WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

Traffic Committee Minutes of Meeting







MINUTES CITY OF WOLLONGONG TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

at 9.15 am

20 May 2020

RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with the powers delegated to Council by the Road Transport Act 2013 and the Roads Act 1993, as outlined in TfNSW (previously RMS) document 'A guide to the Delegation to Councils for the Regulation of Traffic – including the operation of Traffic Committees':

- 1 The remaining Recommendations of the City of Wollongong Traffic Committee (excluding all Temporary Road Closures which require adoption by full Council), be adopted.
- 2 Appropriate persons and Departments be advised of Council's decisions.

Author's Name	Author's Title	Date
Lindsay Dunstan	Senior Traffic Engineer	25 May 2020
David Wilson	Traffic and Transport Unit Leader	25 May 2020
Isabelle Ghetti	Transport and Stormwater Services – Manager (Acting)	25 May 2020
Andrew Heaven	Infrastructure Strategy and Planning – Manager (Acting)	26 May 2020
Andrew Carfield	Director – Infrastructure and Works	26 May 2020
Name	Title	Date
Greg Doyle	General Manager	26 May 2020



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Wollongong City Council

Infrastructure, Strategy and Planning Division Transport and Stormwater

The City of Wollongong Traffic Committee is not a Committee of Wollongong City Council however a Technical Committee of Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW). The Committee operates under the authority conferred to Council by TfNSW under the Transport Administration Act 1988. Council has resolved to manage the Traffic Committee under a Charter which sets out the membership, timelines for the preparation of the Agenda and the distribution of Minutes, in accordance with TfNSW document 'A guide to the delegation to councils for the regulation of traffic' (including the operation of Traffic Committees.)

Council has been delegated certain powers, from TfNSW, with regard to traffic matters upon its local roads. A condition of this delegation is that Council must consider the Traffic Committee recommendations.

There are four permanent members of the Traffic Committee, each of whom has a single vote only.

- The members are representatives of the NSW Police Force, Transport for New South Wales, the Local State Member of Parliament (for the location of the issue to be voted upon), and a representative of Wollongong City Council.
- If TfNSW or NSW Police Force disagrees with any Traffic Committee recommendation, or Council's
 resolution on any Traffic Committee recommendation, that member may lodge an appeal with the
 Regional Traffic Committee for determination. The appeal must be lodged in writing within 14 days of
 Council's resolution. Any action relative to any issue under appeal must cease until the matter is
 determined. The Regional Traffic Committee is chaired by an independent chairperson and
 submissions and representations are welcomed from all interested parties.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Council can only resolve that:

- 1 The Traffic Committee recommendation be adopted.
- 2 The Traffic Committee recommendation not be adopted.
- 3 The Traffic Committee reconsider this issue.



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In line with NSW Health guidelines about COVID-19, we've made some changes to the way we're engaging the community, to keep our staff and people in our community safe. Instead of having face-to-face conversations with people meetings are currently being conducted via video, audio and by electronic communication.

PRESENT			
Lindsay Dunstan - Chair	Wollongong City Council		
David Wilson	Wollongong City Council		
Rob Gaudiosi (via Skype)	Wollongong City Council (9.15am – 10.18am)		
Ellen Dreghorn	Wollongong City Council		
Amit Chowdhury	Wollongong City Council		
Mel Lausz – Road Safety Officer	Wollongong City Council		
Senior Constable Andrew Cotton	NSW Police		
David Cratchley (via Skype)	Premier Illawarra (9.15am – 10.18am)		
Danny Benedetti (via Skype)	Roads and Maritime Services (9.15am – 10.18am)		



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1 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- 1.1 Welcome
- 1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

An Acknowledgement of Country was presented by the Chairperson Lindsay Dunstan.

1.3 Declarations of Interest

No conflicts of interest where declared.

1.4 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted by Les Dion and John Burns. Stephen Burridge was noted as absent.

1.5 Confirmation of Minutes Arising from Previous Minutes

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee confirmed the previous minutes as an accurate record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.6 Business Arising

Nil.

1.7 Informal Item

This confidential matter was discussed and any further action on this matter is pending a report from the NSW Coroner.

2 GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1 THIRROUL Cochrane Road – Ward 1

Cochrane Road and Redman Avenue - Install Stop Sign

BACKGROUND

A review of sight distance at the intersection with Cochrane Road shows that north bound vehicles on Redman Avenue come into view around 60m from the intersection, due to the dip in the road. Vehicles turning right and driving straight through the intersection have poor sight distance. This matter has come to Council's attention because of concerns about recent incidents caused by drivers failing to give way at Cochrane Road.

CONSULTATION

No consultation is required.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

Install Stop Sign and associated line-marking on the eastern side of the intersection of Redman Avenue and Cochrane Road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



2.2 DAPTO Bright Parade and Emerson Road – Ward 3

Bright Parade and Emerson Road – Install Stop Sign

BACKGROUND

A resident who lives close to this intersection has advised that due to the limited sight distance to the east, it is suggested Council consider replacing the Give Way sign with a Stop sign. The distance is 60-70m and with traffic speeds above 50km/h, this distance is less than ideal. Accordingly, a Stop sign is appropriate. The next intersection of Compton Street and Emerson Road has a similar sight distance in one direction and a Stop sign has been installed at that location.

CONSULTATION

No consultation is required.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

Replace the existing Give way restriction at the intersection of Bright Parade and Emerson Road Dapto with a Stop sign and associated line-marking.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.3 BALGOWNIE Balgownie Road and Church Street – Ward 2

Balgownie Road and Church Street – Change to parking restrictions

BACKGROUND

A business owner at the corner of Balgownie Road and Church Street Balgownie has requested that Council review the parking restrictions near this intersection and suggested more short term parking spots, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was proposed that the redundant Mail Zone on the eastern side of Church Street, 10m north of Balgownie Road be changed to timed 1 hour parking. It is also requested that the 1 hour parking on the western side of Church Street, 10m north of Balgownie Road, be changed to 15 minute parking for 3 parking spaces (or 16.5 m).

CONSULTATION

No consultation is required.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Change the Mail Zone on the eastern side of Church Street, from Balgownie Road north, to 1 hour Parking 8.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8.30am to 12.30pm Saturday.
- 2. Change 16.5m of timed 1 hour parking on the western side of Church Street, from Balgownie Road north, to 15 minute parking 8.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8.30am to 12.30pm Saturday.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.4 FIGTREE Cordeaux Road – Ward 2

Cordeaux Road - Bus Stop Relocation

BACKGROUND

Council is designing an extension to the shared path along Cordeaux Road next financial year and need to relocate bus stop TSN 252571 (Cordeaux Rd opposite Gibsons Rd) 30m west of its existing location. The bus stop services route (35) and has a low utilization rate with less than 100 total trips each week. Relocating the stop should have negligible impacts to the community and the bus service.

CONSULTATION

Community consultation is in place with the bus operator and be completed before to the work is carried out.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

The relocation of the bus stop be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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2.5 KANAHOOKA Lakeside Drive – Ward 3

Lakeside Drive - Install Give Way

BACKGROUND

A resident from the area near Council's reserve on the southern side of Lakeside Drive has requested that Council install a Give Way sign on the exit driveway from the car park due to concerns about traffic safety. Lakeside Drive has a speed limit of 60km/h and a Give Way sign is appropriate.

CONSULTATION

No consultation required.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

Install a Give Way sign and associated line-marking at the exit driveway to the car park on Council's reserve opposite the small shopping centre on Lakeside Drive, Kanahooka.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 REGULATION OF TRAFFIC

3.1 UNANDERRA Nolan Street – Ward 3

Nolan Street – Level Crossing Road Closure 1 August to 2 August 2020

BACKGROUND

Sydney Trains have arranged a closure of the Illawarra and South Coast rail lines for maintenance work including improvements to the Nolan Street level crossing, on the weekend 1 and 2 August 2020. The Nolan Street level crossing will be closed from 9 pm on 1 August until 12 noon on Sunday 2 August 2020.

A weekend closure will have the least impact on bus services and there is adequate time for bus services to be rerouted. The traffic control plans submitted include acceptable detour arrangements. In conjunction with the work at Nolan Street there will be a concurrent closure of the level crossing on the Princes Highway Unanderra as set out in Item 3.2.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with effected residents and bus services is a condition of approval for the applicant.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

The submitted traffic management plans be approved for the road closure of the Nolan Street level crossing from 9pm on Saturday 1 August until 12.00am on Sunday 2 August 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



3.2 UNANDERRA Princes Highway – Ward 3

Princes Highway – Level Crossing Road Closure 1 August to 2 August 2020

BACKGROUND

Sydney Trains have proposed a closure of the Princes Highway level crossing for the weekend 1 August to 2 August 2020 as part of the same project as in Item 3.1 above. The Princes Highway level crossing will be closed in two stages. The first is from 5 am until 11 am on Saturday 1 August 2020, and the second closure will be concurrent with a closure of Nolan Street from 9 pm on 1 August 2020 until 12 noon on Sunday 2 August 2020.

A weekend closure will have the least impact on bus services and there is adequate time for bus services to be rerouted. The traffic control plans submitted include acceptable detour arrangements.

Subsequent to the meeting the Sydney Trains Project Manager has agreed to install trailer mounted message boards by the side of each level crossing (Nolan Street included) indicating that the level crossings will be closed with detours in place as set out for the 1 and 2 of August 2020.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with effected residents and bus services is a condition of approval for the applicant.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

The submitted traffic management plans be approved for the road closure of the Princes Highway level crossing from 5am to 11 am on Saturday 1 August 2020, and for a second period from 9pm on Saturday 1 August until 12.00am on Sunday 2 August 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 **DESIGN MATTERS**

4.1 GWYNNEVILLE Crawford Avenue – Ward 2

Crawford Ave, laneway connecting Hay St, Crawford Ave, Mountainview Ave through Robinson Park to Crawford Ave, Gwynneville – Proposed Shared path.

BACKGROUND

As part of the construction of a shared path connection in Crawford Ave, Mountainview Ave and Robinson Park, Gwynneville Council is proposing signage and line-marking.

CONSULTATION

Consultation is a requirement of the design process.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

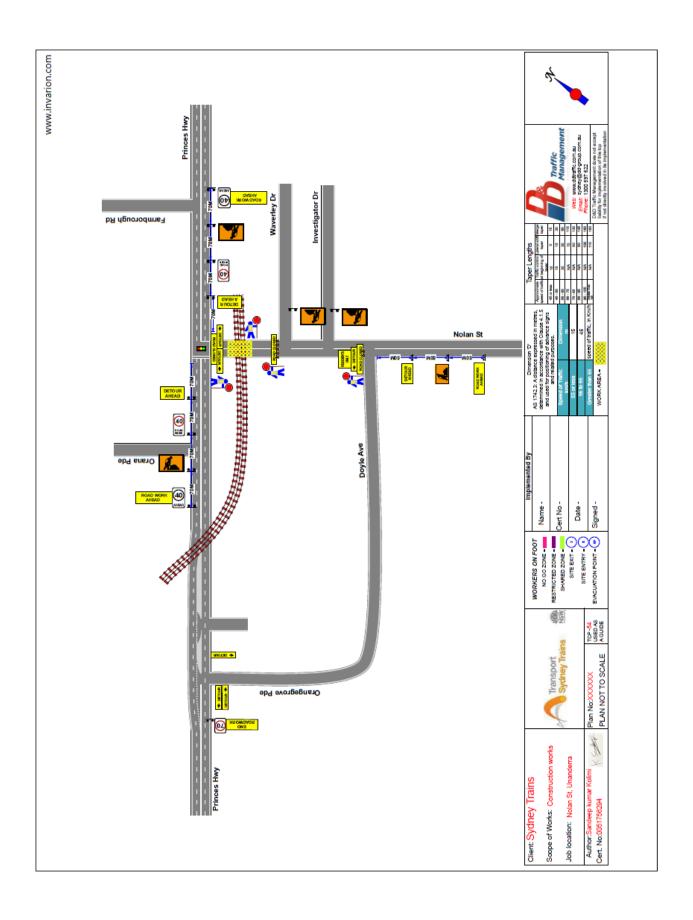
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The next meeting of the City of Wollongong Traffic Committee will be held on 24 June 2020.

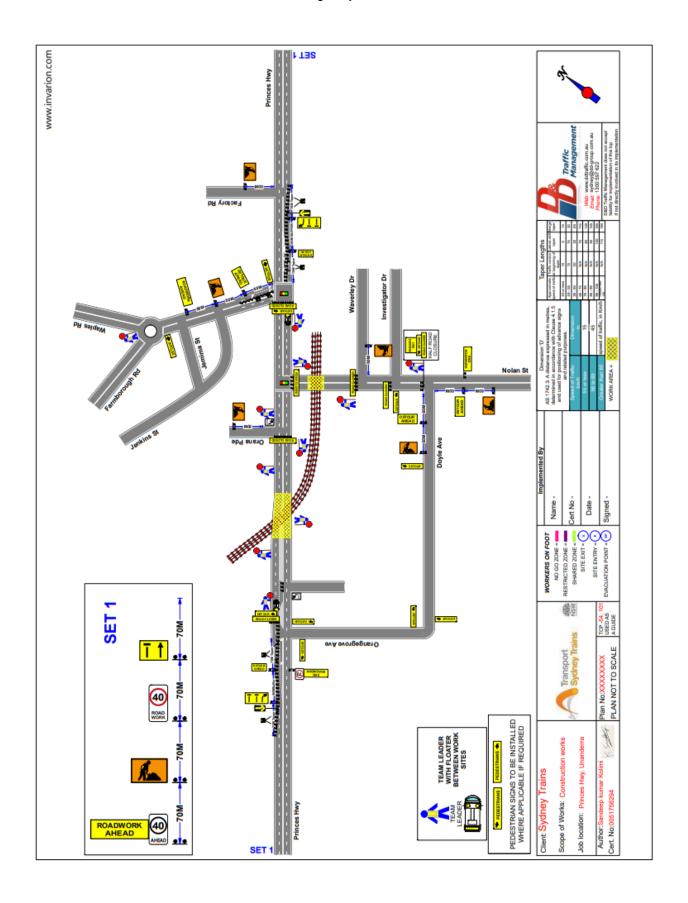
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Sydney Trains Nolan Street, Unanderra





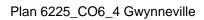
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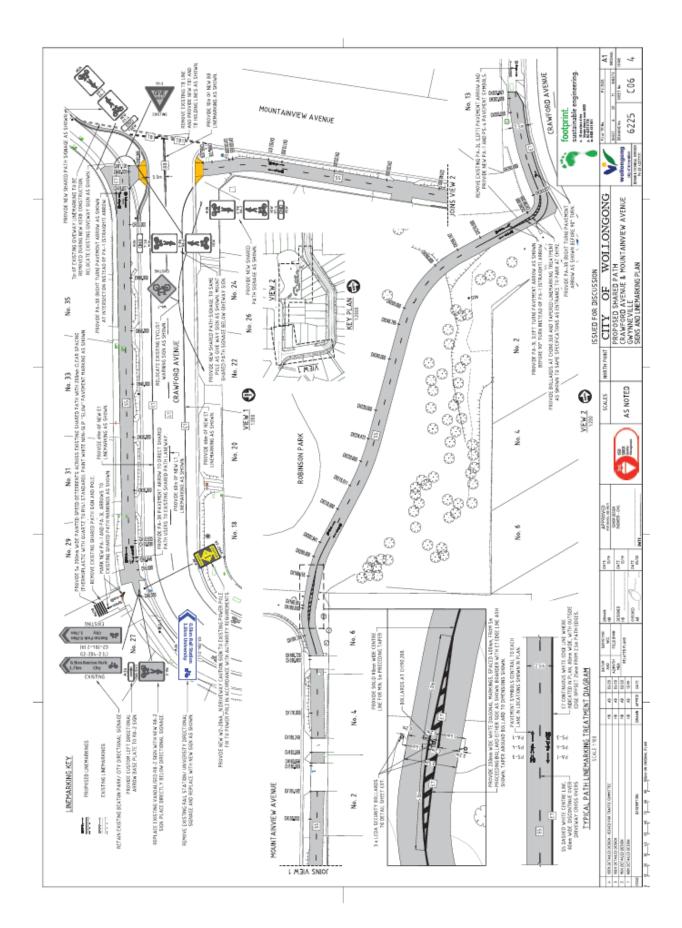


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