

Item 5.2 - Traffic – 4/09/20



N O R T H S Y D N E Y C O U N C I L

To the General Manager

Attach: 1. Updates

SUBJECT: (5.2) Standing Item - Military Road B-Line

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DESCRIPTION/SUBJECT MATTER:

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.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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19/01	<p>Offset parking</p> <p>At the 523rd Traffic Committee meeting on 22/3/19 it was recommended: 10. THAT the Director Engineering & Property Services negotiate compensation from Transport for NSW for the loss of meter revenue from 6 on-street parking spaces on Parraween Street as a result of direct flow-on effects of parking losses on Military Road associated with the B-Line project. (4.2.1) 11. THAT Council consult with local residents and businesses with regard to parking changes on Parraween Street at the rear of 330-338 Military Road (Meter ID 5948) to convert 6 spaces of “2 Hour Meter 8.30am-6pm Mon-Fri 8.30am-12.30pm Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area 27” to 11.4 metres of “Loading Zone 6am-6pm Mon-Fri 8.30am-12.30pm Sat” and four (4) spaces of “1 Hour Parking 8.30am-6pm Mon-Fri 8.30am-12.30pm Sat”; and the parking changes be approved under delegated authority to the Traffic Engineer, subject to majority support. (4.2.1)</p> <p>At the 525th Traffic Committee meeting on 14/6/19 it was recommended: 7. THAT the community survey regarding offset parking in Parraween Street be expedited. (5.3) 8. THAT an update be provided to the next Traffic Committee on the Parraween Street survey. (5.3)</p> <p>At the 526th Traffic Committee meeting on 26/7/19 it was recommended: 1. THAT Council make all parking meters along the whole of Parraween Street, both sides from Winnie Street to Macpherson Street, first 15 minutes free parking for a 1-year trial period, erecting signage as well as an appropriate information campaign for residents. Occupancy and turnover are to be monitored during the trial. 2. THAT two dedicated loading zone spaces be allocated along Parraween Street with Council’s Manager Traffic and Transport Operations liaising with Mr Quinn as to the appropriate spots for these zones, making sure they are placed where they will least affect the residents. 3. THAT Council notify residents and businesses regarding the above changes in Parraween Street prior to implementation, and should Council receive significant objections, implementation be deferred for further consideration by the Traffic Committee.</p>	<p>1/7/19: Consultation letters were sent out to residents and businesses on 21/6/19 and posted on Council’s ‘Your Say’ webpage. Submissions close 21/7/19.</p> <p>13/1/20: Baseline parking occupancy and turnover data for Parraween Street was collected in October and November 2019. Council’s contractor is currently working on upgrading parking meter technology to facilitate the 15-minute free period. An initial notification was hand-dropped on 8/1/20 to properties in Parraween Street and businesses fronting Military Road informing them of the planned changes.</p> <p>The most suitable location for the loading zone was determined in front of Cremorne Garden Plaza. The loading zone was installed in January 2020 following consultation with Mr Quinn.</p>
19/02	Traffic and Parking Impacts (General Item)	<p>29/5/19: Council has collected baseline data in the following streets between April 2018 to April 2019. Subsequent data will be collected in the next month or so to measure relative changes in traffic conditions since the tidal flow changes were implemented.</p>

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19/03	Public Domain Upgrades along Military Road Corridor Between Neutral Bay and Cremorne	<p>29/5/19: Tenders have been called for and received for the public domain upgrades which will commence in July 2019.</p> <p>9/1/20: Information regarding these works and notifications can be accessed at https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Projects_Infrastructure/Council_Projects</p>															
20/01	<p>Matters raised by Harrison Precinct Committee:</p> <p>a) Traffic signals near Cabramatta Road Motorists reported to be regularly ignoring red light putting pedestrians in danger. Motorists are not aware there is a traffic light due to the removal of the signal at the median. Therefore, there has been an increase in the number of motorists not stopping on the red signal due to lack of visibility.</p> <p>b) Hampden Street bus stop closure during morning peak (outbound)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents in Cranbrook Avenue and Hampden Avenue are now required to walk a significantly further distance to alternative bus stops in Cremorne or Neutral Bay <p>c) Cremorne bus stop (outbound)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longer distance to reach this bus stop and inadequate shelter during wet weather conditions <p>d) Cremorne AM bus stop (citybound)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate footpath width to accommodate volume of commuters and no queuing system causing crowding of the footpath • Inadequate shelter during wet weather 	<p>23/1/20: Overhead mast arm was installed in October 2019.</p> <p>The Mayor and Member for North Shore attended a site meeting with representatives from Harrison Precinct on 3/12/19.</p> <p>The Member for North Shore advised that a review of the pedestrian signals was undertaken and an additional 2 seconds of green walk time has been added to the signal phasing. Enforcement of red lights and queuing across crossing referred to NSW Police.</p> <p>23/1/20: The matters concerning the bus stops (b,c & d) will be referred to B-Line and STA.</p>															

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20/02	<p>Puffin Crossings:</p> <p>At the Traffic Committee meeting on 7 February 2020 a suggestion was made to install a puffin crossing on Military Road. The Traffic Committee subsequently recommended:</p> <p><i>THAT detailed information about Puffin Crossings and their appropriateness for use in Cremorne and Neutral Bay Shopping Centres as well as information on red light cameras and pedestrian safety, be brought back to the next Traffic Committee meeting.</i></p> <p>Detailed information was provided at the Traffic Committee meeting on 20 March 2020.</p> <p>At the Traffic Committee meeting on 20 March 2020 it was recommended: <i>THAT the Mayor write to the Local Member as well as the RMS to get their advice on puffin crossings, and that Council lobby to trial puffin crossings at the two crossings on Military Road, Cremorne. (5.3)</i></p>	<p>Refer to report to 20 March 2020 Traffic Committee https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/docs/1_council_meetings/committees/traffic_committee/531/5.3_standing_item_military_road_-_b-line.pdf</p>
20/03	<p>Traffic signals at Spofforth Street and Cabramatta Road:</p> <p>A resident of Cremorne has noted that the cycle of the traffic signals when crossing Military Road at Spofforth Street and Cabramatta Road is 145 seconds, including 121 seconds for the traffic phase and 24 seconds for the pedestrian walk phase. The resident suggests that the cycle time has increased from 2 minutes and pedestrians have only been given 2 extra seconds but are required to wait longer, but motorists have been given an extra 30 seconds.</p> <p>The resident has also queried why there are right turn phases into Spofforth Street before and after the pedestrian walk phase in the same cycle, and whether 9 seconds has been reallocated from the pedestrian phase resulting in more waiting time.</p>	<p>1/7/20: The email from the resident has been forwarded to TfNSW for their attention as the Road Authority for Military Road and all signalised intersections.</p>