of the North Shore and the Northern Beaches, to build the tunnel that we have been promised for decades and to abandon the B-line as proposed.*
- 3. THAT Council call on the State Government to release the strategic and final business cases for the B-line to the public, North Sydney Council and the SHOROC Councils.*

4. THAT Council write to and urge RMS not to make any permanent irreversible changes to Military Road.
5. THAT Council's submission to RMS on the B-line include reference to adverse impacts on the streetscape and heritage of Military Road with reference to the impacts particularly on 221 Military Road.
6. THAT this report and the resolution be distributed to all Precincts, Mosman Council and the Neutral Bay and Cremorne Chambers of Commerce.
7. THAT Council hold a public meeting and invite Mosman Council to co-host the meeting and we invite Premier Berejiklian, the Minister for Transport and our local Member to attend and that a presentation on the REF be given by the Author of this Report.
8. THAT Council support the Neutral Bay Public School submission in relation to the B-line.
9. THAT Council's Strategic Transport Planner be congratulated on an excellent report.

Report: [CiS06: Response to B-Line Review of Environmental Factors \(REF\) Report](#)

Council at its meeting of 20 March 2017 resolved (Min. No. 142):

1. THAT Council write to the Premier and Roads Minister requesting that they provide Council with their community consultation engagement strategy in relation to the B-line as well as the minutes from community consultation meetings that have already taken place.

Report: [NoM02: Notice of Motion No 7/17 by Cr Beregi - 14/3/2017 re B-Line Community Consultation Strategy](#)

Council at its meeting of 1 May 2017 resolved (Min. No. 93):

1. THAT a downloadable version of the petition placed on the council website (in PDF form).
2. THAT information about B-line issues be placed prominently on the Council's website home page.
3. THAT Council continue to circulate information and any relevant correspondence from the RMS Project Team about the proposed B-line project in Council newsletters and emails as appropriate.
4. THAT a hard copy of the B-line petition be placed at Council's Customer Service Counters and Stanton Library in a prominent place with appropriate signage.
5. THAT the Mayor write to Mosman Council requesting them to adopt the same or similar initiatives.
6. THAT Council urgently write to the Premier, with a copy to the new local State Member for North Shore, asking that the proposed B-line be halted until such time that a holistic and integrated transport plan which addresses the on-going congestion on Military Road and the Spit bridge, in the context of the newly announced Northern Beaches Tunnel both now and into the future, is developed and a comprehensive community consultation/engagement process is implemented.

Report: [P01: B-Line Bus Project](#)

Council at its meeting of 22 May 2017 resolved (Min. No. 143):

20. THAT Council reiterate its significant concerns in relation to the B-Line proposal and once again write to the Premier, relevant Minister and Local Member in this regard.
21. THAT Council specifically include the B-Line as part of its community campaign in respect of the proposed Western Harbour Tunnel.

Report: [EPS03: Traffic Committee - Minutes 5 May 2017](#)

Council at its meeting of 24 July 2017 resolved (Min. No. 257):

1. THAT the report regarding removal of street trees for the B-Line project be received.
2. THAT Council write to our local State MP and to the Premier providing a copy of Council's submission.

3. THAT in Council's letter to our local State MP Council call on her to advocate for the retention of the trees that are proposed to be removed and/or excessively pruned.

Report: [OSE01: Council Response to Transport for NSW Regarding Street Tree Removal for B-Line](#)

Council at its meeting of 30 October 2017 resolved (Min. No. 355):

1. THAT the Q&A session transcripts from all the meetings, once finalised with TfNSW and RMS, be circulated and/or published to all stakeholders.
2. THAT Council accept and follow up on the RMS offer (arising from the 12 October 2017 meeting) to present again at a precinct/community meeting with their air quality expert in response to their key "take away", that exhaust fumes/stack ventilation/air quality remains a major community concern.
3. THAT Council write to the State Government asking for a moratorium on all infrastructure works relating to the B-Line that have been proposed to take place in Cremorne and Neutral Bay for six months in order to undertake a trial of the B-Line bus service to collect real-time data and that such a trial not take place over the Christmas/ New Year period.
4. THAT Council write to the Member for North Shore requesting a copy of her correspondence to the Minister for Transport in relation to the B-Line.
5. THAT Council thank Council staff and in particular Jenny Gleeson, for organising the public meetings that have been held over the past 4-6 weeks in relation to the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link and the B-Line.

Report: [CiS11: Special Precinct Meetings - Transport Infrastructure Related](#)

Council at its meeting of 20 November 2017 resolved (Min. No. 399):

1. THAT the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor seek a meeting with the Local Member and the Minister for Transport to discuss the issues that have been raised tonight.

Extract from agenda (original wording of NoM):

1. THAT Council again write to the Premier and Minister for Transport, with copies to the Leader of the Opposition and the Shadow Transport Minister, again calling for an immediate 6-month moratorium on all infrastructure works in Cremorne and Neutral Bay so that any further infrastructure works can be assessed against recent and relevant data.

Resolution: [NoM04: Notice of Motion 50/17 by Cr Beregi 15/11/17 B-Line](#)

Council at its meeting of 4 December 2017 resolved (Min. No. 457):

1. THAT Council endorse a submission to TfNSW's B-Line Team regarding the conversion of the existing AM T3 Lanes to an AM Bus Lane along the lines of commentary provided in this report.
2. THAT Council also prepare a supplementary submission based on feedback from affected Precincts, including Harrison, Bennett, Willoughby Bay, Neutral and Brightmore.
3. THAT Council immediately forward to the above Precincts any correspondence that it receives from Transport for NSW regarding the B-Line and continue to publish all correspondence on its website.

Report: [CiS06: B-Line Proposal to Convert T3 Lanes to Bus Lanes](#)