



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 2 September 2022 are as follows:



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Councillor Baker in the Chair, Councillor Welch and Councillor Santer

Staff: Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering & Property Services
Iman Mohammadi, Acting Manager Traffic and Transport Operations
Max White, Sustainable Transport Project Co-ordinator
Narelle Lamond, Traffic Operations Officer
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (minutes)

Members: Garvin Rutherford, representative for Tim James Member for Willoughby
Leading Constable Sam Sholkie, Police
David Osborne, TfNSW (remotely)
Lisa Forrest, representative for Felicity Wilson Member for North Shore
(remotely)

Non-Voting

Members: Nathalie Sassen, Keolis Downer (remotely)
Steve Lumley, Busways (remotely)
Ben Canty, Busways (remotely)

Visitors: Michael Clisdell, Forty Winks, Crows Nest
Azzah Lee, Resident
Tony Stanley, Resident

Apologies: Nil

The meeting commenced at 10.10 am.

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.

Moved by Garvin Rutherford and seconded by Councillor Santer

2. Disclosures of Interest

Nil.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

4. Matters Arising from Council Resolutions

Nil.

5. Items for Consideration

5.1. Traffic Delegations

Report of Narelle Lamond, Traffic Operations Officer

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

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.

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Recommending:

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

The Motion was moved by Councillor Welch and seconded by Garvin Rutherford.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

5.2. Standing Item Pedestrian Safety

Report of Iman Mohammadi, Acting Manager Traffic and Transport Operations

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

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.

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Recommending:

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

The Motion was moved by Councillor Welch and seconded by Garvin Rutherford.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

5.3. Jacaranda Season – McDougall Street, Kirribilli

Report of Iman Mohammadi, Acting Manager Traffic & Transport Operations

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.

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.

The cost of crowd management activities identified for the six-week Jacaranda season in McDougall 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

Recommending:

1. 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.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Welch and seconded by Garvin Rutherford,

1. **THAT** Council finalise 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. Following further consultation with affected properties in McDougall Street, Hipwood Street, Bradley Avenue and Broughton Avenue as well as with the local area command.
2. **THAT** Council notes the cost of the crowd management activities identified in the financial implications of this report.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** Council finalise 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.
 - c. Following further consultation with affected properties in McDougall Street, Hipwood Street, Bradley Avenue and Broughton Avenue and with the local area Command.
2. **THAT** Council notes the cost of the crowd management activities identified in the financial implications of this report.

5.4. Broughton St, Kirribilli - Raised Threshold Review

Report of Iman Mohammadi, Acting Manager Traffic & Transport Operations

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.

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.

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

Recommending:

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.

Azzah Lee addressed the committee on this item.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Baker and seconded by Garvin Rutherford,

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.

2. THAT Council consult with transport for NSW to finalise the design.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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.

2. THAT Council consult with transport for NSW to finalise the design.

6. Informal Items for Consideration

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

Report of Lizzie Cheng, Traffic & Transport Engineer

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.

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

Recommending:

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

The Motion was moved by Councillor Welch and seconded by Garvin Rutherford.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

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

Report of Iman Mohammadi, Acting Manager Traffic and Transport Operations

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).

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.

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Recommending:

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

The Motion was moved by Councillor Santer and seconded by Const Sholkie.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

6.3. Standing Item - Sydney Metro - Project Update

Report of Iman Mohammadi, Acting Manager, Traffic and Transport Operations

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/> 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. TfNSW is the approval authority for the CTMPs, following endorsement by the SCO. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Recommending:

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

The Motion was moved by Councillor Santer and seconded by Garvin Rutherford.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

7. Local Development Advisory Committee Items for Consideration

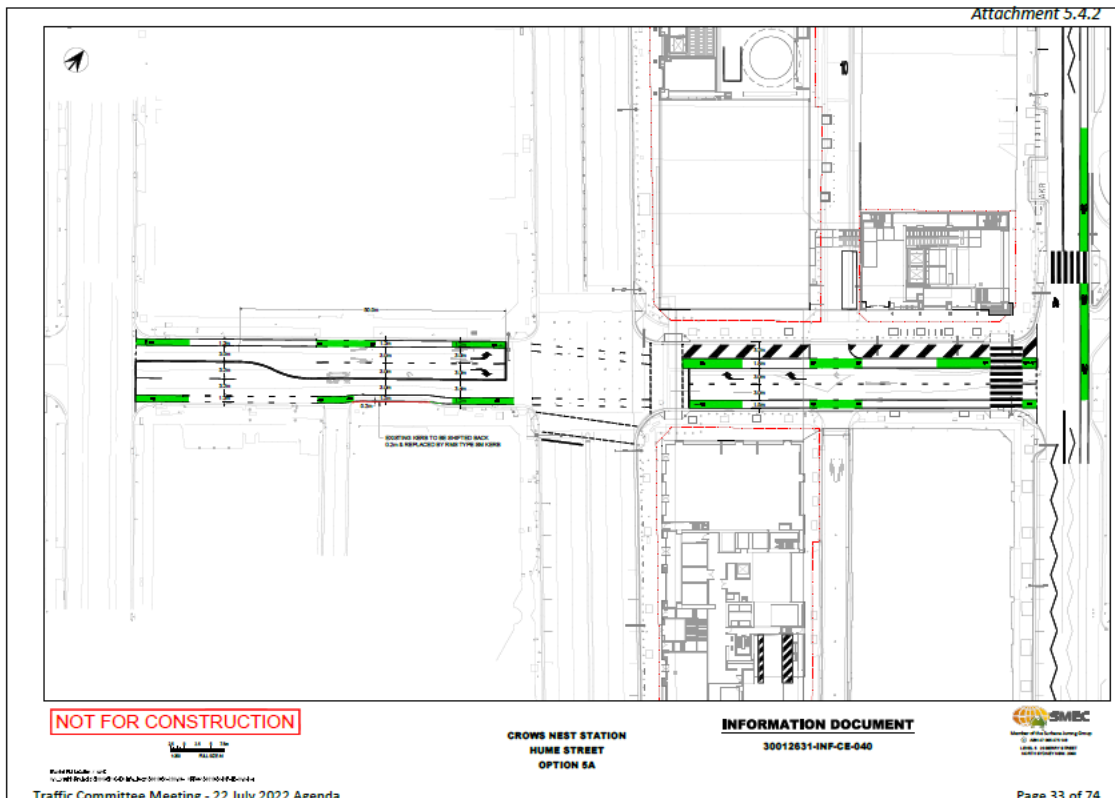
Nil

8. General Business

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.

Mr Osbourne stated that the zebra crossing wasn't to Australian Standards on the eastern side of the entrance to the street. A preliminary design had been submitted and it will be finalised within the next few days and resubmitted. There will be some small changes to narrow the entrance into Hume Street at the crossing, and a mediums to separate the cycleway into the trafficable lane.

A Motion was moved by David Osbourne and seconded by Garvin Rutherford,

1. THAT the committee rescind the approval and a further report come back to the committee.

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.

Council's A/Manager Traffic and Transport Operations advised that there is an existing 30 minute parking space from 10:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday, and 8.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday and parking is free on Sundays and it's a clearway from 6:00am to 10:00am, Monday to Friday. The operating hours of Service NSW are between 8:30am and 5:00pm, weekdays. Anyone with a mobility parking permit can park in the 30-minute parking for up to 2 hours.

It was stated Council could use a Disability Parking Policy from 2011 which specifies that requests for areas in commercial or mixed-use zones, Council needs to provide a disabled parking space, but this was refused by Transport for NSW previously. Council will need to confirm if Transport for NSW is supportive to the timed parking for disability spaces.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Welch,

1. THAT Council investigate and liaise with Transport for NSW in relation to timed disabled parking spaces at the new Service NSW office at 213 Miller Street, North Sydney.

8.3 Safety of Cyclists

Council has received correspondence from Mr Ken Thompson AFSM, Mr Cameron Blyth and Mr Thomas Thumpston.

The correspondence raised concerns regarding:

- Car drivers not adhering to the Minimum Passing Distance (MPD), requiring drivers to provide at least 1 metre of space for speeds 60km/hr and under, or 1.5 metres for speeds greater than 60km/hr. MPD was included in the Road Rules 2014 Act and breach of these rules attracts fines of \$337 and two demerit points for car drivers.
- Lack of awareness from car and truck drivers opening vehicle doors without first observing cyclists on the road, or 'car dooring'. Car dooring makes cycling unpleasant and can cause serious injury or death.
- Car drivers not adhering to 'Stop' and 'Give Way' signs either carelessly or in some cases to get ahead of cyclists.
- Cyclist and vehicle incidents West St northbound at Falcon Street
- Cyclist and vehicle incidents Miller St northbound between Berry St and McLaren St
- Parked cars in the clearway on Miller St in the evening and Blues Point Road in the morning, and drivers not giving way when crossing the cycleway into St Mary's on Ridge St.

As a result of these safety concerns and a perceived competition for road space, cyclists are often met with abuse from car driver and need to break heavily or take evasive action.

The correspondence outlined the difficulty cyclists have when reporting dangerous car driving to the Police. There are currently unclear paths to report an incident and an excessive onus on cyclists to prove driver behaviour has breached the Road Rules 2014 Act. The email suggests that reporting to Local Police has been met with varying levels of understanding and support.

The correspondence proposes actions to address the concerns raised. These include:

- North Sydney Council support greater awareness of poor driver behaviour and better understanding of processes when reporting an incident.
- North Sydney Council advocate to local Police to enforce minimum passing distances through police presence and cameras.
- North Sydney Police promote cycling safety on roads through social media.
- North Sydney Police to create a 'cycling safety officer' that is trained to manage and follow-up cyclist related complaints and incidents.
- Encourage greater action when a report is made and follow-up with cyclists that have made a report.
- Greater monitoring by Police of the West Street, Miller Street, Berry Street and McLaren Street.
- Programs to raise awareness of the road rules and sharing the street for both people that ride bikes and car drivers.
- North Sydney Council providing safe, protected, and connected cycleways.

North Sydney Council aims to create safe streets for all road users, with Cyclists as a high priority. Council currently runs a range of road safety programs including delivery of the North Sydney Council Road Safety Action Plan, which covers promoting road rule reminders for drivers and cyclists, Share the Road program as a part of National Road Safety Week, and various safety promotions on social media and the Council webpage.

North Sydney Council Road Safety Coordinator and Sustainable Transport Project Coordinator will continue to plan for improvements to road safety for Cyclists.

Climate Change and related impacts was also raised as a concern. The correspondence suggested addressing cyclist safety with better cycling infrastructure would be a serious step in mitigating and adapting to Climate Change. North Sydney Council is committed to addressing Climate Change, evident in the declaration of a Climate Emergency in 2019, delivery of bike path infrastructure and applications to Transport for NSW grant programs for cycle paths that will connect the network.

Finally, the correspondence raised several questions, including:

- What are the current 'follow up' practices of Police when responding to a cyclist's incident report?
- What are the current activities related to enforcing minimum passing distances?
- Why can the public make complaints regarding noise, vehicle exhaust and littering when cyclists concern regarding safety are not taken seriously?

Tony Stanley addressed the committee on this item.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Welch and seconded by Councillor Baker,

1. THAT Council staff organise a forum including local cyclists and police so both groups may discuss concerns regarding minimum passing distance rules, as well as other cycling and motor vehicle issues.

8.4 Parking on Pacific Highway near the Metro

Mr Crisdell addressed the Committee advising that he owns Forty Winks at Crows Nest and he has been there since 1994, and over the last 6 to 7 year since all the development has gone up around them, they have noticed their foot traffic has declined since 2016 by 7% to a point where they have considered closing. The issue he has is that most of their business is done on the weekend. 70% of their trade is done on a Saturday or Sunday. They have unrestricted parking on the Pacific Highway which is out the front of the store and is restricted to 12pm on Saturday. After 12pm on a Saturday until 6am on a Monday morning it is unrestricted. Mr Crisdell stated that when he goes out on Saturday or Sunday when they are open all the car spaces are taken and it is hard to find parking within 200m of the store. They do really rely on the parking on the street.

Mr Crisdell is asking if Council can make that parking restricted 7 days a week so they do have the access for the people to use the local business amenities.

A Motion was moved by Garvin Rutherford and seconded by Councillor Santer,

1. THAT Council undertake consultation with the affected residents and business owners to extend the existing parking restriction in Pacific Highway between Albany Street and Oxley Street to weekends. (Approximately 10 spaces).

8.5 Removal of Demountables at Loreto Kirribilli

Councillor Welch advised that residents are very concerned as Loreto will be removing their demountables on Monday and Tuesday. It was stated that when the demountables went in, there was a fair amount of damage to council structure.

Council Director Engineering and Property Services stated that he has been informed of this and that there is another large development with a crane being moved at the same time. He will check both the permits of Loreto and the other development crane and ask both companies to coordinate their crane movements so that they do not block the road for long periods of time and ask the Rangers to Police the conditions of the permits to make sure that this happens.

9. Closure

Meeting closed at 11am.