

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

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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.

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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.

Table 1 Summary of previous Traffic Committee recommendations and Council resolutions

Traffic Committee Recommendation / Council Resolution	Status
Traffic Committee: 5-Feb-2021 / Council Meeting: 22-Feb-2021 https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Committees/Traffic_Committee/2021/5_February_2021	
1. THAT Council consults with the affected community with regard to the speed cushion traffic calming scheme for Blues Point Road between Princes Street and Blues Point Reserve as shown in the attached plans. (4.3)	<i>Consultation was undertaken between 4 May to 6 June 2021. The community engagement outcomes are detailed in the report to the Traffic Committee 23 July 2021.</i>
2. THAT Council request police enforcement of excessive noise from vehicles, illegal parking and street racing as raised by local residents, particularly on Friday and Saturday evenings between 9pm and 4am. (4.3)	<i>Police enforcement requested through discussions at the Traffic Committee</i>
3. THAT Council request TfNSW install a speed camera in Blues Point Road between East Crescent Street and Blues Point Reserve. (4.3)	<i>Online request submitted through the Safer NSW website on 15/4/21</i>
4. THAT the traffic calming proposal be included in any funding applications for the McMahons Point (Blues Point Road) Public Domain Upgrade Masterplan and vice versa. (4.3)	<i>Council will continue to seek funding opportunities for both projects.</i>
5. THAT a site inspection be held ASAP with the Mayor, Councillor Keen, the Director Open Space and Environmental Services and Manager Traffic & Parking to determine: a) where new line marking can be painted to clearly delineate legal parking spaces eastern side of Blues Point Road; b) how signage can be made more effective and efficient; c) where extra lighting can be installed. d) where short term parking can be provided (4.3)	<i>A site meeting was held on 18 March 2021.</i>
6. THAT the Committee give in principle approval for CCTV on Blues Point Road and report to next Traffic Committee on how these measures can proceed. (4.3)	<i>Investigations continuing. Blues Point Road closed in association with Sydney Metro works for approx.. 3 months from August 2021 & current public health orders prohibit gatherings. Will review the situation after November 2021.</i>
Traffic Committee: 19-Mar-2021 / Council Meeting: 26-Apr-2021 https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Committees/Traffic_Committee/2021/19_March_2021	
THAT Blues Point Road be kept as a standing item on the Agenda. (7.9)	<i>Standing item added from 30 April 2021 meeting onwards.</i>

Traffic Committee Recommendation / Council Resolution	Status
Traffic Committee: 30-Apr-2021 / Council Meeting: 24-May-2021	
https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Committees/Traffic_Committee/2021/30_April_2021	
1. THAT the updates concerning Standing Item - Blues Point Road - Vehicle Noise & Traffic Issues be received. (5.4)	<i>For noting.</i>
2. THAT line marking be reinstated urgently to clearly delineate the 4 angle parking spots at the end of Blues Point Road. (5.4)	<i>Postponed due to Sydney Metro occupation of Blues Point Road. Review after November 2021.</i>
3. THAT urgent investigation be undertaken to improve the lighting in the same vicinity at the end of Blues Point Road. (5.4)	<i>A lighting consultant will be engaged to assess lighting levels at this location and advise Council on proposed lighting. This has been postponed due to Sydney Metro occupation of Blues Point Road. Review after November 2021.</i>
4. THAT signage at the end of Blues point Road be reviewed with the aim to make it clearer and more effective. (5.4)	<i>To be actioned</i>
5. THAT in response to residents concerns, Council fast-track the implementation of the 40KM/hr HPAA initiatives to ensure traffic speed and calming on Blues Point Road can be addressed.	<i>Implications outlined in report to the Traffic Committee 23 July 2021.</i>
Traffic Committee: 11-Jun-2021 / Council Meeting: 28-Jun-2021	
https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Committees/Traffic_Committee/2021/11_June_2021	
1. THAT the updates concerning Standing Item - Blues Point Road – Vehicle Noise & Traffic Issues be received.	<i>For noting.</i>
2. THAT a letter be sent to Felicity O’Brien giving her an update on Blues Point Road and thank her for her ongoing involvement and advocating on behalf of residents on Blues Point Road.	<i>Email sent 19/7/21</i>
Traffic Committee: 23-Jul -2021 / Council Meeting: 23-Aug-2021	
https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Committees/Traffic_Committee/2021/11_June_2021	
5. THAT that Council apply to TfNSW for a 40km/h speed zone on Blues Point Road between Lavender Street and Blues Point Reserve. The scheme should incorporate the traffic and pedestrian upgrades identified in the McMahons Point (Blues Point Road) Public Domain Upgrade Masterplan, and as minimal use of raised flat top thresholds as possible between Princes	<i>To be actioned.</i>

<i>Traffic Committee Recommendation / Council Resolution</i>	<i>Status</i>
<p>Street and Blues Point Reserve to address the TfNSW criteria for the proposed 40km/h speed zone. (5.3)</p> <p>6. THAT the raised flat top threshold be used instead of speed cushions. (5.3)</p> <p>7. THAT if the scheme cannot be implemented with a maximum of two raised flat top thresholds, then the matter be brought back to the Committee. (5.3)</p> <p>8. THAT following discussions with TfNSW on the proposed scheme, a report be brought back to Council outlining the proposed scheme, the cost implications of the proposed scheme, potential funding, proposed schedule and details of further community engagement if required. (5.3)</p> <p>12. THAT the application for Blues Point Road 40km/h speed zone ensures that there is no loss of parking. (5.3)</p>	
10. THAT Council be included in the consultation process for the beautification works in Blues Point Reserve following the completion of the Metro works. (5.3)	<i>Referred to Council's Director Open Space and Environment.</i>
11. THAT Council seeks clarification on the timeline and status of the Metro works in the North Sydney LGA. (5.3)	<i>See Standing Item – Sydney Metro – Project Update</i>
13. THAT the previous resolution of the 30th April Traffic Committee (Item 5.4) regarding line marking and signage on Blues Point Road be prioritised (subject to Public Health Orders). (5.3)	<p><i>See Resolution No. 2 TC 30/4/21</i></p> <p><i>Postponed due to Sydney Metro occupation of Blues Point Road. Review after November 2021.</i></p>
<p><i>Traffic Committee: 15-Oct-2021 / Council Meeting: 25-Oct-2021</i></p> <p>https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Committees/Traffic_Committee/2021/15_October_2021</p>	
<i>1. THAT</i> the updates concerning Standing Item - Blues Point Road – Vehicle Noise & Traffic Issues be received	<i>For noting</i>
<i>2. THAT</i> Council proceed with CCTV monitoring immediately after Blues Point Road is reopened.	<i>To be actioned.</i>

<i>Traffic Committee Recommendation / Council Resolution</i>	<i>Status</i>
<p data-bbox="331 328 898 355"><i>Traffic Committee: 18-Mar-2022: 28-Mar-2022</i></p> <p data-bbox="331 363 1722 391">https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Committees/Traffic_Committee/2022/18_March_2022</p>	
<p data-bbox="331 437 1200 496"><i>THAT the updates concerning Standing Item – Blues Point Road – Vehicle Noise & Traffic Issues be received</i></p>	<p data-bbox="1245 437 1973 496"><i>According to the Sydney Metro website update in August 2022, the Blues Point Road project is still ongoing.</i></p>