

9.3. Traffic Committee Minutes - 14 October 2022

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ATTACHMENTS:

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PURPOSE:

Council is required to consider the Minutes of this Committee. Section 5.3.2 of the RMS *Delegation to Council for the Regulation of Traffic* states that:

All proposals recommended by the LTC must still be formally approved by the elected Council (or their sub-delegate), subject to certain limitations.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report presents the recommendations of the meeting of the Traffic Committee held on 14 October 2022, for Council adoption. The minutes are attached for information.

The full reports to the Traffic Committee can be viewed at https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Committees/Traffic_Committee/2022/14_October_2022.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The financial implications are considered in the individual reports to the Traffic Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council proceeds to manage the Jacaranda Festival as a special event, and provides a Traffic Management Plan to Transport for NSW for sign off and to NSW Police for concurrence, and that the Traffic Management Plan includes advanced warning signage on Broughton and Willoughby Streets as well as Clark Road. (5.5)
2. **THAT** Council writes to Transport for NSW seeking assistance and assurances on the proposed removal of the cycleway at Falcon Street and the pedestrian overpass at Ridge Street. (6.2)

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

2. Our Built Infrastructure

- 2.1 Infrastructure and assets meet community needs
- 2.2 Vibrant centres, public domain, villages and streetscapes
- 2.3 Sustainable transport is encouraged
- 2.4 Improved traffic and parking management

3. Our Future Planning

- 3.5 North Sydney is regulatory compliant

5. Our Civic Leadership

- 5.1 Council leads the strategic direction of North Sydney
- 5.2 Council is well governed and customer focused

BACKGROUND

Section 5.3.2 of the *RMS Delegation to Council for the Regulation of Traffic* states that: *All proposals recommended by the LTC must still be formally approved by the elected Council (or their sub-delegate), subject to certain limitations.*

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement is not required.

DETAIL

This report presents the recommendations of the meeting of the Traffic Committee held on 14 October 2022 for Council adoption. The minutes are attached for information.



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 14 October 2022 are as follows:



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Councillor Baker in the Chair, Councillor Santer and Councillor Welch

Staff: Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering & Property Services
Iman Mohammadi, Acting Manager Traffic and Transport Operations
Max White, Sustainable Transport Project Co-ordinator
Narelle Lamond, Traffic Operations Officer
Bec Thomas, Road Safety Co-ordinator
Brin Baskaran, Traffic and Transport Engineer
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (minutes)

Members: Garvin Rutherford, representative for Tim James Member for Willoughby
David Osborne, TfNSW (remote)
Lisa Forrest, representative for Felicity Wilson Member for North Shore (remote)

Non-Voting Members: James Makasiale, Keolis Downer

Visitors: Estelle Blair, Resident
Debbie Blair, Resident
Michael Bracka, Resident
Penny Ross, Resident
Karalee Fielding, Resident
Anthony Borger, Resident
Margaret Borger, Resident
James Nettleton, Resident

Apologies:

Councillor Bourke

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 September 2022, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

Moved by Garvin Rutherford seconded by Councillor Santer.

Voting was unanimous.

2. Disclosures of Interest

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

4. Matters Arising from Council Resolutions

Nil.

5. Items for Consideration

5.5. Jacaranda Season – Residents Feedback - McDougall Street, Kirribilli – Brought forward

Report of Bec Thomas, Road Safety Co-ordinator

To outline feedback received from a notification letter outlining the VMS locations to residents in McDougall Street, McDougall Street, Hipwood Street, Bradley Avenue and Broughton Street.

To outline and address traffic and pedestrian management in McDougall Street, Kirribilli during the annual jacaranda blooming season.

Each year between September and November the jacarandas that line both sides of McDougall Street in Kirribilli come into flower for a period of approximately 6 weeks. Crowd control measures are implemented to improve safety in the area.

This report is to outline resident feedback that was received from the notification letter sent on 9 September 2022 to approx. 350 residents in the area of McDougall Street. It also includes Council responses/suggestions to this feedback. This notification letter was sent out as per the Traffic Committee and Council recommendation below.

On 2 September 2022 Traffic Committee approved and on 26 September 2022 Council approved:

1. THAT Council finalise the crowd management actions identified within the report for the 2022 Jacaranda flowering season in McDougall Street by ways of:

- a. Installation of Council-owned Variable Message Sign (x2) to provide safety messaging stating “Slow Down” and “Watch out for Pedestrians”.
- b. Temporary directional footpath signage by installation of pavement stickers stating “Take care, be Car Aware” as implemented during the Jacaranda season in 2019.
- c. Following further consultation with affected properties in McDougall Street, Hipwood Street, Bradley Avenue and Broughton Avenue and with the local area Command.

2. THAT Council notes the cost of the crowd management activities identified in the financial implications of this report.

As per previous Traffic Committee report on 2 September 2022:

The cost of crowd management activities identified for the six-week Jacaranda season in McDougall Street is approximately \$6,000 and will be funded between Traffic Operation and Environmental Services. The budget breakdown is as follows:

- \$500 for Council owned VMS,
- \$1000 for Temp directional Footpath,

- \$3000 for Hire of 3 porta loos and
- \$1100 for cleaning of porta loos and park toilets

Recommending:

1. THAT Council proceeds with the 2 September Traffic Committee’s recommendation for the 2022 Jacaranda flowering season in McDougall Street.

The following people addressed the committee on this item:

Estelle Blair, Resident
Debbie Blair, Resident
Michael Bracka, Resident
Penny Ross, Resident
Karalee Fielding, Resident

Mr David Osborne of TfNSW suggested that Council can get away with a “Temporary Road Closure Special Event, Residents Only”. There is no requirement for a full traffic study and a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) will be supported by TfNSW for the “Temporary Road Closure Special Event, Residents Only”.

A Motion was moved by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Welch,

1. THAT Council proceeds to manage the Jacaranda festival as a special event and provides a Traffic Management Plan to Transport for NSW for sign off and to NSW Police for concurrence, and that the Traffic Management Plan include advanced warning signage on Broughton and Willoughby Streets as well as Clark Road.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT Council proceeds to manage the Jacaranda festival as a special event and provides a Traffic Management Plan to Transport for NSW for sign off and to NSW Police for concurrence, and that the Traffic Management Plan include advanced warning signage on Broughton and Willoughby Streets as well as Clark Road.

5.1. New Car Share Applications – Consultation Outcomes, August 2022

Report of Max White, Sustainable Transport Project Co-ordinator

This report recommends the proposed dedicated parking spaces in Hazelbank Road and Christie Street, Wollstonecraft, and Guthrie Avenue, Cremorne Point 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 three dedicated car share spaces in Hazelbank Road and Christie Street, Wollstonecraft, and Guthrie Avenue, Cremorne Point. In April 2022, GoGet submitted applications for the locations, which included three months usage data and memberships within a 250 metre 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 Hazelbank Road and Christie Street, Wollstonecraft, and Guthrie Avenue, Cremorne Point 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 Hazelbank Road and Christie Street, Wollstonecraft, and Guthrie Avenue, Cremorne Point be approved by the Council.

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

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the consideration of the new car share spaces in Hazelbank Road and Christie Street, Wollstonecraft, and Guthrie Avenue, Cremorne Point be approved by the Council.

5.2. 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 Welch and seconded by Garvin Rutherford.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

5.3. Sydney Metro Crows Nest

Report of Iman Mohammadi, Acting Manager Traffic and Transport Operations

The purpose of this report is to update and seek endorsement from the North Sydney Traffic Committee on the Crows Nest Interchange Access Plan traffic and parking arrangements for Crows Nest Station along Oxley Street, Clarke Street and Hume Street, Crows Nest that affect local roads and existing parking arrangements.

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.

As part of the project planning condition (E92), Sydney Metro must develop an Interchange Access Plan for each station to inform the final design of transport and access facilities and services, including footpaths, cycleways, passenger facilities, parking, traffic and road changes, and integration of public domain and transport initiatives around and at each station.

The Crows Nest Interchange Access Plan has been approved by Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) in March 2022.

Sydney Metro and North Sydney Council worked collaboratively over the past year to provide facilities and services for Crows Nest Station. These facilities and services will be operational upon 'day one' of train operations. The changes involve the following:

1. Kerb side parking changes on Oxley Street and Clarke Street.
2. A new marked foot crossing (northern approach), widening of the existing eastern and southern crossing at Pacific Highway and Oxley Street Intersection. These proposed changes have been approved by Transport for NSW.
3. New pedestrian zebra crossing along Clarke Street (northern leg) and Hume Street (western leg) at Hume Street/ Clarke Street intersection.
4. Introduction of an on-road cycleway along Hume Street between Nicholson Street and Clarke Street.
5. Removal of eastbound traffic lane along Hume Street between Pacific Highway and Clarke Street. The unused width adjacent to northern kerb (painted as chevron marking) could potentially be used for activation area, future OSD construction or increased footpath.
6. Crossing widening of the eastern crossing of Hume Street at Pacific Highway and Hume Street intersection (approved by Transport for NSW).

As part of these facility and services changes, Sydney Metro and North Sydney Council will review capacity and operation of kiss-and-ride (and taxi) spaces 12 months after metro opening to ensure the capacity accommodates demand.

It is expected Sydney Metro will begin works relating to these changes in late 2022 (TBC), further consultation will be provided to Stakeholders and the Community closer to the anticipated start date.

This matter was presented and approved by Traffic Committee at the 22 July meeting. Follow the meeting, an email was received from David Osborne of TfNSW in relation to the proposed

for a Zebra crossing at Hume Street stating *the design does not meet Australian Standards as it crosses 2 lanes traveling in the same direction.*

In that regard, TfNSW rescind this LTC approval until such time that a design to comply with standards is prepared.

This matter was brought up to the 2 September 2022 meeting where it was resolved to recommend:

1. THAT the committee rescind the approval and a further report come back to the committee.

This report provides details of the changes to the proposed pedestrian crossing in Hume Street, Crows Nest.

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Recommending:

1. THAT the information concerning Sydney Metro City & South-West Crows Nest Station Interchange Access Plan be received and endorsed.

2. THAT detailed design plans for the proposed pedestrian crossings and associated works in Hume Street and Clarke Street be consulted with North Sydney Council prior to construction.

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

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the information concerning Sydney Metro City & South-West Crows Nest Station Interchange Access Plan be received and endorsed.

2. THAT detailed design plans for the proposed pedestrian crossings and associated works in Hume Street and Clarke Street be consulted with North Sydney Council prior to construction.

5.4. Traffic Delegations

Report of Narelle Lamond, Traffic Operations Officer

To report to the Committee matters given approval under delegated authority to the Manager Traffic & Transport Operations.

Attached is a list of projects given approval under delegated authority to the Manager Traffic & Transport Operations. 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 Councillor Welch and seconded by Garvin Rutherford.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

5.6. Pacific Highway, St Leonards - Parking changes - Survey results

Report of Acting Manager Traffic & Transport Operations, Iman Mohammadi

To outline feedback received from community consultation in relation to parking changes in Pacific Highway, St Leonards.

At the North Sydney Traffic Committee meeting held on 2 September 2022 the request for parking changes in Pacific Highway between Albany Street and Oxley Street, St Leonards was considered.

Mr Crisdell, the owner of Forty Winks addressed the Committee advising that since the completion of developments around his business over the last 6 to 7 years, he noticed their foot traffic has declined by 70% to a point where they have considered closing. Mr Crisdell stated that around 70% of his business happens on the weekend and due to the occupied unrestricted parking spaces on Pacific Highway, his clients are unable to find parking to visit his business. Mr Crisdell requested if Council could convert the existing parking restriction to 7 days, so on-street parking is available to visitors to businesses on weekend.

At the 2 September 2022 Traffic Committee meeting it was resolved to recommend:

THAT Council undertake consultation with the affected residents and business owners to extend the existing parking restriction in Pacific Highway between Albany Street and Oxley Street to weekends. (Approximately 10 spaces).

Community consultation took place from 12 September until 28 September 2022. The outcomes of the community consultation are provided in this report.

The cost of additional signs will be funded from Traffic Operation budget.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** the first three (3) parking spaces immediately after the Bus Zone in Pacific Highway between Albany Street and Oxley Street, be converted from "1P Meter 10am-6pm Mon-Fri, 8:30am-12:30pm Sat" to "1P Meter 10am-6pm Mon-Sun".
2. **THAT** the affected residents and business owners be notified of changes prior to implementation.

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

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** the first three (3) parking spaces immediately after the Bus Zone in Pacific Highway between Albany Street and Oxley Street, be converted from "1P Meter 10am-6pm Mon-Fri, 8:30am-12:30pm Sat" to "1P Meter 10am-6pm Mon-Sun".
2. **THAT** the affected residents and business owners be notified of changes prior to implementation.

6. Informal Items for Consideration

6.1. Standing Item - Blues Point Road - Vehicle Noise & Traffic Issues

Report of Lizzie Cheng, Traffic & 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.

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 Garvin Rutherford.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

6.2. 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.

A Motion was moved by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Welch,

1. **THAT** the information concerning the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade project be received.
2. **THAT** Council write to Transport for NSW seeking assistance and assurances on the proposed removal of the cycleway at Falcon Street and the pedestrian overpass at Ridge Street.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** the information concerning the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade project be received.
2. **THAT** Council write to Transport for NSW seeking assistance and assurances on the proposed removal of the cycleway at Falcon Street and the pedestrian overpass at Ridge Street.

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.

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.

7. Local Development Advisory Committee Items for Consideration

Nil

8. General Business

Nil

9. Closure

Meeting closed at 10.40am