

NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

REPORT OF 535th TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE AT MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM, NORTH SYDNEY, ON FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2020 AT 10.00AM.

PRESENT

Councillor Gibson in the Chair, Councillor Keen

Staff: Michaela Kemp, Manager Traffic and Transport Operations
Elisabet Skogback, Team Leader Parking Services
Nathan Wu, Traffic and Transport Engineer
Lindsay Menday, Sustainable Transport Project Co-Ordinator
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

Members: Veronique Marchandean representing Felicity Wilson, Member for North Shore
Garvin Rutherford, representing Gladys Berejiklian, Member for Willoughby (attended remotely)
Senior Constable Pat North, NSW Police
Bikram Singh, TfNSW (attended remotely)

Non-Voting Members: Egwin Herbert, STA (attended remotely)

Visitors: Mr G. Norris (attended remotely)
Mr M. Carey (attended remotely)

A Written submission was received from Mr M. Wasson regarding item 4.2.

Apologies were received from Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services.

At the commencement of business (10.16am) Councillors present were:
Councillor Gibson in the Chair, Councillor Keen.

64. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 September 2020, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Keen and seconded by Ms Marchandean.

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD**65. (4.2) Minor Parking Restrictions – Phillips Street**

Report of Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp
Attached is a list of recommendations made for changes in the parking restrictions.

Recommending:

- 1. THAT** the recommendations made for changes in the parking restrictions be received.
- 2. THAT** Council undertake community consultation with regard to the installation of “No Parking” restrictions on the northern side of Phillips Street for a length of 20m to the west of the existing power pole in front of HNo.38.

The Mayor, Councillor Keen and Ms Marchandean declared a non-pecuniary/less than significant interest in this item.

Mr Norris addressed the Committee regarding item 4.2.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Senior Constable North,

- 1. THAT** Council proceed with the installation of “No Parking” restrictions on the northern side of Phillips Street for a length of 20m to the west of the existing power pole in front of H.No.38.
- 2. THAT** Council notifies affected residents prior to implementing the changes in Phillips Street outlining why the changes are required and that the problem be solved with minimal loss of parking.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

- 1. THAT** Council proceed with the installation of “No Parking” restrictions on the northern side of Phillips Street for a length of 20m to the west of the existing power pole in front of H.No.38.
- 2. THAT** Council notifies affected residents prior to implementing the changes in Phillips Street outlining why the changes are required and that the problem be solved with minimal loss of parking.

It was resolved at the Council meeting of 26 October 2020 that this item be referred back to the next Traffic Committee meeting for further discussion.

66. (6.1) Sydney Metro Victoria Cross Station Construction - Lendlease Early Works

Report of Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp
Consent for the Sydney Metro City and South-West Chatswood to Sydenham (Metro) project was granted by the Department of Planning and Environment on 9 January 2017 (CSSI 7400). 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 of the line began in 2017, with train operations scheduled to commence by 2024.

In accordance with the various conditions of consent, a Traffic and Transport Liaison Group (TTLG) and Traffic Control Group (TCG) has been established to inform traffic and transport measures during construction and operation of the project. The TTLG and TCG are chaired by the Sydney Coordination Office (SCO) and comprise representatives from the relevant Road Authorities, which includes North Sydney

Council. The TTLG meets monthly and the (TCG) meets fortnightly to discuss impending construction-related traffic management matters.

The Construction Traffic Management Plans (CTMPs) must be developed in consultation with the TTLG. The RMS is the approval authority for the CTMPs, following endorsement by the SCO.

Lendlease is contracted to undertake the Victoria Cross Station construction works and commenced early works from October 2020. Lendlease has requested to present to the Traffic Committee on their upcoming works during November 2020 to March 2021.

Signs and Lines Priority: N/A

Precinct and Ward: CBD/ Stanton, Wollstonecraft

Relates to ECM No: N/A

Standard or Guideline Used: N/A

Impact on Bicycles: Cycle access will be maintained and managed under traffic control

Impact on Pedestrians: Pedestrian access will be maintained and managed under traffic control

Impact on Parking: On-street parking around the site will be impacted to allow for work zones and traffic management

Recommending:

1. THAT the information concerning Sydney Metro Victoria Cross Station Construction - Lendlease Early Works be received.

Mr Carey addressed the committee regarding item 6.1.

The Motion was moved by Ms Marchandau and seconded by Senior Constable North.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the information concerning Sydney Metro Victoria Cross Station Construction - Lendlease Early Works be received.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

67. (4.1) Delegated Authority

Report of Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp

Attached is a list of projects given approval under delegated authority to the Manager Traffic and Transport Operations. Approval was given subject to concurrence of Transport for NSW, the NSW Police and the local State Members.

Recommending:

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

The Motion was moved by Ms Marchandau and seconded by Mr Rutherford.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

68. (4.2) Minor Parking Restrictions – Phillips Street

(This matter was considered earlier in the meeting see Min. No. 66)

69. (4.3) St Peters Park Path – 3-month Review

Report of Sustainable Transport Projects Coordinator, Lindsay Menday

In late 2019 and early 2020 amendments were made to the path network through St Peter's Park, North Sydney. This included minor revisions and repairs to the existing concrete paths, improvements to landscaping, and new signage requiring people to dismount when travelling through the park with their bike.

Council resolved to install the 'dismount' signage at their meeting of 6 April 2020 (rescheduled from 23 March 2020). At the meeting, Council also resolved to provide a further report on the matter to Traffic Committee after the signage had been installed (this report).

The signs were installed in April 2020.

Following the changes, Council received six (6) submissions seeking that the paths be reopened for cycling as well as feedback that people were not complying with the 'dismount' signage.

Camera data collected on the path found that around 20-25% of riders dismount when passing through the park while the remainder continue to ride, and that during the busiest period there is approximately one person cycling in the park every two minutes. The data collected – on one Saturday and one Tuesday – did not document any incidents of conflict or near misses.

Since the changes were made in the park, the NSW State Government has announced (on 24 August 2020) that they will install popup cycle paths on the Pacific Highway. These paths are considered likely to reduce cycle trips through St Peters Park, particularly by long distance commuter riders. In this context, use of the St Peters Park paths may drop significantly in the coming months.

Given that the crash and count data did not indicate an immediate level of risk in the area, and that the situation may change significantly if popup bike lanes are installed on the Pacific Highway, this report recommends that Council staff continue to monitor how the situation develops before recommending any additional changes in the park.

Recommending:

1. THAT staff monitor the use of the St Peter's Park path following the installation of popup cycle lanes on the Pacific Highway and report back to the Traffic Committee should any further concerns be raised by the community.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Keen and seconded by Senior Constable North,

1. THAT staff monitor the use of the St Peter's Park path following the installation of popup cycle lanes on the Pacific Highway and report back to the Traffic Committee should any further concerns be raised by the community.

2.THAT it be noted that additional "Dismount" line marking will be installed to increase awareness and ensure pedestrian safety.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT staff monitor the use of the St Peter's Park path following the installation of popup cycle lanes on the Pacific Highway and report back to the Traffic Committee should any further concerns be raised by the community.

2.THAT it be noted that additional "Dismount" line marking will be installed to increase awareness and ensure pedestrian safety.

70. (4.4) Area 30 - Bent Street and Lower Bent Street - Parking Survey Results

Report of Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp

A parking survey for Bent Street and Lower Bent Street in Parking Area 30 was sent out on the 31 August 2020 to 540 residents and property owners, and to Neutral Precinct. The survey was also sent to Cammeraygal Montessori School. The survey was also available online. Residents were given until the 27 September 2020 to respond. There were 143 visitors to the survey webpage and a total of 81 responses were received. This represents a response rate of 15%, which is above the average response rate of 10 to 12% for parking surveys.

The answers received from the residents for the Area 30 Bent Street and Lower Bent Street survey are summarised in the report. Recommended changes to the parking restrictions in the Bent Street and Lower Bent Street are also attached.

Overall, the majority of respondents did not support changes to the parking restrictions in Bent Street and Lower Bent Street. There was a small cluster of support for additional parking restrictions outside 12-18 Bent Street and changes to these spaces have been recommended accordingly.

Recommending:

- 1. THAT** Council change 2 spaces of unrestricted parking in front of 18-20 Bent Street to “2 Hour Parking 8.30am-6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 30”.
- 2. THAT** Council notify the affected residents and all submitters for the Area 30 survey of the adopted changes and outcomes of the survey prior to installation.
- 3. THAT** the new parking restrictions for Area 30 are evaluated with a report to the Traffic Committee after three months of installation, including any community feedback.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Keen and seconded by Ms Marchandau,

- 1. THAT** Council change 2 spaces of unrestricted parking in front of 18-20 Bent Street to “2 Hour Parking 8.30am-6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 30”.
- 2. THAT** Council notify the affected residents and all submitters for the Area 30 survey of the adopted changes and outcomes of the survey prior to installation.
- 3. THAT** the new parking restrictions for Area 30 are evaluated with a report to the Traffic Committee after three months of installation, including any community feedback.
- 4. THAT** there be further discussion about speeding issues and parking in the northern end of Bent Street at a future Traffic Committee meeting.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

- 1. THAT** Council change 2 spaces of unrestricted parking in front of 18-20 Bent Street to “2 Hour Parking 8.30am-6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area 30”.
- 2. THAT** Council notify the affected residents and all submitters for the Area 30 survey of the adopted changes and outcomes of the survey prior to installation.
- 3. THAT** the new parking restrictions for Area 30 are evaluated with a report to the Traffic Committee after three months of installation, including any community feedback.
- 4. THAT** there be further discussion about speeding issues and parking in the northern end of Bent Street at a future Traffic Committee meeting.

INFORMAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**71. (5.1) Abandoned Vehicles and Unattended Boat Trailers Processed Report**

Report of Manager Ranger and Parking Services, Mark Richardson
Report of Abandoned Vehicles and Unattended Boat Trailers processed during the reporting period of 15 August 2020 to 25 September 2020.
Year to date (2020) Council had investigated 190 reports of abandoned vehicles.
Year to date (2020) Council processed 60 reports of unattended boat trailers.

Recommending:

1. THAT the information concerning the Abandoned Vehicles and Unattended Boat Trailers Processed Report be received.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Keen and seconded by Senior Constable North.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the information concerning the Abandoned Vehicles and Unattended Boat Trailers Processed Report be received.

72. (5.2) Standing Item - Military Road B-Line

Report of Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp
At the Traffic Committee meeting on 3 May 2019 it was agreed to add a standing item for each future traffic committee agenda with regard to B-Line, including matters concerning off-set parking arrangements due to parking losses along Military Road, and general traffic and parking matters that arise.
The table overleaf outlines the status of current traffic and parking matters relating to B-Line.

Recommending:

1. THAT the information concerning Standing Item - Military Road B-Line be received.

The Motion was moved by Mr Rutherford and seconded by Councillor Keen.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the information concerning Standing Item - Military Road B-Line be received.

73. (5.3) Standing Item – Pedestrian Safety

Report of Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp
At the 530th Traffic Committee meeting held 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.

Recommending:

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

A Motion was moved by Ms Marchandean and seconded by Councillor Keen,

1. **THAT** the information concerning Standing Item – Pedestrian Safety be received.
2. **THAT** it be noted that the following pedestrian safety matters were discussed during the meeting – Item 4.3 St Peters Park; Grosvenor Lane – new Shared Zone has signage which allows cyclists to travel contrary to the one-way direction and electric delivery bikes are causing concern for pedestrians.
3. **THAT** pedestrian improvements be noted in this section for future agendas. Please refer to item 4.2. - Phillips Street. It should be noted in this section for aged pedestrian safety as well as Grosvenor Lane being bikes excluded, no entry.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** the information concerning Standing Item – Pedestrian Safety be received.
2. **THAT** it be noted that the following pedestrian safety matters were discussed during the meeting – Item 4.3 St Peters Park; Grosvenor Lane – new Shared Zone has signage which allows cyclists to travel contrary to the one-way direction and electric delivery bikes are causing concern for pedestrians.
3. **THAT** pedestrian improvements be noted in this section for future agendas. Please refer to item 4.2. - Phillips Street. It should be noted in this section for aged pedestrian safety as well as Grosvenor Lane being bikes excluded, no entry.

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(5.4) Interim Traffic Committee Arrangements Over the Seasonal Break

Report of Traffic Operations Officer, Maria Coyne

The last Traffic Committee meeting for 2020 is 27 November 2020 and the next meeting is not until February 2021. In the event that an urgent traffic issue should arise over the holiday break it is recommended that the General Manager or his delegate be authorised to vote on behalf of Council and a delegation email be sent to the NSW Police, Transport for NSW and the local State Member for their approval. Any matters considered during this period will be included in a report to the first Traffic Committee meeting of 2021.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** Council authorise the General Manager or his delegate to vote on behalf of Council in the event that an urgent traffic issue arises over the holiday break, noting that a delegation email would be sent to the NSW Police, Transport for NSW and the local State Member for approval, as well as the Mayor to be notified for information and a report on the issue arising would also be referred to the first Traffic Committee meeting of the New Year.

The Motion was moved by Ms Marchandean and seconded by Mr Rutherford.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** Council authorise the General Manager or his delegate to vote on behalf of Council in the event that an urgent traffic issue arises over the holiday break, noting that a delegation email would be sent to the NSW Police, Transport for NSW and the local State Member for approval, as well as the Mayor to be notified for information and a report on the issue arising would also be referred to the first Traffic Committee meeting of the New Year.

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS
FOR CONSIDERATION**

75. **(6.1) Sydney Metro Victoria Cross Station Construction - Lendlease Early Works**
(This matter was considered earlier in the meeting see Min. No. 67)

GENERAL BUSINESS

Car accident on Military Road - 7 October 2020

Councillor Keen requested that Police monitor the area where the car crash occurred and that details of the incident on Military Road near the Orpheum Theatre/Cabramatta Road be sent to Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations. Mr Singh from the TfNSW stated that they will also be investigating the incident.

Thrupp Street Developments

Councillor Keen requested for Thrupp Street to be made one way at the bottom end from Aubin Street to Kurraba Road, Neutral Bay. It was also suggested that residents write to Council with a petition in regard to this matter for consideration at a future Traffic Committee meeting.

Late night speeding down Blues Point Road, McMahons Point

Councillor Gibson requested that speeding traffic in Blues Point Road McMahons Point be added as a standing item in future Traffic Committee meetings, and that the Traffic and Transport Operations Department fast-track the community consultation regarding traffic calming on Blues Point Road.

The meeting closed at 11.30am.

CHAIRPERSON

GENERAL MANAGER