



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 4 February 2022 are as follows:



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Councillor Baker in the Chair, Councillors Beregi, Bourke and Councillor Welch (remotely).

Staff: Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services
Michaela Kemp, Manager Traffic and Transport Operations
Iman Mohammadi, Traffic & Transport Engineer
Mark Richardson, Manager Ranger and Parking Services
Leonie Wishart, Manager Parking Meters
Peita Rose, Governance Co-ordinator (minutes)

Members: Sgt Ryan Edwards, North Shore Police
Lisa Forrest representing Felicity Wilson, Member for North Shore (remotely)
David Osbourne, Transport for New South Wales (remotely)

Non-Voting Members: Patrick Wu, Keolis Downer (remotely)

Visitors: Nil

Apologies: Garvin Rutherford, representative for Member for Willoughby

The meeting commenced at 10.05 am.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 October 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

Moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Sgt Ryan Edwards.

2. Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Beregi declared a non-pecuniary/less than significant interest in Item 5.2.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

4. Matters Arising from Council Resolutions

Nil.

5. Items for Consideration

5.1. Parking Meters - Cashless Pay Parking

AUTHOR: Report of Leonie Wishart, Manager Parking Meters

To seek the Traffic Committee's endorsement for cashless and meter-less on-street paid parking within the North Sydney LGA as part of Council's upcoming On-Street Parking Management System 2022.

Council's existing "On-Street Parking Management System - Contract 13/2011b" for Parking Meters, Vehicle Sensors & Cash Collection expires shortly.

An Expressions of Interest (EOI) was released on 28 October 2021 seeking solutions for a new holistic On-Street Parking Management System in 2022. This is primarily for the review and likelihood of replacing the existing parking meters, review overall cash collection requirements and include other related on-street parking systems such as a parking space monitoring solution, E-Permits, Parking App and a parking management system.

The EOI closed on 24 November 2021 and the submissions review are currently being finalised by the evaluation panel. A report on the outcome will be submitted to Council in early 2022, including the proposal to conduct a closed tender with the shortlisted EOI submitters.

The proposed tender will comprise the sourcing of a replacement for the current parking meters in the North Sydney LGA. Although until late 2021, physical parking meters were required under the previous *RMS Paid Parking Guidelines*. However, in November 2021, Transport for NSW released the latest *TfNSW Pay parking and controlled loading zone guidelines (2021)*. The changes to the guidelines may provide the opportunity to consider trailing "meter-less" paid parking. We are currently seeking clarification on the guidelines.

In preparation for this tender, the determination of the type of parking meters that North Sydney should consider for the future is extremely important, including whether Council could begin considering "meter-less" paid parking for the future.

Over the past 18 years there has been continual and significant decline in coin payments. This is outlined in the background section of this report.

The financial implications will be reported to Council separately as part of the On-Street Parking Management System 2022 project.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Traffic Committee and Council endorses cashless parking meters be rolled out in stages to the six (6) parking meter areas at the implementation stage of On-Street Parking Management System 2022, subject to EOI and future tender outcomes and resolutions of Council.

2. THAT Council seek direction from Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) on the possibility to conduct a "Meter-less" trial within high credit card use and business locations.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Sgt Ryan Edwards.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the Traffic Committee and Council endorses cashless parking meters be rolled out in stages to the six (6) parking meter areas at the implementation stage of On-Street Parking Management System 2022, subject to EOI and future tender outcomes and resolutions of Council.

2. THAT Council seek direction from Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) on the possibility to conduct a “Meter-less” trial within high credit card use and business locations.

5.2. Kurraba Point South Area - Parking Area 32 – Survey Results

Councillor Beregi having declared an interest in this item, left the meeting for the Committee to discuss this item.

AUTHOR: Report of Michaela Kemp, Manager Traffic & Transport Operations

To recommend changes to parking restrictions in Parking Area 32 taking into consideration outcomes of the community engagement.

A parking survey for Kurraba Point South Parking Area 32, which includes Kurraba Road (south of Shellcove Road) and Baden Road, was sent out on the 24 November 2020 to 520 residents. Residents were given until 10 January 2021 to respond. A total of 32 responses were received. This represents a response rate of 6%, which is below the average response rate of 10 to 12%.

The survey results were considered at the Traffic Committee meeting on 5 February 2021 where the following recommendation was made and subsequently adopted by Council at its meeting on 22 February 2021:

- 1. THAT this matter be deferred to the next meeting to allow further discussions with residents in Baden Road.*

Council did not receive any further representations from residents of Baden Road since the February 2021 meeting. However, Council has received requests from two residents in Kurraba Road to implement additional timed parking restrictions. Council has not been able to proceed with the changes recommended for Kurraba Road pending the above resolution, however it is felt that sufficient opportunity has been provided for residents in Baden Road to make representations to Council and that Council should now proceed with the parking changes in Kurraba Road. Should Council receive requests for parking changes in Baden Road in the future the matter can be referred to a future meeting of the Traffic Committee for consideration.

The answers received from the residents for the Parking Area 32 survey are summarised in the attached report. Recommended changes to the parking restrictions in Parking Area 32 are also detailed in the report.

The cost of the signage can be funded from Council's signage budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council change one (1) existing unrestricted parking space fronting property No. 200 Kurraba Road, Kurraba Point, to "2 Hour Parking 8.30am - 6pm Mon – Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 32".
- 2. THAT** Council notify the residents before installing the parking restriction changes in Kurraba Point South Parking Area 32.
- 3. THAT** the new parking restrictions be reviewed six (6) months after the date of installation in Kurraba Point South Parking Area 32.
- 4. THAT** should Council receive subsequent requests for parking changes in Baden Road, the matter be referred to a future meeting of the Traffic Committee.

The Motion was moved by David Osbourne and seconded by Sgt Ryan Edwards.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

- 1. THAT** Council change one (1) existing unrestricted parking space fronting property No. 200 Kurraba Road, Kurraba Point, to "2 Hour Parking 8.30am - 6pm Mon – Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 32".
- 2. THAT** Council notify the residents before installing the parking restriction changes in Kurraba Point South Parking Area 32.
- 3. THAT** the new parking restrictions be reviewed six (6) months after the date of installation in Kurraba Point South Parking Area 32.
- 4. THAT** should Council receive subsequent requests for parking changes in Baden Road, the matter be referred to a future meeting of the Traffic Committee.

5.3. Princes Street, McMahons Point - Parking Survey Results

AUTHOR: Report of Michaela Kemp, Manager Traffic & Transport Operations

To report the outcomes of the recent community engagement regarding parking restrictions in Princes Street, McMahons Point.

A parking survey for Princes Street, McMahons Point (Parking Area 7) was sent out on the 6 October 2021 to 94 residents, businesses, and to Union and Lavender Bay Precinct Committees. Residents were given until 7 November 2021 to respond. A total of 15 responses were received. This represents a response rate of 16%, which is above the average response rate of 10 to 12%.

The answers received from the residents for the Princes Street Parking Area 7 survey are summarised in the attached report. Recommended changes to the parking restrictions in the Princes Street are also detailed in the report.

The cost of the signage changes can be covered from Council's signage budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** the existing two spaces of “*½ Hour Parking 8.30am-10pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 7*” spaces on the northern side of Princes Street between Princes Place and Blues Point Road, to “**1 Hour Parking 8.30am-10pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 7**” (Zone 534).
- 2. THAT** the existing three spaces of “*½ Hour Parking 8.30am-10pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 7*” on the southern side of Princes Street, between Princes Place and Blues Point Road, be converted to “**1 Hour Parking 8.30am-10pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 7**” (Zone 535)
- 3. THAT** Council notifies the residents, businesses, and all submitters before installing the parking restriction changes in Princes Street.
- 4. THAT** the new parking restrictions in Princes Street be reviewed six (6) months after the date of installation

The Motion was moved by Councillor Bourke and seconded by Sgt Ryan Edwards.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

- 1. THAT** the existing two spaces of “*½ Hour Parking 8.30am-10pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 7*” spaces on the northern side of Princes Street between Princes Place and Blues Point Road, to “**1 Hour Parking 8.30am-10pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 7**” (Zone 534).
- 2. THAT** the existing three spaces of “*½ Hour Parking 8.30am-10pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 7*” on the southern side of Princes Street, between Princes Place and Blues Point Road, be converted to “**1 Hour Parking 8.30am-10pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 7**” (Zone 535)
- 3. THAT** Council notifies the residents, businesses, and all submitters before installing the parking restriction changes in Princes Street.
- 4. THAT** the new parking restrictions in Princes Street be reviewed six (6) months after the date of installation

5.4. Traffic Delegations

AUTHOR: Report of Michaela Kemp, Manager Traffic & Transport Operations

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.

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

6. Informal Items for Consideration

6.1. Standing Item - Pedestrian Safety

AUTHOR: Report of Michaela Kemp, Manager Traffic & 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

The Motion was moved by Councillor Bourke and seconded by Sgt Ryan Edwards.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

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

AUTHOR: Report of Iman Mohammadi, Public Projects Engineering Officer

The purpose of this report is 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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

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

AUTHOR: Report of Iman Mohammadi, Public Projects Engineering Officer

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.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

The Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Sgt Ryan Edwards.

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 Phasing out of Paper Parking Tickets

Councillor Beregi asked Council's Manager Ranger and Parking Services what the reason is for Council phasing out paper parking tickets?

Council's Manager Ranger and Parking Services stated that nearly every Council as well as the Police are moving towards no paper parking fines, and that the parking signage is a warning for people. A fine will still be issued and they will no longer receive a paper ticket on their car's windscreen. All the information in regard to the phasing of paper parking tickets is on Council's website. Council will also notify residents with a parking permit of the change by mail.

8.2 Moodie Street Crows Nest/Cammeray

Councillor Bourke asked the Committee how he would go about bringing to Council's attention the small lane/two way in Moodie Street, Cammeray, and what has been done in regard to any studies or consideration of a trial of one way close?

Councillor Baker advised the Councillor to contact the Director Engineering & Property Services or relevant staff and depending on the outcome of that conversation they may or may not put a Motion up to Council.

The Director Engineering and Property Services advised the Committee that it was Michaela Kemp's last Traffic Committee meeting that she will be attending as Manger, Traffic and Transport Operations at North Sydney Council. He stated Michaela has been attending the Traffic Committee meetings for the last 11 years and in that time has done a fantastic job. Michaela will be taking up a new position at the City of Sydney Council.

Councillor Baker Moved an acknowledgement and seconded by Councillor Beregi.

Councillor Baker would like to thank Michaela for her service not only to the community but also to Council. Council has been very fortunate to have had Michaela and that she is a big loss to her foundation.

9. Closure

The meeting concluded at 10.20am.