



# 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 18 November 2022 are as follows:



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## **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 October 2022, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

Moved by Garvin Rutherford and seconded by Councillor Welch

## **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. 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 Garvin Rutherford and seconded by Councillor Welch.

Voting was unanimous.

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

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

## **5.2. 34 Grosvenor Street, Neutral Bay - Amended Construction Traffic Management Plan - Truck and Dog Trailers (Excavation Stage Only)**

Report of Brin Baskaran, Traffic and Transport Engineer

Council has received an amended CTMP for the approved development at 34 Grosvenor Street, Neutral Bay (Development Consent 237/20) prepared by Transport and Traffic Planning Associates dated September 2022 revision G proposing to use truck and dog trailers instead of 12.5m Heavy Rigid Vehicles (HRV).

The use of Truck and Dog is not generally supported by the Traffic Committee which has been a long-standing decision by Traffic committee members.

The current Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) prepared by Transport and Traffic Planning Associates dated July 2022 revision E, was approved by the Traffic Committee under Delegated Authority (TDA 068/22).

Council has received an amended CTMP proposing to use of truck and dog trailers instead of Heavy Rigid Vehicles.

The use of Truck and Dog is not generally supported by the Traffic Committee due to trucks queuing in no stopping zones, unsafe reversing manoeuvres with inadequate traffic control posing an unsatisfactory risk to pedestrians and the general public. The trucks also have a wider turning path which poses a greater risk to pedestrians if the driver misjudges the turns at intersections or on driveways.

### **Recommending:**

**1. THAT** the proposed use of 19m Articulated Vehicles (on regular basis) and Truck and Dog trailers for 34 Grosvenor Street is not approved due to the following concerns:

1. The Truck and Dog and 19m AV pass through high pedestrian activity area in Grosvenor Street on the route to the site. This is a potential pedestrian safety.
2. The development at 34 Grosvenor Street shares the same truck route in Grosvenor Street and Ben Boyd Road with development at 12-14 Waters Road, which may impact on the road network and safety issues amongst the road users.
3. Truck and Dog travels over the existing refuge island when turning left from Grosvenor Street onto Young Street.
4. Truck and Dog straddles over two traffic lanes at the intersection of Young Street and Belgrave Street.
5. Truck and Dog straddles over two traffic lanes at the sharp bend in Belgrave Street.
6. The 19m AV straddles over two traffic lanes in Waters Road when turning left from Grosvenor Street.
7. The 19m AV travels over a parked vehicle in Belgrave Street when turning left from Waters Road.
8. The 19m AV straddles over two traffic lanes at the sharp bend in Belgrave Street.
9. The report does not provide turning paths for:
  - a. Truck and Dog and 19m Av, carrying out left turn from Military Road onto Ben Boyd Road, which may conflict with parked vehicles on the western side of Ben Boyd Road.
  - b. Truck and Dog and 19m Av, carrying out right turn from Ben Boyd Road onto Grosvenor Street, which may straddle over two traffic lanes in Grosvenor Street.
10. Safety concerns over the implementation of new cycleway in Young Street in 2023 when Truck and Dogs turn left on Young Street from Grosvenor Street.

In addition, the proposed truck route map is not consistent with the submitted truck turning paths.

**2. THAT** should the Traffic Committee approve the use of Truck and Dog trailers:

- a) The approval be subject to the attached conditions.
- b) The applicant is to liaise with developers/site managers at 12-14 Waters Road, to minimise the development's traffic impacts and ensure that construction traffic from both developments is staggered in a way such that it does not create traffic issues.
- c) Approval will be subject to a review period during the excavation phase.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Welch,

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  - b. Truck and Dog and 19m Av, carrying out right turn from Ben Boyd Road onto Grosvenor Street, which may straddle over two traffic lanes in Grosvenor Street.
10. Safety concerns over the implementation of new cycleway in Young Street in 2023 when Truck and Dogs turn left on Young Street from Grosvenor Street.

In addition, the proposed truck route map is not consistent with the submitted truck turning paths.

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to Recommend:**

**1. THAT** the proposed use of 19m Articulated Vehicles (on regular basis) and Truck and Dog trailers for 34 Grosvenor Street is not approved due to the following concerns:

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- In addition, the proposed truck route map is not consistent with the submitted truck turning paths.

### 5.3. Ernest Street at Sophia Street, Crows Nest - Traffic Calming Review

Report of Brin Baskaran, Traffic and Transport Engineer

At the Traffic Committee meeting dated 10 June 2022, it was resolved to recommend:

***THAT a report come back to the committee in 3 months to see if the Traffic Calming on the corner of Palmer and Abbott Street, Cammeray as well as the intersection on the corner of Sophia Street and Ernest Street are both working.***

This matter was endorsed at the 376<sup>th</sup> Council meeting dated 27 June 2022. Therefore, the refuge island reconstruction in Ernest Street at Sophia Street is now due for review.

As part of the 2019/2020 implementation of North Sydney Council's Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Action Plans, it was proposed to reconstruct the existing Refuge Island in Ernest Street at Sophia Street to comply with the current Australian Standard. This work resulted in gaining of 2 additional parking spaces on south side of Ernest Street. This proposal was approved by the Traffic Committee under Delegated Authority (TDA 038/20) on 6 April 2020, with following recommended and subsequently adopted by Council:

***THAT Council reconstructs the existing Refuge Island in Ernest Street at Sophia Street to comply with the current Australian Standard, after the affected properties are notified by letterbox delivery***

The construction of Refuge Island and associated civil works were completed in September 2020.

At the Traffic Committee meeting dated 10 June 2022, it was resolved to recommend:  
**THAT** a report come back to the committee in 3 months to see if the Traffic Calming on the corner of Palmer and Abbott Street, Cammeray as well as the intersection on the corner of Sophia Street and Ernest Street are both working.

This matter was endorsed at the 376<sup>th</sup> Council meeting dated 27 June 2022.

**Recommending:**

**1. THAT** the constructed refuge island in 2020 at the intersection of Ernest Street and Sophia Street, Crows Nest to remain.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Welch and seconded by Garvin Rutherford.

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to Recommend:**

**1. THAT** the constructed refuge island in 2020 at the intersection of Ernest Street and Sophia Street, Crows Nest to remain.

#### **5.4. Palmer Street at Abbott Street, Cammeray – Traffic Calming Review**

Report of Brin Baskaran, Traffic and Transport Engineer

At the Traffic Committee meeting dated 10 June 2022, it was resolved to recommend:

**THAT** a report come back to the committee in 3 months to see if the Traffic Calming on the corner of Palmer and Abbott Street, Cammeray as well as the intersection on the corner of Sophia Street and Ernest Street are both working.

This matter was endorsed at the 376<sup>th</sup> Council meeting dated 27 June 2022. Therefore, the traffic calming in Palmer Street at Abbott Street is now due for review.

As part of the 2021/2022 implementation of North Sydney Council's Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Action Plans, a pedestrian refuge and speed cushions at the intersection of Abbott Street and Palmer Street, Cammeray were installed to slow down traffic and reduce the crossing distance. This proposal was approved by Traffic Committee under Delegated Authority (TDA 107/21) on 11 February 2022, with the following recommendation which was subsequently adopted by Council:

**THAT** Council installs a pedestrian refuge and speed cushions at the intersection of Abbott Street and Palmer Street, Cammeray, after the affected properties are notified by letterbox delivery.

At the Traffic Committee meeting dated 10 June 2022, it was resolved to recommend:

**THAT** a report come back to the committee in 3 months to see if the Traffic Calming on the corner of Palmer and Abbott Street, Cammeray as well as the intersection on the corner of Sophia Street and Ernest Street are both working.

This matter was endorsed at the 376<sup>th</sup> Council meeting dated 27 June 2022.

**Recommending:**

**1. THAT** the constructed pedestrian refuge and speed cushions in 2022 at the intersection of Palmer Street and Abbott Street, Cammeray to remain.

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

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to Recommend:**

**1. THAT** the constructed pedestrian refuge and speed cushions in 2022 at the intersection of Palmer Street and Abbott Street, Cammeray to remain.

**5.5. New Car Share Applications- Consultation Outcomes**

Report of Max White, {position}

This report recommends one parking space in Angelo Street, Blue Street, Denison Street, North Sydney, Dind Street, Milsons Point, and Oxley Street, Crows Nest be converted to dedicated car share spaces. The application is informed by data provided by the operator that demand for car share is increasing and surplus demand exists at the sites, and consultation outcomes with the community.

The Car Share provider GoGet has proposed five dedicated car share spaces in Angelo Street, Blue Street, Denison Street, North Sydney, Dind Street, Milsons Point, and Oxley Street, Crows Nest. In October 2022, GoGet submitted applications for the locations, which included three months usage data and memberships within a 250-meter radius of each location.

In addition, GoGet has completed its Annual Survey and the result for North Sydney revealed a steep decrease in car ownership after residents joined. The survey found that 30% of members had given up a car entirely since joining GoGet, combined with customers that already did not have a car, this results in 63% of North Sydney members no longer owning a car. These members reported that joining carshare enabled them to defer the purchase of a car.

This report recommends the proposed dedicated parking spaces in Angelo Street, Denison Street, North Sydney, Dind Street, Milsons Point, and Oxley Street, Crows Nest be converted to dedicated car share spaces in line with the data provided by the operator that surplus demand exists at the sites and consultation outcomes with the community.

There will be no financial implications to Council.

**Recommending:**

**1. THAT** the consideration of the new car share spaces in Angelo Street, Blue Street, Denison Street, North Sydney, Dind Street, Milsons Point, and Oxley Street, Crows Nest be approved by the Council.

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

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to Recommend:**

**1. THAT** the consideration of the new car share spaces in Angelo Street, Blue Street, Denison Street, North Sydney, Dind Street, Milsons Point, and Oxley Street, Crows Nest be approved by the Council.

**6.1. 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 Bourke and seconded by Lisa Forrest.

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to Recommend:**

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

## **6.2. Standing Item - Blues Point Road - Vehicle Noise & Traffic Issues**

Report of Iman Mohammadi, Acting Manager Traffic and Transport Operations

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on previous Council resolutions in regard to traffic management in Blues Point Road, McMahons Point.

At the Traffic Committee meeting on 19 March 2021, it was recommended that the matter of vehicle noise and traffic issues in Blues Point Road, McMahons Point be kept as a standing item at the Traffic Committee meetings.

This report provides an update on previous Council resolutions in relation to this matter.

Financial implications will be outlined for any proposed measures prior to the matter being considered by Council for adoption.

**Recommending:**

**1. THAT** the updates concerning Standing Item - Blues Point Road – Vehicle Noise & Traffic Issues be received.

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

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to Recommend:**

**1. THAT** the updates concerning Standing Item - Blues Point Road – Vehicle Noise & Traffic Issues be received.

## **6.3. 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 Councillor Welch and seconded by Garvin Rutherford.

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to Recommend:**

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

#### **6.4. 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 Councillor Bourke and seconded by David Osbourne.

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to Recommend:**

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

## 6.5. Traffic Committee Meeting Dates for 2023

Report of Acting Manager, Traffic and Transport Operations, Iman Mohammadi

The meetings of North Sydney Traffic Committee (NSTC) for 2023 are proposed to commence on 3 February 2023 and then to be held every sixth Friday after that. The scheduled NSTC meeting dates including the Agenda closing dates are shown on the table below. All Traffic Committee minutes/recommendations have to be approved by Council. At the time of writing this report the Council meeting dates for 2023 had not been set therefore the minutes/recommendation will be reported to the first available Council meeting after the Traffic Committee minutes have been finalised.

The Traffic Committee meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at 10.00am.

| <u>NORTH SYDNEY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE 2023</u> |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Traffic Committee Agenda Closing Date      | Traffic Committee Meeting Dates |
| 9 January 2023                             | 3 February 2023                 |
| 20 February 2023                           | 17 March 2023                   |
| 3 April 2023                               | 28 April 2023                   |
| 15 May 2023                                | 9 June 2023                     |
| 26 June 2023                               | 21 July 2023                    |
| 7 August 2023                              | 1 September 2023                |
| 18 September 2023                          | 13 October 2023                 |
| 23 October 2023                            | 17 November 2023                |

**Recommending:**

**1. THAT** the proposed North Sydney Traffic Committee meeting dates for 2023 be adopted.

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

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to Recommend:**

**1. THAT** the proposed North Sydney Traffic Committee meeting dates for 2023 be adopted.

## **7. Local Development Advisory Committee Items for Consideration**

### **7.1 Matora Lane Cremorne – Laneway Upgrade**

Report of Engineering Project Manager, Shahid Rehman

The purpose of this report is to address community concerns on the existing condition of Matorla Lane, Cremorne and discuss the proposed upgrading of the Laneway to improve safety for all road users.

A report concerning speeding and public safety issues at Matora Lane, Cremorne request to upgrade the laneway to address speeding issues and implement public road safety measures

by reducing the speed limit from 50km/hr to 10km/hr and carry out the following upgrade works:

1. Introduce road widening at the entry to Matora lane from Young Street
2. Introducing bend widening and a passing bay where there is little to no forward visibility of on-coming traffic.
3. Safety barrier and retaining wall works at the steep embankment on the northern side of the lane and re-profiling parts of the embankment to meet Australian road design standards.
4. Kerb and Gutter and Drainage works to improve embankment stability due to soil erosion.
5. New road surfacing from Young Street to the Primrose Park carpark
6. New road signage
7. Road markings and reflective markings

#### **Recommending:**

**1. THAT** Traffic Committee endorse the proposal to reduce the speed limit at Matora Lane from 50km/hr to 10km/hr.

**2. THAT** Traffic Committee endorse the Traffic aspect of the proposed works as identified in Traffic Committee Meeting - 18 November 2022 Agenda Page 2 of 21 this report to address public safety concerns raised by the community about the current condition of Matora Lane.

**3. THAT** Traffic Committee note that a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) will be produced to ensure that access to the Tennis Courts, Arts and Crafts centre and the adjoining Sports field carpark will be maintained during the construction period.

Mr David Osborne advised that he will look into this matter.

The Motion was moved by Garvin and seconded by Welch.

Voting was unanimous.

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

**1. THAT** Traffic Committee endorse the proposal to reduce the speed limit at Matora Lane from 50km/hr to 10km/hr.

**2. THAT** Traffic Committee endorse the Traffic aspect of the proposed works as identified in this report to address public safety concerns raised by the community about the current condition of Matora Lane.

**3. THAT** Traffic Committee note that a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) will be produced to ensure that access to the Tennis Courts, Arts and Crafts centre and the adjoining Sports field carpark will be maintained during the construction period.

## **8. General Business**

### **8.1 Pedestrian crossing at Spofforth Street**

Councillor Welch advised that she had received emails from Cremorne Residents requesting urgent action to protect pedestrians crossing Spofforth Street at Holt Avenue and traffic on Spofforth Street as a whole. I understand that traffic staff have been working on a possible plan. Mayor could you please give the traffic committee an update on the plan.

The Mayor advised that this year Council wrote to Mosman Council, particularly the Holt Avenue roundabout proposal that this council has been prosecuting quiet vigorously responds to the fact that it is a black spot location. Council has met with the Mayor and Council staff from both Councils and our Council offered to undertake Community Consultation on their behalf although they declined that generous offer. We are waiting to proceed following Mosman coming back to us.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Welch,

**1. THAT** Council once again write to Mosman Council and urge them to finalise the community consultation so that pedestrian safety can be addressed via the installation of the Holt Avenue roundabout.

Voting was unanimous.

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

**1. THAT** Council once again write to Mosman Council and urge them to finalise the community consultation so that pedestrian safety can be addressed via the installation of the Holt Avenue roundabout.

## **9. Closure**

Meeting closed at 10.20am