

## **7.1. Traffic Committee Minutes 3 September 2021**

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**ENDORSED BY:** Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services

### **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 3 September 2021 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/2021/3\\_September\\_2021](https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Committees/Traffic_Committee/2021/3_September_2021)

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

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

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** the information regarding Delegated Authority items be received. (5.1)
2. **THAT** the information concerning the Abandoned Vehicles and Unattended Boat Trailers Processed Report be received. (6.1)
3. **THAT** the information concerning the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade project be received. (6.2)
4. **THAT** Council notes that despite repeated requests to Transport for New South Wales, there has been a refusal to install traffic lights at the crossing on Gerard Street at Macpherson Street. Therefore, Council must find alternative methods to improve pedestrian safety. (6.3)
5. **THAT** Council urgently remark the pedestrian crossing at Gerard Street and Macpherson Street to make it more visible in accordance with TfNSW standards. (6.3)
6. **THAT** the crossing at Gerard Street and Macpherson Street be included in the maintenance schedule more frequently. (6.3)
7. **THAT** Council examine alternative methods of increasing visibility at the crossing at Gerard Street and Macpherson Street within TfNSW standards. (6.3)

- 8. THAT** Council reviews the lighting at the crossing on Gerard Street at Macpherson Street for compliance with the relevant standards for inclusion under the pedestrian safety item at the next Traffic Committee. (6.3)
- 9. THAT** Council acknowledges the on-going concern of local residents regarding the intersection of Amherst/Miller Street, and Miller Street/Palmer Street and that Council is continually engaged with TfNSW to seek a long-term solution. (6.3)
- 10. THAT** a VMS sign be placed on Amherst Street at the appropriate location determined by Council Staff to facilitate pedestrian safety at the Amherst Street/Miller Street crossing within the next 10 days. (6.3)
- 11. THAT** Council continues to lobby TfNSW to install a right turn arrow at the intersection of Amherst and Miller Street. (6.3)
- 12. THAT** the Mayor and Councillor Keen jointly write to TfNSW requesting that they expedite a red light arrow at the intersection of Amherst and Miller Street. (6.3)
- 13. THAT** a report be provided to the Traffic Committee on the possibility of purchasing or hiring additional VMS signs. (6.3)
- 14. THAT** the information concerning Sydney Metro City & South-West Construction Update be received. (6.4)
- 15. THAT** the updates concerning Standing Item - Blues Point Road – Vehicle Noise & Traffic Issues be received. (6.5)
- 16. THAT** Council acknowledges resident concerns about increased noise since the installation of the midpoint traffic calming facility on Broughton Street. (General Business – Broughton Street)
- 17. THAT** TfNSW and Council Staff investigate alternative methods of ameliorating noise impacts on the traffic calming facility. (General Business – Broughton Street)
- 18. THAT** Council acknowledges that the 40km/hr signage will be installed in 4-6 weeks. (General Business – Broughton Street)
- 19. THAT** following installation of the signage that speed counts be taken at an appropriate time and reported to the Traffic Committee. (General Business – Broughton Street)
- 20. THAT** when Traffic flows return to normal following the lockdown a site meeting be organised with the Mayor, interested Councillors, local residents, Council Staff and representatives from Sydney Buses to gauge the impact of bus services on local streets. (General Business – Out of Service Buses)
- 21. THAT** a report be provided to the Traffic Committee on the pre-pandemic use of the 269 Bus Service. (General Business – Out of Service Buses)
- 22. THAT** Council acknowledges communication by local cyclists expressing their dissatisfaction. (General Business – Pacific Highway Shared Path)
- 23. THAT** the implementation of items 3-5 of the resolution on item 5.4 from the 23 July 2021 Traffic Committee meeting be delayed until February 2022. (General Business – Pacific Highway Shared Path)
- 24. THAT** Council immediately erects signage and footpath stencils instructing cyclists to ‘! SLOW’ and 10 kph speed advisory at this location. (General Business – Pacific Highway Shared Path)
- 25. THAT** the Mayor and Councillor Keen writes to Bike North and to all submitters on the matter to promote the intent of the resolution to change behaviours and increase awareness of pedestrians in the area. (General Business – Pacific Highway Shared Path)

## **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**

In accordance with Council's past practice, this report presents the recommendations of the last meeting of the Traffic Committee held on 3 September 2021 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 3 September 2021 are as follows:



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**PRESENT**

Councillor Gibson in the Chair, Councillor Keen.

- Members** Sgt Ryan Edwards, North Shore Police  
Garvin Rutherford representing Gladys Berejiklian, Member for Willoughby  
Lisa Forrest representing Felicity Wilson, Member for North Shore  
David Osborne, Transport for New South Wales
- Staff** Michaela Kemp, Manager Traffic and Transport Operations  
Iman Mohammadi, Traffic & Transport Engineer  
Mark Richardson, Manager Ranger and Parking Services  
Nigel Turner, Senior Strategic Transport Planner  
Josh Jongma, Governance Co-ordinator (minutes)
- Non-Voting Members** Egwin Herbert, STA
- Apologies** Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services

The meeting commenced at 10.02 am.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

**THAT** the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 July 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

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

Voting was unanimous

**Resolved to Recommend:**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 July 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

**2. Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor Keen declared a non-pecuniary and less than significant interest in item 6.3 – Pedestrian Safety as a parent of a child at Loreto Kirribilli.

### **3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

David Osborne raised that the bike paths on Pacific Highway near Arthur Street should be discussed.

The Mayor advised that this would be a matter for discussion in General Business.

### **4. Matters Arising from Council Resolutions**

Nil.

### **5. Items for Consideration**

#### **5.1. Traffic Delegations**

**AUTHOR:** Maria Coyne, 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.

Lisa Forrest joined the meeting at 10.11am. The Recommendation was moved by Councillor Keen and seconded by Lisa Forrest.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to Recommend:**

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

### **6. Informal Items for Consideration**

#### **6.1. Abandoned Vehicles and Unattended Boat Trailers Processed Report**

**AUTHOR:** Yvonne Watt, Infringe and Impound Officer

Provide information to the Traffic Committee.

Report to the Traffic Committee regarding Ranger and Parking activities relevant to abandoned vehicles and boat trailers

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to Recommend:**

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

**6.2. Standing Item - Western Harbour Tunnel & Warringah Freeway Upgrade**

**AUTHOR:** Michaela Kemp, Manager Traffic & Transport Operations

The purpose of this report is 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 complaint 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 Recommendation was moved by David Osborne and seconded by Cr Gibson.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to Recommend:**



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

### **6.3. Standing Item - Pedestrian Safety**

**AUTHOR:** Michaela Kemp, Manager Traffic & Transport Operations

To provide a report to the Committee on current pedestrian safety matters and projects, and their current status.

At the 530<sup>th</sup> 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.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by David Osborne.

**1. THAT** Council notes that despite repeated requests to Transport for New South Wales, there has been a refusal to install traffic lights at the crossing on Gerard Street at Macpherson Street. Therefore, Council must find alternative methods to improve pedestrian safety.

**2. THAT** Council urgently remark the pedestrian crossing at Gerard Street and Macpherson Street to make it more visible in accordance with TfNSW standards.

**3. THAT** the crossing at Gerard Street and Macpherson Street be included in the maintenance schedule more frequently.

**4. THAT** Council examine alternative methods of increasing visibility at the crossing at Gerard Street and Macpherson Street within TfNSW standards.

**5. THAT** Council reviews the lighting at the crossing on Gerard Street at Macpherson Street for compliance with the relevant standards for inclusion under the pedestrian safety item at the next Traffic Committee.

Councillor Keen declared a non-pecuniary and less than significant interest in the matter as a parent of a child at Loreto Kirribilli.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was unanimous.

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

**1. THAT** Council notes that despite repeated requests to Transport for New South Wales, there has been a refusal to install traffic lights at the crossing on Gerard Street at Macpherson Street. Therefore, Council must find alternative methods to improve pedestrian safety.

**2. THAT** Council urgently remark the pedestrian crossing at Gerard Street and Macpherson Street to make it more visible in accordance with TfNSW standards.

**3. THAT** the crossing at Gerard Street and Macpherson Street be included in the maintenance schedule more frequently.

**4. THAT** Council examine alternative methods of increasing visibility at the crossing at Gerard Street and Macpherson Street within TfNSW standards.

**5. THAT** Council reviews the lighting at the crossing on Gerard Street at Macpherson Street for compliance with the relevant standards for inclusion under the pedestrian safety item at the next Traffic Committee.

**Recommitting Item 6.3 for further discussion**

A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Garvin Rutherford that item 6.3 be recommitted for discussion.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was unanimous.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Garvin Rutherford.

**1. THAT** Council acknowledges the on-going concern of local residents regarding the intersection of Amherst/Miller Street, and Miller Street/Palmer Street and that Council is continually engaged with TfNSW to seek a long-term solution.

**2. THAT** a VMS sign be placed on Amherst Street at the appropriate location determined by Council Staff to facilitate pedestrian safety at the Amherst Street/Miller Street crossing within the next 10 days.

**3. THAT** Council continues to lobby TfNSW to install a right turn arrow at the intersection of Amherst and Miller Street.

**4. THAT** the Mayor and Councillor Keen jointly write to TfNSW requesting that they expedite a red light arrow at the intersection of Amherst and Miller Street.

**5. THAT** a report be provided to the traffic committee on the possibility of purchasing or hiring additional VMS signs.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to Recommend:**

**1. THAT** Council acknowledges the on-going concern of local residents regarding the intersection of Amherst/Miller Street, and Miller Street/Palmer Street and that Council is continually engaged with TfNSW to seek a long-term solution.

**2. THAT** a VMS sign be placed on Amherst Street at the appropriate location determined by Council Staff to facilitate pedestrian safety at the Amherst Street/Miller Street crossing within the next 10 days.

**3. THAT** Council continues to lobby TfNSW to install a right turn arrow at the intersection of Amherst and Miller Street.

**4. THAT** the Mayor and Councillor Keen jointly write to TfNSW requesting that they expedite a red light arrow at the intersection of Amherst and Miller Street.

**5. THAT** a report be provided to the traffic committee on the possibility of purchasing or hiring additional VMS signs.

#### **6.4. Standing Item - Sydney Metro - Project Update**

**AUTHOR:** Michaela Kemp, Manager Traffic & 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.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was unanimous.

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

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

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

**AUTHOR:** Michaela Kemp, Manager Traffic & 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.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

The Recommendation was moved by Councillor Keen and seconded by Lisa Forrest.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to Recommend:**

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

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

Nil.

**8. General Business**

Ryan Edwards retired from the meeting at 10.58AM

**Broughton Street Speed Humps**

Councillor Gibson and Councillor Keen raised the matter for discussion.

It was discussed that the 40km/hr signs will be installed in the next 4-6 weeks. Councillor Gibson requested that where possible the signs be installed on existing poles and power poles. It was raised by David Osborne that TfNSW is not supportive of the signs being installed on assets not owned by TfNSW.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Lisa Forrest

**1. THAT** Council acknowledges resident concerns about increased noise since the installation of the midpoint traffic calming facility on Broughton Street.

2. **THAT** TfNSW and Council Staff investigate alternative methods of ameliorating noise impacts on the traffic calming facility.
3. **THAT** Council acknowledges that the 40km/hr signage will be installed in 4-6 weeks.
4. **THAT** following installation of the signage that speed counts be taken at an appropriate time and reported to the Traffic Committee.

Voting was unanimous.

#### **Resolved to Recommend**

1. **THAT** Council acknowledges resident concerns about increased noise since the installation of the midpoint traffic calming facility on Broughton Street.
2. **THAT** TfNSW and Council Staff investigate alternative methods of ameliorating noise impacts on the traffic calming facility.
3. **THAT** Council acknowledges that the 40km/hr signage will be installed in 4-6 weeks.
4. **THAT** following installation of the signage that speed counts be taken at an appropriate time and reported to the Traffic Committee.

#### **Out of Service Buses**

The matter was raised by Councillor Gibson. It was discussed that there has been reports of an increase in the number of out of service buses on Broughton Street. Council's Manager Transport Michaela Kemp advised of an update from Sydney Buses.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by David Osborne

1. **THAT** when Traffic flows return to normal following the lockdown a site meeting be organised with the Mayor, interested Councillors, local residents, Council Staff and representatives from Sydney Buses to gauge the impact of bus services on local streets.
2. **THAT** a report be provided to the Traffic Committee on the pre-pandemic use of the 269 Bus Service.

Voting was unanimous.

#### **Resolved to recommend:**

1. **THAT** when Traffic flows return to normal following the lockdown a site meeting be organised with the Mayor, interested Councillors, local residents, Council Staff and representatives from Sydney Buses to gauge the impact of bus services on local streets.
2. **THAT** a report be provided to the Traffic Committee on the pre-pandemic use of the 269 Bus Service.

#### **Bus Services**

The matter was raised by Councillor Keen. It was discussed that the 257 bus service has been withdrawn. Councillor Keen noted that there will be impacts to travel to netball courts and create increases in traffic.

Egwin Herbert provided an update on the changes to bus services.

### **Pacific Highway Shared Path**

It was raised by David Osborne that the item 5.4. from the 23 July 2021 Traffic Committee meeting be discussed: Pacific Highway, North Sydney - Shared Path between Arthur Street and Blue Street

A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by David Osborne.

- 1. THAT** Council acknowledges communication by local cyclists expressing their dissatisfaction.
- 2. THAT** the implementation of items 3-5 of the resolution on item 5.4 from the 23 July 2021 Traffic Committee meeting be delayed until February 2022.
- 3. THAT** Council immediately erects signage and footpath stencils instructing cyclists to 'SLOW' and 10 kph speed advisory.
- 4. THAT** the Mayor and Councillor Keen writes to Bike North and to all submitters on the matter to promote the intent of the resolution to change behaviours and increase awareness of pedestrians in the area.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was unanimous.

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

- 1. THAT** Council acknowledges communication by local cyclists expressing their dissatisfaction.
- 2. THAT** the implementation of items 3-5 of the resolution on item 5.4 from the 23 July 2021 Traffic Committee meeting be delayed until February 2022.
- 3. THAT** Council immediately erects signage and footpath stencils instructing cyclists to 'SLOW' and 10 kph speed advisory.
- 4. THAT** the Mayor and Councillor Keen writes to Bike North and to all submitters on the matter to promote the intent of the resolution to change behaviours and increase awareness of pedestrians in the area.

## **9. Closure**

The Meeting concluded at 11.59AM.