



## 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 22 July 2022 are as follows:



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Councillor Baker in the Chair, Councillors Gibson, Santer and Welch

**Staff:** Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering & Property Services  
Iman Mohammadi, Acting Manager Traffic and Transport Operations  
Elisabet Skogback, Team Leader Parking Services  
Narelle Lamond, Traffic Operations Officer  
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (minutes)

**Members:** Garvin Rutherford, representative for Tim James Member for Willoughby  
Sergeant Ryan Edwards, Police (remotely)  
David Osborne, TfNSW (remotely)  
Alex Skatov, TfNSW (remotely)  
Lisa Forrest, representative for Felicity Wilson Member for North Shore (remotely)

**Non-Voting**

**Members:** James Makasiale, Keolis Downer (remotely)  
Steve Grady, Busways (remotely)

**Visitors:** Nil

**Apologies:** Nil

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 June 2022, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.  
Moved by Garvin Rutherford and seconded by Lisa Forrest.

**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. 19 Lavender Street Parking Changes

Report of Lizzie Cheng, Traffic and Transport Engineer

Removal of the existing two on-street parking spaces '1P 8.30 am – 6 pm, Mon – Fri, Permit Holders Excepted Area 6' in front of 19 Lavender Street, Lavender Bay and replace it with 'No Parking' restriction to improve access to 21 Lavender Street.

Council has received a request from the owner of 21 Lavender Street to remove the existing parking spaces on the south side of Lavender Street (service road) to improve access to this property at the end of the service road.

A site investigation revealed that house number 19 and 21 Lavender Street benefitting off-street parking spaces with their access positioned off Waiwera Street. The laneway is narrow and serving these two properties only.

Application of AS 2890.1 2004 indicated an impediment using a B85 vehicle when vehicle are parked on the existing on-street parking area, therefore it is proposed to remove the two existing on-street parking spaces.

Signage changes only.

Ms Eleanor Purcell addressed the Committee on this item.

#### **Recommending:**

**1. THAT** Council remove the two existing on-street parking spaces '1P 8.30 am – 6 pm, Mon – Fri, Permit Holders Excepted Area 6' in front of HNo.19 Lavender Street and replace the parking zone with 'No Parking' restriction.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by David Osbourne.

Voting was unanimous.

#### **Resolved to Recommend:**

**1. THAT** Council remove the two existing on-street parking spaces '1P 8.30 am - 6 pm, Mon – Fri, Permit Holders Excepted Area 6' in front of HNo.19 Lavender Street and replace the parking zone with 'No Parking' restriction.

## **5.2. 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 David Osbourne.

Voting was unanimous.

### **Resolved to Recommend:**

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

## **5.3. 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 Gibson and seconded by Garvin Rutherford.

Voting was unanimous.

### **Resolved to Recommend:**

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

#### 5.4. Sydney Metro Crows Nest

Report of Iman Mohammadi, Acting Manager Traffic and Transport Operations

The purpose of this report is to update and seek endorsement from the North Sydney Traffic Committee on the Crows Nest Interchange Access Plan traffic and parking arrangements for Crows Nest Station along Oxley Street, Clarke Street and Hume Street, Crows Nest that affect local roads and existing parking arrangements.

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](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.

As part of the project planning condition (E92), Sydney Metro must develop an Interchange Access Plan for each station to inform the final design of transport and access facilities and services, including footpaths, cycleways, passenger facilities, parking, traffic and road changes, and integration of public domain and transport initiatives around and at each station.

The Crows Nest Interchange Access Plan has been approved by Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) in March 2022.

Sydney Metro and North Sydney Council worked collaboratively over the past year to provide facilities and services for Crows Nest Station. These facilities and services will be operational upon 'day one' of train operations. The changes involve the following:

1. Kerb side parking changes on Oxley Street and Clarke Street.
2. A new marked foot crossing (northern approach), widening of the existing eastern and southern crossing at Pacific Highway and Oxley Street Intersection. These proposed changes have been approved by Transport for NSW.
3. New pedestrian zebra crossing along Clarke Street (northern leg) and Hume Street (western leg) at Hume Street/ Clarke Street intersection.
4. Introduction of an on-road cycleway along Hume Street between Nicholson Street and Clarke Street.
5. Removal of eastbound traffic lane along Hume Street between Pacific Highway and Clarke Street. The unused width adjacent to northern kerb (painted as chevron marking) could potentially be used for activation area, future OSD construction or increased footpath.
6. Crossing widening of the eastern crossing of Hume Street at Pacific Highway and Hume Street intersection (approved by Transport for NSW).

As part of these facility and services changes, Sydney Metro and North Sydney Council will review capacity and operation of kiss-and-ride (and taxi) spaces 12 months after metro opening to ensure the capacity accommodates demand.

It is expected Sydney Metro will begin works relating to these changes in late 2022 (TBC), further consultation will be provided to Stakeholders and the Community closer to the anticipated start date.

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

#### **Recommending**

1. **THAT** the information concerning Sydney Metro City & South-West Crows Nest Station Interchange Access Plan be received and endorsed.



The Motion was moved by Garvin Rutherford and seconded by David Osbourne.

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to Recommend:**

**1. THAT** the information concerning Sydney Metro City & South-West Crows Nest Station Interchange Access Plan be received and endorsed.

**6. Informal Items for Consideration**

**6.1. 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 Sgt Ryan Edwards and seconded by Councillor Gibson.

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to Recommend:**

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

**6.2. 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](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. 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 Lisa Forrest and seconded by Councillor Welch.

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 Cyclists**

Councillor Welch advised the Police that she had received a number of complaints from cyclists saying that they don't feel the Police are taking near misses and actual hits, when they are on their bikes, and cars are hitting them.

She asked what the process is if someone has a near miss, and what proof do they have to bring to the Police, in order for something to be done?

Sgt Ryan Edwards has advised of the following:

The relevant offence to investigate is Driver of a motor vehicle not pass bicycle at a safe distance (S144 -1 Australian Road Rules) punishable by a fine of \$362 and 2 demerit points.



The safe distance will be 1.0 to 1.5 m depending on the applicable speed limit. NSW Police will investigate complaints and often rely on the complaint supplying evidence of the offence sufficient to prosecute. This may include video footage or independent witness testimony to avoid a case of conflicting versions. Police can and do make further enquiries (site and vehicle inspections/measurements etc) into the allegation before taking action. I am happy to speak with the Councillor offline further to this.

## **8.2 Matora Lane near Primrose Park**

Councillor Gibson advised that a person that attends the Primrose Park Art Centre on a regular basis, the road is due for re-sheeting but some of the users of that centre have pointed out it's not just the resurfacing, it's the width of the road and the edges, and that the road is too narrow for two cars to pass at one time. It was asked if it needs widening or more attention other than re-sheeting.

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services advised that it does need re-sheeting because it's in such poor condition due to the construction vehicles route to the Tennis court. Council is looking at other treatments along the road including safety barriers on the drop side and on a couple of corners, and possibly kerb and guttering as there is no drainage on that road. This will not be done until more funding becomes available to do this.

## **8.3 Car Park**

Councillor Welch asked what was happening in regard to re-sheeting the carpark.

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services advised that the carpark is indeed an issue and that Council has applied for funding as the car park is a bigger job, as there is the subsidence problem they had with the tennis courts at the car park and that it is a multi million dollar job.

He stated that Council wants to try and build it all up as there are brand new facilities and the journey to those facilities isn't the best. Council can't re-sheet the carpark with the current budget but are looking at installing lighting.

## **8.4 Restricted Parking outside Bloomindaes Kirribilli on Broughton Street**

Councillor Gibson advised that she had spoken to the owner of Bloomingdale's at Kirribilli and that the owner said there is timed parking only till midday on Saturday and Sunday on Broughton Street, and that it is impacting on her business.

It was requested that parking restriction is extended on weekends between Willoughby Street and Crescent Place, where there are approximately three or four parking spots on the side that Bloomingdale's is on, and the other side there also three or four parking spots.

Councillor Baker advised that this be referred to Council's Traffic and Engineering Department to investigate, and that it could possibly be looked at under delegation.

## **8.5 Update from TfNSW on the Winnie Street Right Hand Turn**

The Mayor stated that the Winnie Street “Right Hand Turn” has been deferred to allow for some broader community consultation, as there is a lot of community concern that the restriction will result in some unsafe behaviour, particularly with people trying to go ahead on Murdoch Street and use the service station on the corner of Murdoch Street and Military Road as a rat run through to do the turn you are seeking to change. There are a number of residents on both sides of Military Road who are very concerned about it in terms of the value of that turn for local trips.

Alex Skatov from Transport for NSW advised they will receive feedback from the consultation and will work with the feedback to better understand the community needs, and that at this point in time they are not proposing to make any changes at this intersection, but will continue to work with Council on the feedback they receive, and will further look into what can be done at this intersection

The Mayor thanked TfNSW for being so responsive as well as Ms Wilson’s office who assisted with this advocacy to help and review the operations.

## **9. Closure**

Meeting closed at 10.25am.