



# AGENDA

Council Chambers  
Date 25 August 2022

A **MEETING** of the **Traffic Committee** will be held at the Council Chambers, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney at 10:00 AM on Friday 2 September 2022. The agenda is as follows.

Rob Emerson  
A/GENERAL MANAGER



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## **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 July 2022, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

## **2. Disclosures of Interest**

## **3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Nil.

## **4. Matters Arising from Council Resolutions**

Nil.

## **5. Items for Consideration**

### **5.1. Traffic Delegations**

**AUTHOR:** Narelle Lamond, Traffic Operations Officer

**ENDORSED BY:** Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 5.01 Attach Traffic Delegations [5.1.1 - 6 pages]

**PURPOSE:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

## **LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

### **2. Our Built Infrastructure**

2.1 Infrastructure and assets meet diverse community needs

2.4 Efficient traffic mobility and parking

## **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS**

Community engagement is not required.

## **5.2. Standing Item Pedestrian Safety**

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

**ENDORSED BY:** Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Standing Item - Pedestrian Safety - attach Sep 2022 [**5.2.1** - 6 pages]

**PURPOSE:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

## **LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

- 2. Our Built Infrastructure
  - 2.1 Infrastructure and assets meet community needs
  - 2.3 Sustainable transport is encouraged

## **BACKGROUND**

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.

## **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS**

Community engagement is not required.

**Relates to ECM No:** N/A

**Standard or Guideline Used:** N/A

**Signs & Lines Priority:** N/A

**Precinct and Ward:** All Precincts, All Wards

**Impact on Bicycles:** Impacts on cyclists will be assessed for individual projects when they are reported to the Committee in detail.

**Impact on Pedestrians:** This report highlights current projects that benefit pedestrians

**Impact on Parking:** Impacts on parking will be assessed for individual projects when they are reported to the Committee in detail.

## **DETAIL**

The table below has the current status of projects that relate to pedestrian safety.

### 5.3. Jacaranda Season – McDougall Street, Kirribilli

**AUTHOR:** Iman Mohammadi, Acting Manager Traffic & Transport Operations

**ENDORSED BY:** Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

#### **PURPOSE:**

This report has been prepared in response to the resolutions of Council of 27 September 2021 (Item 8.12 Jacaranda Season) with regard to traffic and pedestrian management in McDougall Street, Kirribilli during the annual jacaranda blooming season.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Each year between September and November the jacarandas that line both sides of McDougall Street in Kirribilli come into flower for a period of approximately 6 weeks. This seasonal occurrence which generally peaks around mid-November has become a growing attraction for local North Sydney residents and tourists in recent years who wish to photograph themselves amongst the jacarandas which form a spectacular flowering avenue for the length of McDougall Street adjacent to Milson Park.

At the Council of 27 September 2021 (Item 8.12 Jacaranda Season) Council resolved:

1. **THAT** Council undertakes the crowd management actions identified within the report for the 2021 Jacaranda flowering season in McDougall Street.
2. **THAT** Council staff identify suitable locations for further Jacaranda Street tree plantings within the streets of Kirribilli, consult with the community and undertake additional planting where possible.
3. **THAT** Council increase the number of Jacaranda in Kirribilli through offering residents through the month of November the opportunity to receive a of small Jacaranda tree from Council if they are prepared to plant it on their property. Number of trees limited to 300.
4. **THAT** post the COVID 19 pandemic Council considers opportunities to promote and celebrate Jacaranda season in Kirribilli.

This report has been prepared in response to the resolutions of Council detailing the crowd management actions for the 2022 Jacaranda flowering season in McDougall Street.

Crowd control and associated public safety issues in McDougall Street over the last 2 Jacaranda flowering seasons has not been an issue due to the COVID-19 Pandemic public health orders that have been in place, restricting public gatherings.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**



The cost of crowd management activities identified for the six-week Jacaranda season in McDougal Street is approximately \$6,000 and will be funded between Traffic Operation and Environmental Services. The budget breakdown is as follows:

- \$500 for Council owned VMS,
- \$1000 for Temp directional Footpath,
- \$3000 for Hire of 3 porta loos and
- \$1100 for cleaning of porta loos and park toilets

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Council undertakes the crowd management actions identified within the report for the 2022 Jacaranda flowering season in McDougall Street by ways of:

- a. Installation of Council-owned Variable Message Sign (x2) to provide safety messaging stating *"Slow Down"* and *"Watch out for Pedestrians"*.
  - b. Temporary directional footpath signage by installation of pavement stickers stating *"Take care, be Car Aware"* as implemented during the Jacaranda season in 2019.
- 2. THAT** Council notes the cost of the crowd management activities identified in the financial implications of this report.

## LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

1. Our Living Environment
  - 1.4 Well utilised open space and recreational facilities
2. Our Built Infrastructure
  - 2.2 Vibrant public domains and villages
  - 2.4 Efficient traffic mobility and parking
4. Our Social Vitality
  - 4.2 A centre for creativity and learning

## BACKGROUND

Each year between September and November the Jacarandas that line both sides of McDougall Street in Kirribilli come into flower for a period of approximately 6 weeks. This seasonal occurrence which generally peaks around mid-November has become a growing attraction for local North Sydney residents and tourists in recent years who wish to photograph themselves amongst the jacarandas which form a spectacular flowering avenue for the length of McDougall Street adjacent to Milson Park.

At the Council meeting on 25 November 2019 (MM01, Minute 325) Council resolved:

1. **THAT** Council staff prepare a report on options for managing the impact of visitors in McDougall Street, Kirribilli.
2. **THAT** the options include traffic management, the provision of additional amenities or services, multilingual communications and the feasibility of holding a full day festival; and
3. **THAT** an estimate of costs for each option be provided

A report was prepared and presented to the Council's meeting dated 23 March 2020 in response to the resolutions of Council to outline measures that Council has implemented in previous seasons and the feasibility of additional measures in the future for Council's consideration.

**THAT** Council, taking into consideration the financial implications, proceed with the following measures for the 2020 Jacaranda season:

- Option 1b Stop/slow control during the peak of the season for 4 weeks x 7 days.
- Option 2 Multi-lingual communications.
- Option 4a Installation of three (3) port-a-loos in Milson Park for two weeks.
- Option 4b Installation of six (6) additional temporary garbage bins for rubbish and recyclables in Milson Park for two weeks.

At the meeting, Council resolved:

***THAT this matter be deferred until July 2020, given the current COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions on public gatherings.***

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions on public gatherings, the matter was postponed for another year where a report was presented at the Council's meeting of 27 September 2021 (Item 8.12 Jacaranda Season) resolving:

1. ***THAT Council undertakes the crowd management actions identified within the report for the 2021 Jacaranda flowering season in McDougal Street.***
2. ***THAT Council staff identify suitable locations for further Jacaranda Street tree plantings within the streets of Kirribilli, consult with the community and undertake additional planting where possible.***
3. ***THAT Council increase the number of Jacaranda in Kirribilli through offering residents through the month of November the opportunity to receive a of small Jacaranda tree from Council if they are prepared to plant it on their property. Number of trees limited to 300.***
4. ***THAT post the COVID 19 pandemic Council considers opportunities to promote and celebrate Jacaranda season in Kirribilli.***

This report has been prepared in response to the resolutions of Council detailing the crowd management actions (resolution 1) for the 2022 Jacaranda flowering season in McDougall Street.

## **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS**

Community engagement will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol.

**Relates to ECM No:** 8695651

**Standard or Guideline Used:** N/A

**Signs & Lines Priority:** N/A

**Precinct and Ward:** Bradfield / Victoria

**Impact on Bicycles:** N/A

**Impact on Pedestrians:** Pedestrians are likely blocking traffic on McDougall Street while taking photographs.

**Impact on Parking:** Two (2) on-street parking spaces are unlikely removed temporary, to accommodate for the two Variable Message Signs (VMS) stating "Slow Down" and "Watch out for Pedestrians".

## **DETAIL**

Each year between September and November the Jacarandas that line both sides of McDougall Street in Kirribilli come into flower for a period of approximately 6 weeks. This seasonal occurrence which generally peaks around mid-November has become a growing attraction for local North Sydney residents and tourists in recent years who wish to photograph themselves amongst the jacarandas which form a spectacular flowering avenue for the length of McDougall Street adjacent to Milson Park.

Over recent years, Council has received requests from members of the community concerning the increasing number of visitors to McDougall Street during the jacaranda flowering season.

The subject of the requests is mostly concerned with public safety, traffic and parking management and streetscape amenity.

While many members of the community have welcomed visitors to the area, some have requested that Council implement management strategies to address the safety and amenity concerns, while still enabling everyone to enjoy the spectacle. Some of the typical concerns that are raised include:

- Visitors and tourists blocking traffic on McDougall Street while taking photographs.
- Frequent honking of car horns from motorists attempting to move pedestrians on.
- Increase in number of tourist buses travelling through and parking on local streets.
- Visitors using bathroom facilities at local businesses in peak periods due to limited capacity of public toilets in Milson Park

## **Historical Monitoring**

### Traffic and Speed Data 2018

Monitoring of pedestrian, traffic and parking conditions was undertaken in 2018 before, during and after the jacaranda blooming season to analyse the extent of the issues raised. Traffic counts were carried out in June 2018 and over 9 weeks starting from the last week of October 2018. Traffic volumes peaked in November with volumes in the order of 2,500 vehicles per day, compared to 1,992 vehicles per day in June. Generally, the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile vehicle speeds decreased slightly with increasing traffic volumes, ranging from 31.8km/h during peak traffic to 41km/h with lower traffic volumes.

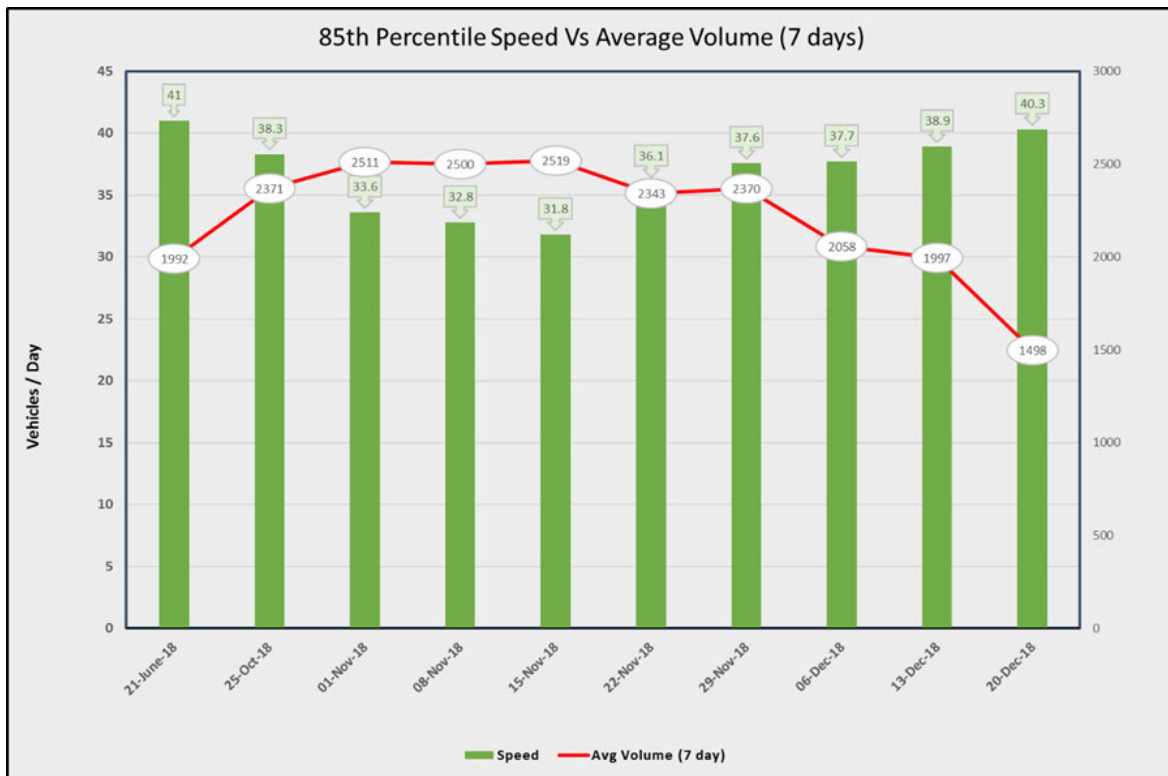


Figure 1. Traffic volume and speed data 2018

### CCTV Observations - 2018

A mobile CCTV camera was installed in McDougall Street in early November 2018. Footage between 4/11/18-6/11/18 was reviewed by Council’s Communications Officers during the peak jacaranda bloom.

At any one time, there were typically around 4 pedestrians observed standing on road to take photographs with the jacaranda trees throughout the day. At busier times of the day, up to 30 pedestrians were observed standing on the road at any one time.

Most pedestrians were observed to move away as cars were approaching. It is estimated from observations that the average time for pedestrians to clear the road was around 25 seconds.

However, in the worst case, larger groups and those with tripod setups were observed to remain for longer periods with some not moving until prompted by car horns. In the worst case, the delay to motorists was estimated in the order of 60 seconds.

From the observations, there were no serious conflicts or safety issues identified. While the majority of pedestrians and motorists were considerate of each other, some motorists used car horns to move pedestrians on, which has been the cause of frustrations for local residents.



**Figure 2 typical observations from CCTV footage during jacaranda blooming (November 2018)**

## Parking

A parking occupancy survey was undertaken in September 2018 and revealed an average occupancy of 74% in McDougall Street. There is a mix of 1-hour, 2-hour and 4-hour parking restrictions in McDougall Street which have been implemented over the years in response to community feedback. The 4-hour parking was installed to enable some parking for Ensemble Theatre patrons whilst discouraging commuter parking.

Observations from the CCTV footage during the jacaranda season revealed an average parking occupancy of 90% in McDougall Street, which is within the upper limit of Council's target range for parking management.

Measures implemented during the previous Jacaranda Season are recommended to be again undertaken in the 2022 in an effort to manage visitors to McDougall Street. Marketing the event through associated additional activities that may significantly increase visitor numbers is not considered appropriate due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Therefore, Council is preparing to again implement the following minimal actions for the six-week period:

- Installation of Council-owned Variable Message Sign (x2) to provide safety messaging
- Temporary directional footpath signage
- Hire of additional Porta loos as required
- Extra cleaning of Porta loos and Milson Park toilets

The cost of implementation over the six week period is approximately \$6,000



Photo 1. McDougall Street during Jacaranda Season 2018.



Photo 2. Temporary footpath signage used in 2019.



Photo 3. VMS Signs installed in McDougall Street during the 2019 Season



Photo 4. VMS Signs installed in McDougall Street during the 2019 Season



## 5.4. Broughton St, Kirribilli - Raised Threshold Review

**AUTHOR:** Iman Mohammadi, Acting Manager Traffic & Transport Operations

**ENDORSED BY:** Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

### **PURPOSE:**

Flattening the existing raised threshold in front of HNo. 87 Broughton Street due to residents' concerns about increased noise since installation of the threshold in September 2020.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Council, at its meeting on 28 October 2019, endorsed the acceptance of the funding offer from Transport for NSW (TfNSW), for the Kirribilli and Milsons Point 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area. By accepting the offer Council committed to undertake design, construction, project management and community engagement for the project. Following the community consultation on the proposed traffic and parking changes under introduction of 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Areas and associated treatments in Kirribilli and Milsons Point, the majority of submissions received by Council support the proposal.

The raised threshold in front of HNo.87 Broughton Street was implemented in September 2020. The resident raised concerns over the excessive noise of vehicles traveling over the raised threshold, especially during night times and requested the threshold to be removed.

This report outlines the issue and proposed treatment to alleviate the noise issues generated by traveling vehicles over the raised threshold.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The cost of proposed works is estimated to be \$10,000 and will be funded from Traffic Facilities budget 2022-23

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**1. THAT** Council proceed with flushing the existing raised threshold in front of HNo. 87 Broughton Street. Texture and colour of the road to be changed using contrasting pavement material, similar to a flush threshold that is used at the entry to the High Pedestrian Activity Areas to create a visual cue to motorists that there is a change in traffic conditions and the road environment.

## LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

- 2. Our Built Infrastructure
- 2.2 Vibrant public domains and villages
- 2.3 Prioritise sustainable and active transport

## BACKGROUND

As part of the RMS Safe Speeds in High Pedestrian Activity and Local Areas Program for funding in 2019/20, North Sydney Council was granted 100% funding for the implementation Kirribilli and Milsons Point 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity (HPA) Area, including design, construction, project management and community engagement for the project.

Concept designs were developed, and Community consultation was undertaken, including a Councillor briefing held on Monday 10 February 2020. The detailed design was referred to the North Sydney Council Traffic Committee in 2020, under delegated authority for approval prior to construction commencing.

The raised threshold in front of HNo.87 Broughton Street was implemented in September 2020. The resident raised concerns over the excessive noise of vehicles traveling over the raised threshold, especially during night times and requested the threshold be removed.

The matter was presented at the Traffic Committee meeting on 3 September 2021 where it was resolved to recommend:

1. **THAT** Council acknowledges resident concerns about increased noise since the installation of the midpoint traffic calming facility on Broughton Street.
1. **THAT** TfNSW and Council Staff investigate alternative methods of ameliorating noise impacts on the traffic calming facility.
2. **THAT** Council acknowledges that the 40km/hr signage will be installed in 4-6 weeks.
3. **THAT** following installation of the signage that speed counts be taken at an appropriate

The recommendations were adopted at the 3750<sup>th</sup> Council meeting on 27 Sept 2021.

## CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement is not required.

**Relates to ECM No:** 8872059

**Standard or Guideline Used:** AS 1742.13-2009

**Signs & Lines Priority:** 2

**Precinct and Ward:** Milson/Bradfield, Victoria

**Impact on Bicycles:** N/A  
**Impact on Pedestrians:** N/A  
**Impact on Parking:** N/A

## DETAIL

This report outlines the issue and proposed treatment to alleviate the noise issues generated by traveling vehicles over the raised threshold.

### Pre and Post Raised Threshold speed data

Traffic tube counts were installed in front of HNo.59 Broughton Street to capture the 85th Percentile Speed before and after installation of the raised threshold in June 2018 and June 2022 respectively. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed is the speed at or below which 85% of all vehicles are observed to travel under free-flowing conditions past a nominated point.

The tube count result is produced in the table below:

	Weekly 85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed (Km/h)		
	Southbound	Northbound	Bidirectional
June 2018 (Pre-Threshold Installation)	40	44	42
June 2022 (Post Threshold Installation)	39	40	40

It is evident that installation of the raised threshold in front of HNo.87 Broughton Street has reduced the vehicle speed at or below the signposted 40km/h speed limit.

Given the noise issues generated by traveling vehicles over the raised threshold in front of HNo. 87 Broughton Street, it is recommended that Council proceed with flushing the existing raised threshold. Texture and colour of the road to be changed using contrasting pavement material, similar to a flush threshold that is used at the entry to the High Pedestrian Activity Areas to create a visual cue to motorists that there is a change in traffic conditions and the road environment.

## **6. Informal Items for Consideration**

### **6.1. Standing Item - Blues Point Road - Vehicle Noise & Traffic Issues**

**AUTHOR:** Lizzie Cheng, Traffic & Transport Engineer

**ENDORSED BY:** Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Attach Blues Point Road Table 1 Summary of previous Traffic Committ [6.1.1 - 4 pages]

**PURPOSE:**

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.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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.

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

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

## **LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

2. Our Built Infrastructure

2.4 Improved traffic and parking management

## **BACKGROUND**

A petition was tabled at the Traffic Committee meeting on 12 June 2020 from residents of McMahons Point concerning vehicle noise, illegal parking and street racing in Blues Point Road near Blues Point Reserve. Council has received representations concerning this issue since that time and the matter has been considered by the Traffic Committee on numerous occasions since then. A report was considered at the Traffic Committee meeting on 5 February 2021 where the Traffic Committee recommended a number of interventions for further investigation.

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.

## **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS**

Community engagement will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol.

**Relates to ECM No:** 8525770; 8446599; 8272680

**Standard or Guideline Used:** Austroads Guide to Traffic Management Part 8: Local Street Management

**Signs & Lines Priority:** N/A

**Precinct and Ward:** Lavender Bay, Wollstonecraft

**Impact on Bicycles:** Nil

**Impact on Pedestrians:** Nil

**Impact on Parking:** Impacts as outlined in reports.

## **DETAIL**

The list of Council resolutions relating to Blues Point Road traffic management and latest updates since the previous Traffic Committee meeting is attached.

## **6.2. Standing Item - Western Harbour Tunnel & Warringah Freeway Upgrade**

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

**ENDORSED BY:** Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

### **PURPOSE:**

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).

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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

## LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

- 2. Our Built Infrastructure
  - 2.1 Infrastructure and assets meet community needs
  - 2.4 Improved traffic and parking management
- 5. Our Civic Leadership
  - 5.2 Council is well governed and customer focused
  - 5.3 Community is informed and consulted

## BACKGROUND

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. The works impact on a number of Council roads adjacent to and alongside the Warringah Freeway. All community notifications are available on the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade webpage at <https://caportal.com.au/rms/wht/documents-and-notifications>

## CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

As this is a state government project, Transport for NSW are responsible for all community engagement relating to the project.

## DETAIL

**Relates to ECM No:**

**Standard or Guideline Used:**

**Signs & Lines Priority:** N/A

**Precinct and Ward:** Hayberry/ Registry/ Stanton/ Neutral/ Anderson/ CBD; Tunks/ Victoria/ Wollstonecraft

**Impact on Bicycles:** Local cycling access may be impacted adjacent to and around the WHT/WFU work sites under traffic management

**Impact on Pedestrians:** Local pedestrian access may be impacted adjacent to and around the WHT/WFU work sites under traffic management

**Impact on Parking:** Approximately 75 parking spaces on Alfred Street North; 35 spaces on Cammeray Avenue and 10 spaces on Ridge Street have so far been removed by TfNSW to facilitate the works.

The works on Active Transport Link (ATL) within the Cammeray Golf Course connecting Ernest Street to Warringah Road is almost complete. The Works on the Amherst Noise wall has also been commenced.

Council has received numerous notices from Transport for NSW under 64(1A) of the Roads Act 1993 of their intention to exercise functions of a road's authority. This means that TfNSW has the same powers under the Roads Act 1993 as Council for the roads listed in each notice.



### **6.3. Standing Item - Sydney Metro - Project Update**

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

**ENDORSED BY:** Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**PURPOSE:**

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/>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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](http://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.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

## LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

- 2. Our Built Infrastructure
  - 2.1 Infrastructure and assets meet community needs
  - 2.4 Improved traffic and parking management
- 5. Our Civic Leadership
  - 5.2 Council is well governed and customer focused
  - 5.3 Community is informed and consulted

## BACKGROUND

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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.

## CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

As this is a state government project, Transport for NSW are responsible for all community engagement relating to the project.

## DETAIL

**Relates to ECM No:** N/A

**Standard or Guideline Used:** N/A

**Signs & Lines Priority:** N/A

**Precinct and Ward:** Various precincts, St Leonards & Cammeraygal Wards

**Impact on Bicycles:** Local cycling access maintained and managed through traffic guidance schemes

**Impact on Pedestrians:** Local pedestrian access may be impacted adjacent to and around the Sydney Metro work sites and managed through traffic guidance schemes.

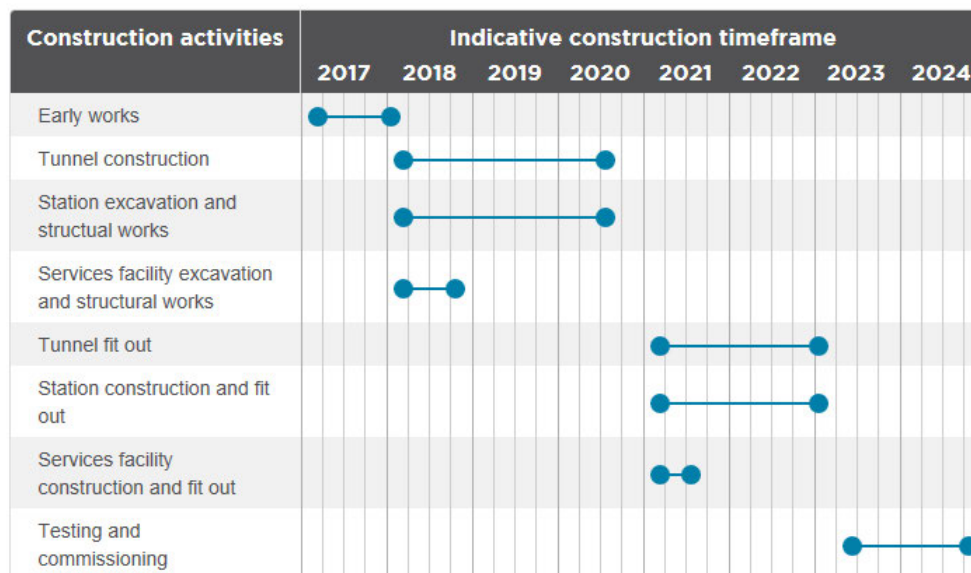
**Impact on Parking:** Parking adjacent to each construction site has been removed under applications throughout the project to facilitate construction.

There are four (4) construction sites within the North Sydney LGA associated with the Metro project.

1. **Victoria Cross Station (VC2)** – includes 155-189 Miller Street bounded by Miller Street, Berry Street and Denison Street.
2. **Victoria Cross North (VC1)** –site for the services building and additional access point at 52 McLaren Street (vacant site on northern corner of Miller Street and McLaren Street intersection).
3. **Crows Nest Station (CN)** – includes 497-521 Pacific Highway bounded by Pacific Highway, Oxley Street, Clarke Lane and Hume Street; 14 Clarke Street (Beaurepaires site); and 477-495 Pacific Highway bounded by Pacific Highway, Hume Street and Clarke Lane.
4. **Blues Point Reserve (BP)** – Temporary construction site, including creation of a shaft for the delivery and extraction of tunnel boring equipment.

The City & Southwest (Chatswood to Sydenham) project has been split into stages. Each stage is subject to separate contracts and may be undertaken by different contractors. An indicative timeline for the full City & Southwest portion is provided below.

## Indicative timeline



Source: Sydney Metro website 26/5/17

Works at each site are currently at station construction/ fit out and linewise trackworks. The key activities are summarised below.

### Update on sites within North Sydney Council area

#### Victoria Cross South

[Vic Cross – Construction Updates](#)

Excavation works, formwork steel fitting, deliveries, concrete pouring. Installation of hoardings, site accommodation and tower cranes on Miller Street frontage. Deliveries via Miller Street Work Zone.

Miller Street – major stormwater upgrade works located within southbound, establishment of one-way contra flow – staged night works from March 2022 until first week of May (approx. 4 weeks total). This works is now complete and it is anticipated that further Stormwater works to be undertaken in Denison Street in July 2022 with partial closure of Denison Street and conversion of street to one way traffic for approximately 6-8 weeks

### **Victoria Cross North**

#### [Vic Cross – Construction Updates](#)

Temporary fencing for the McLaren St footpath closure and occupation of parking spaces for pedestrian access during installation of B-Class scaffold in McLaren Street, east of Miller Street.

### **Crows Nest Station**

#### [Crows Nest – Construction Updates](#)

Deliveries occurring from Pacific Highway “logistics lane” – footpath occupation - pedestrians diverted to western side of Pacific Highway. Some concrete pours occurring from Clarke Lane.

Hume Street fully closed to traffic between Pacific Highway and Clarke Lane until 31 December.

Once Hume Street demolition works commence, 12m of footpath from the end of the site towards North will be closed to store construction materials and the remaining will be used for logistics deliveries as per approved ROL from TMC. This arrangement is proposed for 4 months with the provision of B-Class Hoarding to maintain safe pedestrian access.

### **Blues Point**

#### [Blues Point – Construction Updates](#)

DPIE granted modification for continued use of Blues Point site for additional 12 months from December 2020 for linewide track fitout.

Existing parking spaces at Blues Point Road will be temporary removed and Blues Point Road be closed to traffic at the reserve to enable commencement of the reconfiguration of Blues Point from Henry Lawson Avenue to the reserve. These works are expected to be carried out from 22 May till 30 Sep 2022.



## 7. Local Development Advisory Committee Items for Consideration

Nil

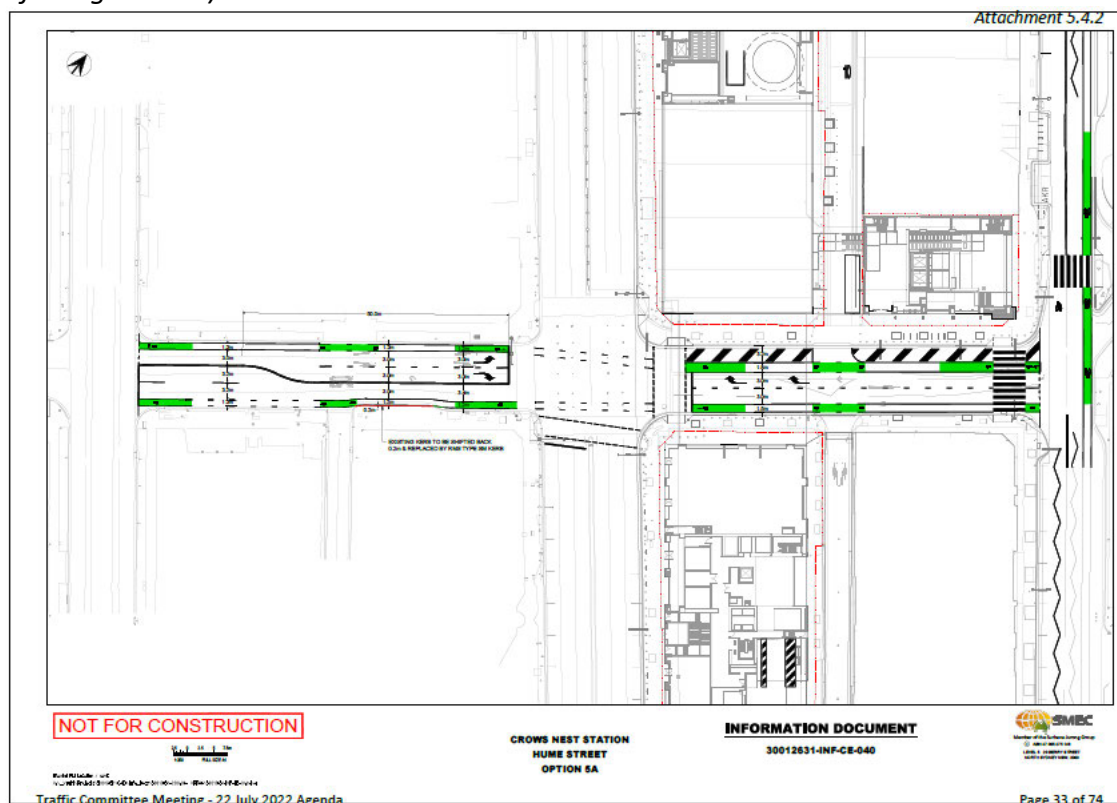
## 8. General Business

### 8.1. General Business Items

#### 8.1 Zebra crossing across Hume St at Clarke St listed at July LTC

An email has been received from David Osborne of TfNSW in relation to July LTC meeting, item 5.4 (page 33) relating to the Metro items for consideration there was a proposal for a Zebra crossing at Hume Street.

*As you may remember at the July LTC meeting, item 5.4 (page 33) relating to the Metro items for consideration there was a proposal for a Zebra crossing at Hume Street (See screen grab of design below)*



*As a follow on from an internal meeting with Metro on Friday it was noted that the design does not meet Australian Standards as it crosses 2 lanes traveling in the same direction. A point raised for consideration was:*

1. *Zebra crossing across Hume St at Clarke St. In accordance with the [RMS Austroads Guide Supplements - Austroads Guide to Traffic Management, Part 6:](#)*

- *Section 8: NSW practice does not permit Pedestrian (Zebra) Crossings on roads with 2 or more marked travel lanes in same direction. This also applies to roads*

*with 2 unmarked travel lanes in the same direction, ie where vehicles can pass other vehicles travelling in the same direction.*

*Accordingly, the zebra crossing across two westbound travel lanes would not be supported, on the basis of safety.*

*Following this internal meeting it has been requested that TfNSW/NSC arrange for the approval for this part of the Metro works to be rescinded on the basis of safety. We will meet again with Metro tomorrow afternoon to advise them that we have been in touch with North Sydney Council and to discuss alternative options for them. Metro will need to come up with a new design that is in accordance with Australian Standards.*

TfNSW needs to rescind this LTC approval until such time that a design to comply with standards is prepared.

## **8.2 Request for disability parking space outside new NSW Service Centre - 213 Miller Street, North Sydney**

A request has been received from the Member for North Shore, Felicity Wilson, on behalf of a constituent, requesting a disability parking space outside new NSW Service Centre - 213 Miller Street,

A copy of the request is attached.



**From:** "ElectorateOffice NorthShore" <NorthShore@parliament.nsw.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Fri, 5 Aug 2022 16:09:43 +1000  
**To:** "council" <council@northsydney.nsw.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Representation from Felicity Wilson MP  
**Attachments:** Representation from Felicity Wilson MP.pdf

**CAUTION:** Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a representation from Felicity Wilson MP.

Kind regards,

**Niamh Cronin**  
**Electorate Officer**



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Cr Zoe Baker  
Mayor  
North Sydney Council  
200 Miller Street  
North Sydney NSW 2060

By email: [council@northsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@northsydney.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Cr Baker *Zoe*

I would like to make a representation on behalf of a constituent of ours, Mr Clive Williams of [REDACTED] regarding disability parking spots outside the new Service NSW centre in North Sydney.

Mr Williams outlines his concerns surrounding accessibility to the venue and the challenges that arise for those with mobility issues needing to walk far distances. Mr Williams calls for the installation of designated disability parking spaces at this location.

I note that standard parking spots are available out the front of the centre, and also note that the area is a bus zone/clearway in the mornings. I kindly ask that Council investigate alternative options that may be suitable to increase disability parking options in the immediate vicinity.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of the correspondence I received in this regard, and appreciate your consideration of their concerns.

I look forward to your response in due course.

Yours sincerely

**Felicity Wilson MP**  
**Member for North Shore**

05 AUG 2022

## Emily Pavey

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**From:** Clive Williams <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 7 July 2022 6:26 PM  
**To:** ElectorateOffice NorthShore  
**Subject:** Service NSW

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Ms Wilson,

Thank you for your part in arranging for a Service NSW office to be opened in North Sydney. A further request if I may. Can you arrange for a couple of disabled parking spots to be set up outside this office so that those seeking to apply for or renew a disabled permit do not have to walk from public transport locations or the nearest parking station.

With best wishes,  
Clive Williams

Sent from my iPad

## 9. Closure