



Minutes

The Minutes of the **Traffic Committee** held at the Council Chambers, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney at 10:00 am on Friday 17 March 2023 are as follows:



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Councillor Baker in the Chair, Councillors Santer and Welch

Staff: Jon Higlett, Acting Director Engineering & Property Services
Eoin Cunningham, Manager Traffic and Transport Operations
Iman Mohammadi, Acting Manager Traffic and Transport Operations
Max White, Sustainable Transport Co-ordinator
Bec Thomas, Road Safety Co-ordinator
Mark Richardson, Manager Ranger and Parking Services
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (minutes)

Members: Garvin Rutherford, representative for Tim James Member for Willoughby
Sergeant Ryan Edwards, NSW Police
Lisa Forrest, representative for Felicity Wilson Member for North Shore (remotely)
David Osborne, TfNSW (remotely)

Non-Voting Members:

Nil

Apologies: Nil

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 February 2023, 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. Design Approval - West Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades

AUTHOR: Max White, Sustainable Transport Project Coordinator

The purpose of this report is for final approval of West Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades, Stage 1 designs in preparation for construction.

West Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades - Stage 1 (West Street Stage 1) will provide cycling, walking and streetscape upgrades along West Street between the Pacific Highway and Ridge Street, North Sydney.

On Monday 30 November 2023, Council resolved to proceed to tender and construction documentation stage and for the North Sydney Traffic Committee to approve the final designs.

This report provides the concept design flyer (Attachment A) and Civil Engineering Plan (Attachment B) for the Traffic Committee to review and approve.

The total estimated project cost is \$850,000 with \$800,000 (94.12%) from state funding and a \$50,000 (5.88%) Council contribution. Council has received an \$800,000 grant under the NSW Government's Get NSW Active Program 2022/23 for this project. The project funding that Council has received needs to be committed this financial year. \$50,000 of Council's money was allocated from the 2022/23 'Bike Facilities' budget towards the project.

The project is scheduled to commence construction this financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the North Sydney Traffic Committee approve the final designs for West Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades Stage 1.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Welch and seconded by David Osbourne,

1. THAT the North Sydney Traffic Committee give concurrence to the final designs for West Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades Stage 1.

Voting on this matter was as follows:

3 in favour (Council, TfNSW and the local member representative) and 1 against (Police)

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the North Sydney Traffic Committee give concurrence to the final designs for West Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades Stage 1.

5.2. Traffic Delegations

AUTHOR: 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.

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: Iman Mohammadi, Traffic and Transport Engineer

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 Welch and seconded by David Osbourn.

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

AUTHOR: Iman Mohammadi, *Traffic and Transport Engineer*

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.

The rectification works at Blues Point Reserve was completed by Sydney Metro in December 2022 under the Public Domain Works interface Agreement.

Sydney Metro have made a number of design changes to the construction design plans. Council officers have recently completed practical completion inspections and are checking

on the ground works against what was agreed at design stage, also identifying any defects, and are currently preparing comments for the attention of Sydney Metro. The works included conversion of Blues Point Road at the reserve to a 10km Shared Zone, re-arranging parking spaces and reinstating Henry Lawson Reserve. 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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

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

AUTHOR: Iman Mohammadi, Traffic and Transport Engineer

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 Welch and seconded by Sergeant Ryan Edwards.

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

AUTHOR: Iman Mohammadi, Traffic and Transport Engineer

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.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

The Motion was moved by Councillor Santer 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.

7. Local Development Advisory Committee Items for Consideration

Nil

8. General Business

Nil

9. Closure

The meeting closed at 10.15am.