

NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

REPORT OF 533rd TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORTH SYDNEY, ON FRIDAY, 24 JULY 2020 AT 10.00AM.

PRESENT

Councillor Gibson in the Chair and Councillor Keen.

Staff: Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering & Property Services
Michaela Kemp, Manager Traffic and Transport Operations
Nathan Wu, Traffic and Transport Engineer
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)
Bikram Singh, TfNSW (attended remotely)

Non-Voting Members: Egwin Herbert, STA

Visitors: Ms J. Christie (attended remotely)
Ms C. O'Brien (attended remotely)
Mr K. Kline (attended remotely)

Apologies: Sergeant Ryan Edwards, NSW Police

At the commencement of business (10.10am) Councillors present were:
Councillor Gibson in the Chair and Councillor Keen.

43. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday, 12 June 2020, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

Ms Marchandean requested that it be noted that Ms Felicity Wilson, State Member for North Shore raised concerns re cyclists and pedestrian access as well as safety in St Peters Park.

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

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD**44. (4.2.1) Chandos Lane, Crows Nest**

Report of Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp

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

Recommending:

1. THAT Council remove 2 (two) parking spaces on the north side of Chandos Lane to allow access/egress to the property at 150 Atchison Street in Chandos Lane by relocating the existing “No Stopping (L)” sign from the boundary of 203A and 209 Chandos Street approximately 9 metres east onto the existing “No Parking (R)” sign, with the cost to be borne by the owner of 150 Atchison Street.

Mr Klein addressed the Committee.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Keen and seconded by Ms Marchandeanu;

1. THAT only one parking space be removed on the north side of Chandos Lane and one parking space remain on the north side of Chandos Lane, Crows Nest to allow access/egress to the property at 150 Atchison Street, Crows Nest with the cost to be borne by the owner of 150 Atchison Street.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT only one parking space be removed on the north side of Chandos Lane and one parking space remain on the north side of Chandos Lane, Crows Nest to allow access/egress to the property at 150 Atchison Street, Crows Nest with the cost to be borne by the owner of 150 Atchison Street, Crows Nest.

45. (4.3.1) Carabella Street, Kirribilli

Report of Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp

Attached is a list of recommendations made for minor traffic investigations.

Recommending:

1. THAT Council prepare a traffic management plan to assess the impacts of converting Carabella Street one-way and report back to the Traffic Committee for further consideration.

Ms Christie addressed the Committee.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Ms Marchandeanu;

1. THAT Council prepare a traffic management plan to assess the impacts of converting Carabella Street one-way east of Fitzroy Street and report back to the Traffic Committee for further consideration.

2. THAT the Mayor, Councillor Keen and a representative from Council seek an urgent meeting with the Principal of Loreto School to discuss traffic management as well as traffic flow in Kirribilli.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** Council prepare a traffic management plan to assess the impacts of converting Carabella Street one-way east of Fitzroy Street and report back to the Traffic Committee for further consideration.

2. **THAT** the Mayor, Councillor Keen and a representative from Council seek an urgent meeting with the Principal of Loreto School to discuss traffic management as well as traffic flow in Kirribilli.

46. (5.4) Standing Item - Pedestrian Safety

Report of Manager Traffic & 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.

Ms Christie addressed the Committee.

A correction was noted for Item 20/1 Bligh Street that the location is between Broughton Street and Humphrey Place.

Councillor Keen queried the location of the proposed traffic calming on Ben Boyd Road in Item 20/02. The Traffic & Transport Operations Manager advised it is at the southern end of Ben Boyd Road (Kurraba Road to Yeo Street). The upgrade to the pedestrian crossing at Hardie Street will be funded separately from the LATM program.

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

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

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

47. (7.1) Kurraba Point (Parking Area 32) Parking Issues

Report of Manager Traffic & Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp

Council has received representations from a resident in Kurraba Point concerning parking issues and a request for increased parking restrictions, particularly in Baden Road and Kurraba Road. The resident is also conducting a local petition; however, the petition is yet to be received by Council.

Since 2018 Council has undertaken parking area reviews in Parking Areas 2, 9, 10, 12, 13, 19, 20, 22, 26, and 30. Surveys were temporarily on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic, however, are recommencing as more people return to workplaces. The next round of surveys includes Areas 1, 11, 33 and Bent Street (as previously resolved by Council). Subsequent areas will be identified taking into consideration relative parking demands.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** a further report be prepared for the Traffic Committee when the petition concerning parking in Kurraba Point is submitted to Council.

Ms O'Brien addressed the Committee.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Keen and seconded by Ms Marchandeanu;

1. THAT Council fast track surveying residents in Kurraba Point Area 32, following Areas 1, 11 and 33 and Bent Street making it No. 5 on the list and within the next 6 months.

2. THAT Council look at the bus stop outside Nutcote/Wallaringa Mansion in Lower Wycombe Road, and that the bus signage be removed immediately.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT Council fast track surveying residents in Kurraba Point Area 32, following Areas 1, 11 and 33 and Bent Street making it No. 5 on the list and within the next 6 months.

2. THAT Council look at the bus stop outside Nutcote/Wallaringa Mansion in Lower Wycombe Road, and that the bus signage be removed immediately.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

48. (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 Traffic & Transport Operations Manager. Approval was given subject to concurrence of Roads and Maritime Services, 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 Marchandeanu and seconded by Councillor Keen.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

49. (4.4) Un-named laneway off McLaren St, North Sydney – Proposed No Stopping

Report of Traffic and Transport Engineer, Iman Mohammadi
Council has received representations from residents of 39 McLaren Street and 229 Miller Street, North Sydney concerning vehicles parking on the eastern side of the new un-named laneway off McLaren Street, North Sydney which is now owned by North Sydney Council. Concerns have been raised that parked vehicles block driveway access to the buildings and impede free traffic flow.

The registered deposited plan (indicated as ROW “B”) is confirmed as North Sydney Council owned property and is 6.12m wide. (ROW “C”) is marked “X” on the registered deposited plan (DP 646517) and is confirmed as privately-owned property, which is 3.5m wide.

When vehicles are parked on the ROW “B”, traffic is forced to travel over a privately-owned ROW. In addition, parked vehicles on ROW “B” potentially block access to driveways at 229 Miller Street, North Sydney.

The residents have requested that Council install “No Parking” or “No Stopping” restrictions along the eastern side of the laneway to address the above issues.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** Council install “No Stopping” signs on the eastern side of the un-named laneway off McLaren Street, North Sydney (shown as ROW “B” in attached plans) to alleviate traffic issues in the laneway.
2. **THAT** affected properties be notified by letter box drop prior to installation of signs.

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

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** Council install “No Stopping” signs on the eastern side of the un-named laneway off McLaren Street, North Sydney (shown as ROW “B” in attached plans) to alleviate traffic issues in the laneway.
2. **THAT** affected properties be notified by letter box drop prior to installation of signs.

50. **(4.5) Resident Parking Area 21 – North Sydney/Crows Nest - Parking Restrictions - 6 Month Review**

Report of Manager, Parking Meters, Leonie Wishart

At its meeting on 26 July 2019, the Traffic Committee considered the survey results of a community consultation for Resident Parking Area 21 - North Sydney/Crows Nest. The Traffic Committee made the following recommendations which were subsequently adopted at the 3722nd Meeting of Council on 26 August 2019 (EPS02 - Min. 238):

1. **THAT** Council adopt the attached parking restriction recommendations for North Sydney Parking Area 21.
2. **THAT** Council notify the residents before installing the parking restriction changes in North Sydney Parking Area 21.
3. **THAT** the new parking restrictions be reviewed six (6) months after the date of installation in North Sydney Parking Area 21.

The new signage installation was completed on 11 October 2019. Therefore, the new signage is now due for review.

During the six months between October 2019 and 16 June 2020, Council received submissions from 3 residents and enquiries about the long-term use of the existing unrestricted spaces in Cassins Lane, North Sydney. Consequently, the unrestricted parking in Cassins Lane, North Sydney comprising of two to three spaces required another review.

Council reconsulted with residents in June 2020 with regard to their preference for additional parking restrictions in Cassins Lane, North Sydney.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** the existing two to three “Unrestricted Parking” spaces on the western side of Cassins Lane, North Sydney be converted to “**4 HOUR PARKING 8:30am - 6pm Mon-Fri, Permit Holders Excepted Area 21**” parking spaces.

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

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** the existing two to three “Unrestricted Parking” spaces on the western side of Cassins Lane, North Sydney be converted to “**4 HOUR PARKING 8:30am - 6pm Mon-Fri, Permit Holders Excepted Area 21**” parking spaces.

51. (4.6) Resident Parking Area 10 - Waverton - Parking Restrictions – 6 Month Review

Report of Manager, Parking Meters, Leonie Wishart

At its meeting on 26 July 2019, the Traffic Committee considered the survey results of a community consultation for Resident Parking Area 10 - Waverton. The Traffic Committee made the following recommendation which was subsequently adopted at the 3722nd Meeting of Council on 26 August 2019 (EPS02 - Min. 238):

1. **THAT** Council adopt the attached parking restriction recommendations for North Sydney Parking Area 10.
2. **THAT** Council notify the residents before installing the parking restriction changes in North Sydney Parking Area 10.
3. **THAT** the new parking restrictions be reviewed six (6) months after the date of installation in North Sydney Parking Area 10.

The new signage installation in Bay Road, Priory Road, Toongarah Road, McHatton Street and Doohat Lane, North Sydney was completed on 16 October 2019. Therefore, the new signage is now due for the 6-month review.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** the parking restrictions installed in Resident Parking Area 10 - Waverton, that were completed on 16 October 2019 remain.

Ms Marchandau declared an interest in the item.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Mr Singh.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** the parking restrictions installed in Resident Parking Area 10 - Waverton, that were completed on 16 October 2019 remain.

INFORMAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

52. (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 23 May 2020 to 3 July 2020.

Year to date (2020) Council had investigated 135 reports of abandoned vehicles.

Year to date (2020) Council processed 22 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 Ms Marchandau and seconded by Councillor Keen.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

53. (5.2) Standing Item - Gerard Street and Macpherson Street, Cremorne - Traffic Control Signals (TCS)

Report of Sustainable Transport Projects Coordinator, Lindsay Menday

At its meeting of 25 February 2019, Council resolved to adopt the following recommendation of the North Sydney Traffic Committee:

1. THAT pedestrian signals on Gerard Street at Macpherson Street be expedited as a high priority project and funding be brought forward to progress the project to construction.

At the Traffic Committee meeting on 22 March 2019 it was recommended:

2. THAT Gerard Street/ Macpherson Street traffic signals be included as a standing item on future Traffic Committee agendas.

The table below provides an update on the status of the project and will be updated at each milestone for the project.

Date	Project status
April 2019	Consultant brief and request for quotation completed. Quotation assessment and engagement of a contractor is scheduled for early May 2019.
May 2019	Site survey completed. Consultant quotations to undertake design have been received and are being assessed.
June 2019	Consultant has commenced concept design and traffic assessment. The drafts are scheduled for completion in early August 2019.
August 2019	Draft concept design and traffic assessment report completed. Consultation with RMS proposed for September 2019.
September 2019	Draft concept design and traffic assessment report submitted to RMS for comment
October 2019	RMS provided feedback concerning the pedestrian volumes at the existing crossing being below the RMS numerical warrants for a signalised crossing
November 2019	Council Traffic officers are arranging for more extensive pedestrian and vehicle counts to be conducted to support the proposal
January 2020	Pedestrian and vehicle counts will be collected at the beginning of School Term 1 2020.
February 2020	Additional counts conducted in February 2020. Pedestrian numbers during the count period were below the required TfNSW numerical warrants for the installation of signals. Funding submission made to TfNSW Greater Sydney Walking Funding Program requesting funding of the project in the 2020/2021 Financial Year.
May 2020	Council has requested feedback from TfNSW regarding scope to vary warrant requirements at the site.
June 2020	TfNSW has responded to Council's request to vary warrants at the intersection stating "Transport for NSW cannot provide an alteration/variance to the required traffic signal warrants at this location"

Recommending:

1. THAT the information concerning Standing Item - Gerard Street and Macpherson Street, Cremorne - Traffic Control Signals be received.

2. THAT the item be removed as a Standing Item and that further counts be conducted, and the matter be brought back to the Traffic Committee in July 2021 to re-evaluate the project.

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

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** the information concerning Standing Item - Gerard Street and Macpherson Street, Cremorne - Traffic Control Signals be received.
2. **THAT** the item be removed as a Standard Item and that further counts be conducted, and the matter be brought back to the Traffic Committee in July 2021 to re-evaluate the project.

54. (5.3) Standing Item - Military Road B-Line

Report of Manager Traffic & 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 Councillor Gibson and seconded by Ms Marchandea.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

55. (5.5) Traffic and Parking Community Engagement Procedures and Participation

Report of Manager Traffic & Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp

At the Traffic Committee meeting on 22 November 2019 there was a general discussion regarding participation rates for traffic and parking surveys, and for Council to consider alternate engagement methods to reach the target audience. Suggestions included targeting schools, childcare centres, social media and using email databases for ratepayers.

Subsequently the Traffic Committee resolved to recommend:

***THAT** a report be submitted to the Traffic Committee which gives the general statistics of survey results and how Council can significantly increase the response rates in surveys.*

In response to the concerns raised by the Traffic Committee, Council officers undertook an analysis of past traffic and parking surveys between 2011 and 2019 and a comparison of the participation rates.

Council officers also consulted with other metropolitan Councils to compare their engagement methods and participation rates.

The findings of the review are outlined in this report.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** the information regarding traffic and parking survey participation be received.

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

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** the information regarding traffic and parking survey participation be received.

GENERAL BUSINESS

56. **(7.2) No right-hand turn arrow (buses only) on the traffic lights from Murdoch Street to Military Road, Neutral Bay**

Councillor Keen stated that the no right hand turn arrow (buses only) at the traffic lights on the corner of Murdoch Street and Military Road, Neutral Bay is confusing and needs to be looked at as a matter of urgency.

(7.3) Sydney Harbour Works (new brackets and train track sleepers)

Councillor Keen stated that residents are complaining about the noise elevation and pollution in Bradfield Park with track sleepers being replaced. The matter was referred to the representative for TfNSW to raise with the appropriate department.

(7.4) Review of Apartment block - Parking Policies

Councillor Gibson raised this matter. The Manager Traffic & Transport Operations advised it was a Council Policy that should be raised at a Council meeting rather than Traffic Committee.

(7.5) Loading Zone on Broughton Street

The Manager Traffic and Transport Operations advised that the feedback period for the new loading zoning on Broughton Street be extended for another month.

The meeting closed at 11.21am.

CHAIRPERSON

GENERAL MANAGER