

7.2. Traffic Committee Minutes - 11 June 2021

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ATTACHMENTS:

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PURPOSE:

Council is required to consider the Minutes of this Committee under the Code of Meeting Practice.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report presents the recommendations of the last meeting of the Traffic Committee held on 11 June 2021 for Council adoption. The minutes are attached for information.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications associated with the report.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Traffic Committee acknowledge a recent incident at the intersection of Miller and Amherst Streets which involved the safety of a child crossing the road on the 24 May 2021. Council thank our resident Ms Freeman for bringing this to our attention at the meeting and that this be actioned as a matter of urgency. (7.1)
2. **THAT** Council acknowledge the incident and the long history of dangerous driving and incidents at this intersection. (7.1)
3. **THAT** Council start immediate lobbying to TfNSW to extend the red-light pedestrian protection arrow and add a green right turn arrow phase at the intersection.
4. **THAT** TfNSW looks at the intersection of Palmer and Miller Streets in conjunction with this matter. (7.1)
5. **THAT** Council actively lobby Transport for NSW for a red-light camera to be installed in this location. (7.1)
6. **THAT** the matter be brought back to the next Traffic Committee meeting to be held on Friday, 23 July 2021. (7.1)
7. **THAT** the recommendations made for minor traffic investigations be received. (4.2.2)
8. **THAT** Council acknowledge the site meeting that occurred in Thrupp Street on the 3 May 2021, the attendance of residents and the concerns raised at the traffic meeting on the 11 June 2021. (4.2.2)
9. **THAT** a report be brought back to the Traffic Committee as soon as possible on the issues and possible solutions for Thrupp Street, whether Council should introduce restricted parking and that parking be allocated for residents only. (4.2.2)
10. **THAT** Ms Bournazos be thanked for attending the meeting and raising these issues. (4.2.2)

11. **THAT** this matter be deferred until a report be brought back to the Traffic Committee as soon as possible on the viability of a pedestrian refuge on the North Sydney Council/western side of Holt Avenue at the intersection of Spofforth Street with costings and the suitability of the refuge. (4.4)
12. **THAT** Council request our State Member, Felicity Wilson liaise with the Chairperson of the Mosman Traffic Committee and resolve this long term for the benefit of the community. (4.4)
13. **THAT** that Council acknowledge Ms Clarke for attending the meeting with this issue. (4.4)
14. **THAT** the information regarding Delegated Authority items be received. (4.1)
15. **THAT** the recommendations made for minor traffic investigations be received. (4.2.1)
16. **THAT** the information concerning pedestrian safety at the intersection of Shirley Road and Newlands Street be received. (4.2.1)
17. **THAT** Council upgrade as a matter of priority the pedestrian refuge on the corner of Ben Boyd Road and Phillips Street. (4.3)
18. **THAT** Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations action the intent of this Committee with wanting to progress a raised traffic calming device opposite Vintage Cellars, with the most efficient and effective way to resolve to erect a raised crossing, where the current pedestrian refuge is, making it a traffic calming device with no loss of parking. (4.3)
19. **THAT** Council, as part of the 2021/22 LATM Program, installs a concrete median and landscaped kerb extension in Union Street at the bend near Euroka Street, upgrade the road line marking and retain the existing garden bed at Bank Street as shown in the attached plan (Option 3). (4.5)
20. **THAT** there be as much landscaping and softening as possible with minimal amounts of concrete. (4.5)
21. **THAT** the proposed raised pedestrian crossing on Berry Street at Pacific Highway be deferred until further work is done on the design to ensure it complies. (4.6)
22. **THAT** the information concerning the Abandoned Vehicles and Unattended Boat Trailers Processed Report be received. (5.1)
23. **THAT** the information concerning Standing Item – Pedestrian Safety be received. (5.2)
24. **THAT** the updates concerning Standing Item - Blues Point Road – Vehicle Noise & Traffic Issues be received. (5.3)
25. **THAT** a letter be sent to Felicity O'Brien giving her an update on Blues Point Road and thank her for her ongoing involvement and advocating on behalf of residents on Blues Point Road. (5.3)
26. **THAT** the information concerning the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade project be received. (5.4)
27. **THAT** there be a review of placement of the flashing lights currently on Bydown Street based on the traffic flow and that dragon teeth be placed on Yeo Street. (7.5)

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

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

In accordance with Council's past practice, this report presents the recommendations of the last meeting of the Traffic Committee held on 11 June 2021 for Council adoption. The minutes are attached for information.

NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

REPORT OF 540th TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE AT MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORTH SYDNEY, ON FRIDAY, 11 JUNE 2021 AT 10.00AM.

PRESENT

Councillor Gibson in the Chair, Councillor Keen and Councillor Barbour.

Staff: Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services
Michaela Kemp, Manager Traffic and Transport Operations
Iman Mohammadi, Traffic & Transport Engineer
Mark Richardson, Manager Ranger & Parking Services
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (minutes)
Maria Coyne, Traffic Operations Officer

Members: Veronique Marchandau representing Felicity Wilson,
Member for North Shore
Sgt Ryan Edwards, North Shore Police
Garvin Rutherford representing Gladys Berejiklian, Member
for Willoughby

Non-Voting Members: Lisa Forrest, Senior Electorate Officer representing Felicity
Wilson, Member for North Shore

Visitors: Marina Bournazos, Resident
Eithne Freeman, Resident
Catherine Clarke, Resident
Efi Carr, Resident

Apologies were received from Egwin Herbert - STA, Bikram Singh, Transport for
New South Wales, Nigel Turner - Senior Strategic Transport Planner.

At the commencement of business (10:07 am) Councillors present were:
Councillor Gibson in the Chair, Councillor Keen, Councillor Barbour.

54. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 30 April 2021, copies of which
had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Keen and seconded by Veronique Marchandau.

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Sydney Council held on Friday, 11 June 2021.*

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD
(7.1) Miller Street/Amherst Street – pedestrian safety at traffic lights

Ms Eithne Freeman addressed the committee and stated that on the 24 May 2021 at 9am on the corner of Miller and Amherst Street, a car ran a red light and had a dangerously near miss with her four year old son.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and a seconded by Garvin Rutherford,

1. THAT the Traffic Committee acknowledge a recent incident at the intersection of Miller and Amherst Streets which involved the safety of a child crossing the road on the 24 May 2021. Council thank our resident Ms Freeman for bringing this to our attention at the meeting and that this be actioned as a matter of urgency.

1a) THAT Council acknowledge the incident and the long history of dangerous driving and incidents at this intersection.

2. THAT Council start immediate lobbying to TfNSW to extend the red-light pedestrian protection arrow and add a green right turn arrow phase at the intersection.

3. THAT TfNSW looks at the intersection of Palmer and Miller Streets in conjunction with this matter.

4. THAT Council actively lobby Transport for NSW for a red-light camera to be installed in this location.

5. THAT the matter be brought back to the next Traffic Committee meeting to be held on Friday, 23 July 2021.

Voting was unanimous

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the Traffic Committee acknowledge a recent incident at the intersection of Miller and Amherst Streets which involved the safety of a child crossing the road on the 24 May 2021. Council thank our resident Ms Freeman for bringing this to our attention at the meeting and that this be actioned as a matter of urgency.

1a) THAT Council acknowledge the incident and the long history of dangerous driving and incidents at this intersection.

2. THAT Council start immediate lobbying to TfNSW to extend the red-light pedestrian protection arrow and add a green right turn arrow phase at the intersection.

3. THAT TfNSW looks at the intersection of Palmer and Miller Streets in conjunction with this matter.

4. THAT Council actively lobby Transport for NSW for a red-light camera to be installed in this location.

5. THAT the matter be brought back to the next Traffic Committee meeting to be held on Friday, 23 July 2021.

55. (4.2.2) Minor Traffic Investigations – Thrupp Street, Neutral Bay

Report of Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp
Attached is a list of recommendations made for minor traffic investigations.

Recommending:

1. THAT the recommendations made for minor traffic investigations be received.

2. THAT the information be received, and the traffic count data be tabled at the Traffic Committee meeting for discussion

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Ms Marina Bournazos addressed the committee and stated she would like to make a submission in regard to Auburn Street down to Kurraba Road, that it be made into a cul-de-sac or one way downhill.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Veronique Marchandeanu,

1. **THAT** the recommendations made for minor traffic investigations be received.
2. **THAT** Council acknowledge the site meeting that occurred in Thrupp Street on the 3 May 2021, the attendance of residents and the concerns raised at the traffic meeting on the 11 June 2021.
3. **THAT** a report be brought back to the Traffic Committee as soon as possible on the issues and possible solutions for Thrupp Street, whether Council should introduce restricted parking and that parking be allocated for residents only.
4. **THAT** Ms Bournazos be thanked for attending the meeting and raising these issues.

Voting was unanimous

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** the recommendations made for minor traffic investigations be received.
2. **THAT** Council acknowledge the site meeting that occurred in Thrupp Street on the 3 May 2021, the attendance of residents and the concerns raised at the traffic meeting on the 11 June 2021.
3. **THAT** a report be brought back to the Traffic Committee as soon as possible on the issues and possible solutions for Thrupp Street, whether Council should introduce restricted parking and that parking be allocated for residents only.
4. **THAT** Ms Bournazos be thanked for attending the meeting and raising these issues.

56. **(4.4) Spofforth Street, Cremorne – Proposed Intersection Upgrades – Survey Results**

Report of Manager Traffic & Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp

Council received representations from residents concerning traffic and pedestrian issues at the intersection of Spofforth Street and Rangers Road, Cremorne. The matter was raised at the Traffic Committee meeting on 23 November 2018. Subsequently, at the Council meeting on 10 December 2018 (Item EPS01 Min. 486) it was resolved:

1. **THAT** Council investigate the design for Spofforth Street shopping area including traffic calming, roundabouts, pedestrian access, public domain, landscaping and the current bus routes and location of stops.
2. **THAT** public consultation be undertaken regarding the proposed design.
3. **THAT** the Mayor consult with the Mayor of Mosman regarding cost sharing between the two Councils on this project.

The Traffic Committee will recall that the matter was raised on numerous occasions at subsequent Traffic Committee meetings, as has been subject to ongoing discussion between North Sydney Council, Mosman Council, Sydney Buses and Transport for NSW. The traffic study was extended to include the intersection of Spofforth Street and Holt Avenue at the request of Mosman Council and the Harrison Precinct Committee.

Most recently, on 12 June 2020, the Traffic Committee made the following recommendations which were subsequently adopted by Council at its meeting on 27 July 2020 (Item 7.1 Min. 35):

1. **THAT** the information concerning pedestrian safety on Spofforth Street be received.
2. **THAT** Council proceed with community consultation for Spofforth Street/Holt Avenue intersection once the concept plans are updated to reflect all the feedback

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from Council's Traffic Engineer, Mosman Council, Sydney Buses and North Sydney Traffic Committee for the following options:

- a) Roundabout.
 - b) Kerb extensions.
 - c) Refuge islands.
3. **THAT** Council proceed with community consultation for Spofforth Street/Rangers Road intersection once the concept plans are updated to reflect all the feedback from Council's Traffic Engineer, Mosman Council, Sydney Buses and North Sydney Traffic Committee for the following options:
 - a) Roundabout.
 - b) Traffic and pedestrian signals.
 - c) Re-alignment with optional Pedestrian Actuated Crossing.
 4. **THAT** North Sydney Council immediately correspond with Mosman Council and Transport NSW (Sydney Buses) urging them to fast track removal/relocation of bus stop on the eastern side of Spofforth Street with aim of increasing parking and all relevant consultation and usage data be provided when available. The Traffic Committee requests this matter be considered by the Mosman Council Traffic Committee, and that the North Sydney Mayor be notified of when the matter will be considered.
 5. **THAT** a short report on the usage patterns of bus stop on western side of Spofforth St (alighting and embarking) be provided to the Traffic Committee
 6. **THAT** the Mayor attend the Mosman Traffic Committee meeting and subsequent Council meeting to address this matter.
 7. **THAT** it be noted that the aim of this process in to increase the amount of parking.

The full report to the 12 June 2020 Traffic Committee (Item 4.02) is available at https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Committees/Traffic_Committee/2020/12_June_2020

Following Council's resolution of 27 July 2020, the design plans were updated to incorporate feedback received to date from Council's Traffic Engineer, Mosman Council, Sydney Buses and Transport for NSW. The amended plans were placed on public exhibition from 11 March 2021 to 11 April 2021.

This report outlines the work undertaken in response to the resolutions of the 27 July 2020 Council meeting and summarizes the feedback received the community engagement outcomes.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** the community engagement outcomes and the community preferences for the different options propose for the Spofforth Street intersection upgrades be received.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to Mosman Council, Sydney Buses, and Transport for NSW for their information and records.
3. **THAT** the proposals for Spofforth Street and Rangers Road be abandoned due to lack of support from Mosman Council.
4. **THAT** the proposals for Spofforth Street and Holt Avenue be deferred for up to 6 months until amended plans are supplied from Mosman Council for further consideration and discussion.
4. **THAT** Council approve the proposed pedestrian refuge and kerb-buildouts in Florence Street at Spofforth Street as per the attached plan with the following amendments, and detailed design and timing of construction dependent on cost estimate, availability of funding from the LATM Traffic Facilities budget and project priorities within the LATM Actions:
 - i) the existing Bus Stop 209052 to be retained (net gain of one parking space only)
 - ii) a Stop sign to be incorporated on Florence Street at Spofforth Street.

Ms Catherine Clarke addressed the committee.

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A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Veronique Marchandau,

1. **THAT** this matter be deferred until a report be brought back to the Traffic Committee as soon as possible on the viability of a pedestrian refuge on the North Sydney Council/western side of Holt Avenue at the intersection of Spofforth Street with costings and the suitability of the refuge.
2. **THAT** Council request our State Member, Felicity Wilson liaise with the Chairperson of the Mosman Traffic Committee and resolve this long term for the benefit of the community.
3. **THAT** that Council acknowledge Ms Clarke for attending the meeting with this issue.

Voting was unanimous

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** this matter be deferred until a report be brought back to the Traffic Committee as soon as possible on the viability of a pedestrian refuge on the North Sydney Council/western side of Holt Avenue at the intersection of Spofforth Street with costings and the suitability of the refuge .
2. **THAT** Council request our State Member, Felicity Wilson liaise with the Chairperson of the Mosman Traffic Committee and resolve this long term for the benefit of the community.
3. **THAT** that Council acknowledge Ms Clarke for attending the meeting with this issue.

57. **(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 Manager Traffic & Transport Operations. Approval was given subject to concurrence of Transport for NSW, the NSW Police and the local State Members.

Recommending

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

The Motion was moved by Garvin Rutherford and seconded by Sgt Ryan Edwards.

Voting was unanimous

Resolved to Recommend:

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

58. **(4.2.1) Minor Traffic Investigations – Shirley Road at Newlands Street Roundabout Wollstonecraft**

Report of Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp
Attached is a list of recommendations made for minor traffic investigations.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** the recommendations made for minor traffic investigations be received.
2. **THAT** the information concerning pedestrian safety at the intersection of Shirley Road and Newlands Street be received.

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

Voting was unanimous

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Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** the recommendations made for minor traffic investigations be received.
2. **THAT** the information concerning pedestrian safety at the intersection of Shirley Road and Newlands Street be received.

59. **(4.3) Ben Boyd Road, Neutral Bay – Proposed Traffic Calming – Survey Results (Resubmitted)**

Report of Manager Traffic & Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp
Council was successful in gaining funding under the 2020/21 Australian Government Black Spot Program to install speed humps along Ben Boyd Road between Yeo Street and Kurraba Road to improve traffic and pedestrian safety.

Council undertook community consultation with affected properties on the proposed speed humps between 6 November 2020 to 6 December 2020. The outcomes of the community consultation were reported to the Traffic Committee meeting on 19 March 2021. A copy of the full report is attached and also available at https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Committees/Traffic_Committee/2021/19_March_2021

Based on the community feedback and analysis of crash history and traffic count data, Council's Traffic & Transport Engineer recommended:

1. **THAT** Council, as part of the 2020/21 Black Spot program, constructs speed humps along Ben Boyd Road between Kurraba Road and Phillips Street, inclusive of the speed hump to the north of Phillips Street but exclusive of the speed hump on Phillips Street to the west of Ben Boyd Road - as shown on the attached plan, after the affected properties are notified by letterbox delivery.
2. **THAT** due to significant objections from the community, Council does not proceed with the proposed speed humps on Ben Boyd Road elsewhere between Yeo Street and Phillips Street.

At its meeting on 19 March 2021, the Traffic Committee resolved to recommend:

1. **THAT** Council applies to Transport for NSW for a scope variation for the Black Spot funding to prioritise the upgrade of the existing pedestrian crossing on Ben Boyd Road near Hardie Street.
2. **THAT** due to significant objections from the community, Council does not proceed with the proposed speed humps on Ben Boyd Road.

The recommendations of the Traffic Committee were considered at the Council meeting on 26 April 2021, where Council subsequently resolved (Item 7.2 Min. 59):

1. **THAT** the matter of speed humps on Ben Boyd Road be deferred to the next Traffic Committee meeting in June 2021.
2. **THAT** the submitters in this matter be notified.

The previous report is attached for re-consideration of the Traffic Committee, and the financial and program implications are summarised in this report.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** Council constructs speed humps along Ben Boyd Road between Kurraba Road and Phillips Street, inclusive of the speed hump to the north of Phillips Street but exclusive of the speed hump on Phillips Street to the west of Ben Boyd Road - as shown on the attached plan, after the affected properties are notified by letterbox delivery under the Black Spot program as per the approved project variation for construction in 2021/22.

2. **THAT** due to significant objections from the community, Council does not proceed with the proposed speed humps on Ben Boyd Road elsewhere between Yeo Street and Phillips Street.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Veronique Marchandau,

1. **THAT** Council upgrade as a matter of priority the pedestrian refuge on the corner of Ben Boyd Road and Phillips Street.

2. **THAT** Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations action the intent of this Committee with wanting to progress a raised traffic calming device opposite Vintage Cellars, with the most efficient and effective way to resolve to erect a raised crossing, where the current pedestrian refuge is, making it a traffic calming device with no loss of parking.

Voting was unanimous

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** Council upgrade as a matter of priority the pedestrian refuge on the corner of Ben Boyd Road and Phillips Street.

2. **THAT** Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations action the intent of this Committee with wanting to progress a raised traffic calming device opposite Vintage Cellars, with the most efficient and effective way to resolve to erect a raised crossing, where the current pedestrian refuge is, making it a traffic calming device with no loss of parking.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

60. (4.5) Union Street, McMahons Point – Proposed traffic calming and pedestrian facilities options – Survey Results

Report of Traffic & Transport Engineer, Iman Mohammadi

The issue of the speeding motorists and pedestrian facilities on Union Street between Euroka Street and Dumbarton Street included in the LATM Action Plans Zone 3 as a short-term priority. The matter was also raised at the 519th Traffic Committee held on 7 September 2018 and has been the subject of several reports to the Traffic Committee. At its meeting on 7 February 2020, the Traffic Committee recommended, and Council subsequently resolved:

1. **THAT** based on the finding of the Road Safety Audit and safety issues stated in the report, installation of speed cushions not to proceed.
2. **THAT** other alternate treatments be investigated by Council's Traffic Engineer to resolve the speeding issues and report back to Traffic Committee."

The matter was further investigated by Council's Traffic Engineer for alternate solutions in Union Street. Three options were developed and affected properties were consulted between 1 April and 5 May 2021 with the three proposed options.

This report details the outcomes of the community consultation.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** Council, as part of the 2021/22 LATM Program, installs a concrete median and kerb extension in Union Street at the bend near Euroka Street, upgrade the road line marking and retain the existing garden bed at Bank Street as shown in the attached plan (Option 3).

A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Veronique Marchandreau,

1. **THAT** Council, as part of the 2021/22 LATM Program, installs a concrete median and landscaped kerb extension in Union Street at the bend near Euroka Street, upgrade the road line marking and retain the existing garden bed at Bank Street as shown in the attached plan (Option 3).

2. **THAT** there be as much landscaping and softening as possible with minimal amounts of concrete.

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Comments from TfNSW representative were tabled requesting a detailed design with turning paths to demonstrate if the design vehicle can safely go around the curve.

Voting was unanimous

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT Council, as part of the 2021/22 LATM Program, installs a concrete median and landscaped kerb extension in Union Street at the bend near Euroka Street, upgrade the road line marking and retain the existing garden bed at Bank Street as shown in the attached plan (Option 3).

2. THAT there be as much landscaping and softening as possible with minimal amounts of concrete.

61. (4.6) Berry Street at Pacific Highway – Proposed Raised Pedestrian Crossing

Report of Manager Traffic & Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp

Over the past 8 years, Council has been actively raising the footpath at intersections for safety and aesthetic purposes. It is proposed to raise the existing pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Berry St and Pacific Highway as part of footpath and streetscape upgrades in the locality. A plan for the proposed upgrade is attached.

The crossing will be raised to footpath level similar to other sites completed in the CBD. The raised crossing has been designed in accordance with the Australian Standards, including minimum No Stopping distances on approach and departure of the crossing, and does not impact on existing street parking.

Recommending:

1. THAT Council construct a raised pedestrian crossing on Berry Street at Pacific Highway as shown in attached plan CS-01 under delegation of the Manager Traffic & Transport Operations.

Comments from TfNSW representative were tabled that the proposed design is not supported as it is designed over two eastbound lanes (three lanes in total) contrary to NSW practice. Raising the pedestrian crossing is generally supported, however further work must be done on the design to ensure compliance with Austroads and Transport supplement.

A Motion was moved by Veronique Marchandau and seconded by Councillor Gibson,

1. THAT the proposed raised pedestrian crossing on Berry Street at Pacific Highway be deferred until further work is done on the design to ensure it complies.

Voting was unanimous

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the proposed raised pedestrian crossing on Berry Street at Pacific Highway be deferred until further work is done on the design to ensure it complies.

INFORMAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

62. (5.1) Abandoned Vehicles and Unattended Boat Trailers Processed Report

Report of Manager Ranger and Parking Services, Mark Richardson

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Report of Abandoned Vehicles and Unattended Boat Trailers processed during the reporting period of 10 April 2021 to 21 May 2021.

Year to date (2021) Council had investigated 138 reports of abandoned vehicles.

Year to date (2021) Council processed 24 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 Councillor Keen and seconded by Sgt Ryan Edwards.

Voting was unanimous

Resolved to Recommend:

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

63. (5.2) Standing Item – Pedestrian Safety

Report of Manager Traffic & Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp

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.

Recommending:

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

The Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Sgt Ryan Edwards.

Voting was unanimous

Resolved to Recommend:

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

The resolution in regard to Pedestrian Safety in Ben Boyd Road Item (4.3) be noted.

The resolution in regard to Holt Avenue, Cremorne Item (4.4) be noted.

64. (5.3) Standing Item – Blues Point Road – Vehicle Noise & Traffic Issues

Report of Traffic & Transport Operations Manager, Michaela Kemp

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.

A report was considered at the Traffic Committee meeting on 5 February 2021 where it was recommended, and Council subsequently resolved at its meeting on 22 February 2021 (in-part):

- 1. THAT** Council consults with the affected community with regard to the speed cushion traffic calming scheme for Blues Point Road between Princes Street and Blues Point Reserve as shown in the attached plans.
- 2. THAT** Council request police enforcement of excessive noise from vehicles, illegal parking and street racing as raised by local residents, particularly on Friday and Saturday evenings between 9pm and 4am.
- 3. THAT** Council request TfNSW install a speed camera in Blues Point Road between East Crescent Street and Blues Point Reserve.

4. **THAT** the traffic calming proposal be included in any funding applications for the McMahons Point (Blues Point Road) Public Domain Upgrade Masterplan and vice versa.
- 6 **THAT** the Committee give in principle approval for CCTV on Blues Point Road and report to next Traffic Committee on how these measures can proceed.

Update June 2021:

Community consultation on the traffic calming (Resolution 1) will commenced 4 May 2021 until 1 June 2021.

A submission was made via the Safer Roads NSW website for a speed camera on Blues Point Road.

Council staff are investigating temporary CCTV options for Blues Point Road and will provide a further report to the Traffic Committee in due course.

Recommending:

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

A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Veronique Marchandau,

1. **THAT** the updates concerning Standing Item - Blues Point Road – Vehicle Noise & Traffic Issues be received.
2. **THAT** a letter be sent to Felicity O'Brien giving her an update on Blues Point Road and thank her for her ongoing involvement and advocating on behalf of residents on Blues Point Road.

Voting was unanimous

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** the updates concerning Standing Item - Blues Point Road – Vehicle Noise & Traffic Issues be received.
2. **THAT** a letter be sent to Felicity O'Brien giving her an update on Blues Point Road and thank her for her ongoing involvement and advocating on behalf of residents on Blues Point Road.

65. (5.4) Standing Item – Western Harbour Tunnel & Warringah Freeway Upgrade

Report of Manager Traffic & Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp

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. The works impact on a number of Council roads adjacent to and alongside the Warringah Freeway. All community notifications are available on the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade webpage at <https://caportal.com.au/rms/wht/documents-and-notifications>

Council has received numerous notices from Transport for NSW under 64(1A) of the Roads Act 1993 of their intention to exercise functions of a roads authority. This means that TfNSW has the same powers under the Roads Act 1993 as Council for the roads listed in each notice.

Maps of the roads where TfNSW has enacted these powers at the time of writing this report are attached. The maps are being continuously updated when similar notices are received. The updated maps will be provided at each subsequent Traffic Committee meeting.

Approximately 75 parking spaces on Alfred Street North; 35 spaces on Cammeray Avenue and 10 spaces on Ridge Street have so far been removed by TfNSW to facilitate the works.

Council also receives various complaints from residents concerning traffic and parking impacts associated with the project. These complaints are responded to that TfNSW are responsible for the project and its impacts; or the complaints are forwarded to the TfNSW project team at whtbl@transport.nsw.gov.au

A register of the complaints received by Council is being maintained and is attached for information.

Recommending:

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

The Motion was moved by Sgt Ryan Edwards and seconded by Garvin Rutherford.

Voting was unanimous

Resolved to Recommend:

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

(7.2) The Boulevarde – traffic flow on Saturday mornings during sports at Tunks Park

Councillor Gibson acknowledged that on The Boulevarde and Rowlinson Parade on a Saturday morning 29 May 2021 when people were on their way down to the sports fields a driver reportedly abandoned their vehicle in front of 14 The Boulevarde and it turned into a traffic nightmare.

A Resident suggested making Rowlinson Parade a one way.

Council acknowledges the problems and situation. The Mayor stated that she did tell residents that Council didn't extend use of the sports facilities down there because of the impact of the traffic.

(7.3) Pacific Highway at Oxley Street – right turns

Councillor Gibson stated a resident had spoken to her and said that it is difficult to turn right out of Oxley Street. Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations is to look into this right turn.

(7.4) Pacific Highway between Arthur Street & Blue Street – shared path

Councillor Gibson stated that she was walking home from work, she walks down the Pacific Highway between Arthur Street and Blue Street. She stated the whole section of footpath which is the only bit of footpath that pedestrians can walk on is a shared path. Councillor Gibson acknowledged she nearly got hit on several occasions by cyclists on the Pacific Highway between Arthur Street and Blue Street and that this needs to be reviewed.

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Councillor Gibson has asked this be reviewed urgently, and a report be brought back to the next meeting on what can be done to ensure pedestrian safety as well as look at the traffic signs.

(7.5) Neutral Bay Public School – Flashing Lights

Councillor Keen stated that she has asked for more flashing lights around Neutral Bay Public School which TfNSW had responded isn't possible due to two sets of flashing lights already in place around the school. She suggested one of the flashing lights which is on Bydown Street coming up from Lindsay Street be moved to a more visible location.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Keen and seconded by Sgt Ryan Edwards,

1. THAT there be a review of placement of the flashing lights currently on Bydown Street based on the traffic flow and that dragon teeth be placed on Yeo Street.

Voting was unanimous

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT there be a review of placement of the flashing lights currently on Bydown Street based on the traffic flow and that dragon teeth be placed on Yeo Street.

(7.6) Neutral Bay Public School – Traffic Congestion

Councillor Keen stated that she wanted everyone to be well and truly aware of the traffic congestion at the school in the morning drop off and enforcement of double parking occurring. Sgt Ryan said that the Police will have a look into it.

(7.7) Falcon Street – Right Hand Turn

Councillor Keen asked Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations to follow up with TfNSW regarding Falcon Street where you come off the bridge and turn right onto Military Road. If someone takes a u-turn they go back onto the bridge and there is a green man. She has asked Transport for NSW to make sure it says "NO ENTRY".

(7.8) Clarke Road

Councillor Barbour stated people are parking outside the Grumpy Baker on Clark Road, when leaving they are exiting onto two lanes to Kurraba Road. There is no "keep left" sign and therefore people are exiting onto the right-hand lane. Cars are coming off Kurraba Road and into the Clark Road shops. He stated there had been two near misses in the last two weeks.

Councillor Barbour asked Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations if she could have a look at putting a keep left sign or a dual road sign there.

Veronique Marchandau suggested that the double white line be extended to mark the division of the two-way traffic way.

(7.9) Wycombe Lane – Shared Zone

Councillor Barbour asked if Council could put a shared zone in Wycombe Lane. Wycombe Lane is a small lane behind Wycombe Road off Harriette Street, it's starting to be used as an alternative route. He stated it's a little lane and has houses backing onto it, so it's quite dangerous. Councillor Barbour suggested maybe putting markings or a sign saying, "pedestrian thoroughfare". Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations will see what can be done.

The meeting closed at 11.45am.

CHAIRPERSON

GENERAL MANAGER

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