

MINUTES

NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

held in the Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why on

TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2022

Minutes of a meeting of the Northern Beaches Council Local Traffic Committee

held on Tuesday 8 November 2022

in the Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why

Commencing at 10.00am

ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members

Chair –Northern Beaches Council - Councillor
Member for Pittwater Mr R Stokes MP Representative
Member for Manly Mr J Griffin MP Representative
Transport for NSW
Northern Beaches Police Command, Dee Why

Mr Jose Menano-Pires
Mr Andrew Johnston
Ms Adele Heasman
Ms Vicky Walker
Sergeant Nino Jelovic

Non Voting Members

Keolis Downer Northern Beaches Bus Operations

Mr James Makasiale

Officers

Director Transport and Assets
Executive Manager - Transport and Civil Infrastructure
Manager – Transport Network
Traffic Engineering Coordinator
Traffic Engineer
Traffic Engineer
Traffic Engineer
Traffic Engineer
Traffic Officer
Traffic Officer
Traffic Officer
Traffic Officer
Traffic Officer
Road Safety Officer
Strategic Transport Coordinator
Traffic Engineering Trainee
Traffic Engineering Intern
Manager - Rangers
Coordinator - Rangers
Specialist Administration Officer

Mr Jorde Frangoples
Mr Craig Sawyer
Mr Phil Devon
Mr James Brocklebank
Mr Ricky Kwok
Mr Velsamy Sankaran
Mr Scipio Tam
Ms Leila Kazemnezhad
Mr Luke Nickson
Mr Brian Duong
Ms Jackline Shahho
Mr Alex Yuen
Mr Chinmaya Gupta
Ms Robynann Dixon
Ms Michelle Carter
Mr Nicholas Murace
Mr Michael Kennedy
Mr Paul Crossan
Mr Michael Davey
Ms Caty Pilley

Visitor

Resident of Hilma Street, Collaroy Plateau

Re: Item 4.6

1.0 APOLOGIES

Member for Davidson Mr J O'Dea MP Representative	Mr Phil Corbett
Member for Wakehurst Mr B Hazzard MP Representative	Mr Toby Williams
Transport for NSW	Mr Peter Carruthers
ComfortDelgro Company (ex Forest Coach Lines)	Mr Robert Bicakcian
Manly Warringah Cabs Cooperative Society Ltd	TBC
Cycling Representative	Vacant

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

2.1 MINUTES OF NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD 11 OCTOBER 2022

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Northern Beaches Council Local Traffic Committee held 11 October 2022, copies of which were previously circulated to all members, are hereby confirmed As a True And correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

2.2 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3.0 REPORTS TO PROCEED TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL

Nil

The Meeting commenced at 10:00am.

Chair Person – Councillor Mr Jose Menano-Pires, invited a Speaker, a resident of Hilma Street, Collaroy Plateau, to address the Local Traffic Committee in regard to Agenda Item 4.6 – the proposed No Parking of Motor Vehicles Excepted Restrictions in Edgecliffe Boulevarde, Collaroy Plateau

Please refer to notes taken of her address to the Committee in Item 4.6

4.0 REPORTS FOR APPROVAL BY COUNCIL DELEGATION

4.1 BASSETT STREET, MONA VALE - PEDESTRIAN REFUGE

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

Clr Jose Menano-Pires supports this recommendation as it will improve the safety of pedestrians, including pupils attending Pittwater High School and seniors who reside in this area.

Phil Devon advised this pedestrian refuge although being installed at the developers cost, is part of Council's long-term plan for traffic management in the area, and it would have been proposed by Council, even if it was not required as a DA Consent Condition now.

James Makasiale from Keolis Downer Bus Operations requested Council to ensure street signage is not erected too close to the corners, as buses often hit the signs when turning at intersections.

James Brocklebank advised that there will not be any new signs placed on either side of the road close to the intersection.

Approved by exception

RECOMMENDATION TO TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

That the Traffic Committee supports the:

- A. Installation of a pedestrian refuge on Bassett Street, south of its intersection with Mona Street, Mona Vale. The refuge and associated footpath, signposting and linemarking works to be installed at full cost to the developer of the Seniors Housing Development at No.21-23 Mona Street.

Committee Decision – Approved

4.2 BEATRICE STREET, CLONTARF / BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS - NO PARKING

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

Adele Heasman noted that the consultation proposal had been amended to take into account the resident feedback.

Phil Devon advised this intersection has a tight alignment and is a traffic and safety hazard, given the volume of traffic and the street's use by buses. He also noted that 3 legal car spaces will be lost when this No Parking is installed.

Approved by exception

RECOMMENDATION TO TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

That the Traffic Committee supports the:

- A. Installation of two (2) sections of No Parking restrictions on the east side of the street:
 - Starting 6 metres north from the driveway of No.36 Beatrice Street to 4 metres south from the driveway of No.34 / No.32 Beatrice Street, Clontarf.

- Starting 4 metres north from the driveway of No.30 to 2 metres south from the driveway of No.24 Beatrice Street, Clontarf.

Committee Decision – Approved**4.3 HILMA STREET / PLATEAU ROAD, COLLAROY PLATEAU – INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT****PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF**

Clr Jose Menano-Pires enquired why a parking space is being lost.

Phil Devon advised there is an issue at this location with corner cutting and potential for turning vehicles to conflict with each other. Parked vehicles close to the intersection are a safety issue, given the 7m width of road available to turn. The centrelines will assist in keeping vehicles to the correct side of the road.

Craig Sawyer advised there are plenty of car spaces available here for people to park.

Approved by exception.

RECOMMENDATION TO TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

That the Traffic Committee supports the:

- A. Installation of 20m 'Dividing Barrier Lines (BB)' on Hilma Street at the intersection of Hilma Street and Plateau Road.
- B. Installation of 30m 'Dividing Separation Lines (S1)' on Plateau Road north of Hilma Street.

Committee Decision – Approved**4.4 NEW YEARS EVENT - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN****PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF**

Phil Devon advised the Committee that the New Year's Eve Road closures approvals require re-submission and approval for the next 5 years, as the current approval has lapsed.

Clr Jose Menano-Pires commented that the plans for the various Northern Beaches New Year's Eve celebrations seem to be going well, with the first fireworks display commencing at 9pm followed by the midnight display. The fireworks display on Dee Why Beach will be lit from a barge moored in the water off the beach. The Manly and Frenchs Forest fireworks display will also go ahead in the reserve as done in previous years.

Phil Devon advised that Dee Why beachfront will be closed to traffic on New Year's Eve and Police will be monitoring the evening's celebrations closely.

Sgt Nino Jelovic enquired whether the 156 Shuttle Bus will be operating from Rowland Reserve in Bayview to Mona Vale.

Phil Devon advised that the 156 Bus will be running every 15 minutes from Mona Vale to Church Point (turning around at McCarrs Creek), and the Keoride service will also be running along Pittwater Road on New Year's Eve.

James Makasiale confirmed that the local buses will be running as usual, along Pittwater Road from Church Point to Mona Vale, to transport New Year's Eve revellers back to Mona Vale where they are able to connect to other bus routes.

Phil Devon advised that the Rowland Reserve area will be closed off before midnight, in preparation for the New Year's Eve fireworks event.

Phil Devon advised that Page 44 of the agenda (Dee Why TGS Plan) for New Year's Eve traffic arrangements at Dee Why, requires a minor amendment to reflect that traffic flows in a One-Way northbound direction on The Strand and not southbound as shown on the plan.

Clr Menano-Peres requested that Council ensure people are made aware of the New Year's Eve Road closures, e.g. VMS boards and the Council newsletter. Staff confirmed this would be done as per details in the TMP.

Approved by exception

RECOMMENDATION TO TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

That the Local Traffic Committee recommends the closure of roads in Manly & Dee Why as detailed in the submitted Traffic Control Plans and Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for New Year's Eve celebrations in 2022 noting that:

- A. Council's Events Team will forward the TMP to the Transport Management Centre of TfNSW for approval.
- B. The Local Traffic Committee supports the road closures related to the event for the next five (5) years and that the item is not to be re-submitted to the Local Traffic Committee during this period unless there are significant changes to the traffic management arrangements for the event.

Committee Decision – Approved

4.5 HOLMES AVENUE AND MONASH CRESCENT, CLONTARF - NO PARKING MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPTED

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

Clr Jose Menano-Pires enquired whether the number of signs along Holmes Avenue and Monash Crescent can be reduced.

Phil Devon noted that 3 trailers have been moved to the other side of the road after the timed parking signs were installed a month ago and the No Parking Motor Vehicles Excepted is now proposed to prevent this happening.

Clr Jose Menano-Pires enquired whether we could investigate painting signage on the road, rather than having so much signage erected along the road.

Approved by exception.

RECOMMENDATION TO TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

That the Traffic Committee supports the:

- A. Introduction of No Parking Motor Vehicles Excepted restrictions on the southern side of Holmes Avenue, beginning on the western side of No.1 Holmes Avenue to the existing No Stopping Unbroken Yellow Kerb Line adjacent to the monument and pine tree, located at the intersection of Holmes Avenue and Monash Crescent, Clontarf.
- B. Installation of No Parking Motor Vehicles Excepted restriction from the existing No Stopping Unbroken Yellow Kerb Line at the intersection of Holmes Avenue and Monash Crescent to the northern side of the driveway outside No.38 Monash Crescent, Clontarf.

Committee Decision – Approved

4.6 EDGECLIFFE BOULEVARD, COLLAROY PLATEAU – PROPOSED NO PARKING MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPTED RESTRICTIONS

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

SPEAKER:

A resident of Hilma Street, Collaroy Plateau, who wished to remain anonymous, was invited to address the Local Traffic Committee by Council's Traffic Engineer Coordinator, James Brocklebank.

The resident advised that she does agree with Council that there are too many boats, trailers and caravans parking along a section of Edgecliffe Boulevard, Collaroy Plateau that restricts parking opportunities for local residents, however, she advised that not all impacted residents were surveyed about this proposal. She lives on Hilma Street near Edgecliffe Boulevard, and she was not consulted.

The resident advised that many of the boats were moved into her street temporarily when Edgecliffe Boulevard was re-sheeted last year, and she feels the same will happen if the proposed signs are installed. The boats were moved to the east side of Hilma opposite No's 88-96.

The resident enquired whether Council can merely request owners of parked trailers to move them, which will give residents and visitors more parking spaces for their own vehicles.

The resident also mentioned that there is one boat in Edgecliffe Boulevard which has been permanently parked there and has not been moved for over 9 years, and she knows of one resident who owns 9 vehicles that are permanently parked in the street.

The resident feels that if the No Parking signage is installed in Edgecliffe Boulevard, the owners of the boats, trailers and caravans will move them into Hilma Street, which is a narrower road than Edgecliffe Boulevard and yet still carries buses, which cause safety issues.

The resident advised that some Hilma Street residents are unable to park in the Hilma Street in a section in front of their homes at No's 94, 94, 98 and 100, due to a bus stop located there, and she advised that their vehicles are often side swiped by passing traffic.

The resident also noted that a large van is parked in Hilma Street (that is almost as wide as a caravan) in a bus stop area, that impacts the safe passing of vehicles along Hilma Street. This large van has become a safety issue to motorists, and bus drivers who find it difficult and dangerous to pass.

The resident believes the proposal will create more issues at the intersection of Edgecliffe Boulevard and Hilma Street and requests the Committee consider a longer-term solution.

Clr Jose Menano-Pires mentioned that Council has been lobbying State Government for many years regarding the issue of on-street parking of boats and trailers, however, advised that we need to consider safety first. He also noted that under existing legislation, as long as these trailers are registered, they are entitled to park here. He advised that we would investigate the wide van that impacts the safe passing of vehicles along Hilma Street.

Clr Jose Menano-Pires thanked the resident for her address to the Local Traffic Committee and advised that Council will be in touch with her after the Committee has reviewed the issues she has raised.

The resident left the meeting at 10:16am.

Adele Heasman enquired whether the proposed change would move trailers into Hilma Street and whether we can do an assessment on this wide van, as we now have the address of where it is parked.

James Brocklebank advised that some boats and trailers may be shifted around the corner into Hilma Street, however, suggested that the recommendation could be amended to put in a length of No Parking Motor Vehicles Excepted along the reserve frontage south of Edgecliffe Boulevard, so that larger vehicles are unable to park here.

Craig Sawyer advised that under recent changes to legislation, once a vehicle has been identified as being a safety hazard, the vehicle can be removed after a shortened period of 28 days from the date it is reported.

Phil Devon advised that we could do an assessment on this wide van to ascertain whether it can be declared a safety hazard, as it is obstructing traffic. Council has the right to free up and dispose of obstructions to traffic.

Phil Devon advised that provided the wide van which is parked in Hilma Street is no more than 2.6m wide, it is legally allowed to park on the street.

He also proposed that we consider extending the proposed No Parking Motor Vehicles Excepted to include the east side of Hilma Street between Edgecliffe Boulevard and the power pole near No.71. This will improve sight lines for motorists exiting Edgecliffe Boulevard and will make it safe for buses using Hilma Street.

Craig Sawyer advised that Hilma Street will need to be monitored as the presence of the bus stop means there is limited car parking in part of the street and once these No Parking Motor Vehicles Excepted signs are installed, the owners of some these parked vehicles may move their vehicles to Hilma Street.

RECOMMENDATION TO TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

That the Traffic Committee supports the:

- A. Installation of 'No Parking Motor Vehicles Excepted' on both kerb sides of Edgecliffe Boulevard, Collaroy Plateau, between Telopea Street and Hilma Street.
- B. Installation of 'No Parking Motor Vehicles Excepted' on the east side of Hilma Street from the corner of Edgecliffe Boulevard to the power pole opposite No.88 Hilma Street.
- C. Monitoring of the parking issues in Edgecliffe Boulevard, Hilma Street and Telopea Street for a period of 6 months after the 'No Parking Motor Vehicles Excepted' has been installed.

Committee Decision – Approved

4.7 DOWLING STREET, FRESHWATER - SHIFTED CENTRELINE

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

Clr Jose Menano-Pires enquired whether this recommendation was necessary.

Phil Devon advised that the centreline markings are being shifted on approach to Lawrence Street to give motorists, particularly buses, easier access and more room to turn right.

James Makasiale from Keolis Downer Northern Beaches Bus Operations supports this recommendation.

Phil Devon noted that the electric vehicle charging station located on this corner was approved by Ausgrid under the SEPP, with only the signage and linemarking requiring Council approval.

Approved by exception.

RECOMMENDATION TO TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

That the Traffic Committee supports the:

- A. Shifting of the centreline markings on Dowling Street on approach to Lawrence Street, so they are located 6.5m west of the kerb alignment of the east side of Dowling Street.

Committee Decision – Approved

5.0 MATTERS FOR NOTATION

5.1 REQUEST FOR WORKS ZONE

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

Approved by exception

RECOMMENDATION TO TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

That the Local Traffic Committee notes the delegated approval of Works Zones.

Committee Decision – Approved

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Kentwell Road, North Manly – install a Loading Zone at Warringah Golf Club

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

Phil Devon advised that trucks regularly attempt to reverse into the carpark at Warringah Golf Club in Kentwell Road, causing traffic and pedestrian safety issues.

Phil Devon advised that he is considering installing a 12.5 metre Loading Zone incorporating the Golf Club driveway, which will result in minimal parking loss.

Adele Heasman and Craig Sawyer both agree to install a Loading Zone here, to alleviate the traffic and pedestrian safety issues and to assist medium-size trucks to load/unload goods.

Phil Devon advised that if the Golf Club is agreeable to the proposal, he will organise to have the current No Parking signpost east of the driveway shifted 1 metre to the east along Kentwell Road. A 12.5m Loading Zone will then be signed and a yellow No Stopping line installed west of the Loading Zone to Condamine Street.

6.2 Warringah Mall, Brookvale – request to erect a temporary Bus Zone sign

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

James Makasiale from Keolis Downer Bus Operations requested a temporary Bus Zone to be installed outside Bunnings and the Medical Centre (Cross Street between Green Street & Dale Street) for use by Keolis Downer buses and Forest Buses, while construction of new pavement is undertaken at the Warringah Mall Bus Interchange.

James Brocklebank advised that he has received copies of outgoing emails from the local bus services to Warringah Mall, requesting this temporary bus Zone sign be erected, however, a response is still forthcoming from Warringah Mall to confirm dates for the work.

Craig Sawyer advised we will endeavour to get this temporary Bus Zone sign erected as soon as possible as traffic issues are expected while the roadworks for the new bus interchange are being carried out and it is desirable to get the work completed as soon as possible to minimise impacts during the Christmas trading period.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

That the Traffic Committee supports:

The installation of a temporary Bus Zone on the south side of Cross Street between Dale Street and Green Street throughout the roadworks at the Mall Bus Interchange.

Committee decision: approved.

6.3 Addison Road, Manly – Pedestrian crossing

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

Adele Heasman enquired about the latest feedback on a pedestrian crossing on Addison Road, Manly at Stuart Street, as residents are concerned about losing a car space on the east side of the intersection.

Phil Devon advised that car parking space would be lost on Addison Road if a crossing was introduced, however, he advised that the desire line is on the western side, therefore, any parking lost would be on that side of the intersection.

Phil Devon will organise to have traffic counting cameras installed now that Summer is here and more pedestrian activity will be evident. Further reporting back to the Committee will be undertaken once the data has been reviewed.

6.4 Darley Road, Manly – streets as shared spaces seating

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

Adele Heasman enquired about the long-term future of the streets as shared spaces seating in Darley Road, Manly.

Craig Sawyer advised this matter will be going up to Council in December and he will report back to the Committee with the outcome.

6.5 Avalon Shopping Centre – traffic issues created by new bus route

PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

James Makasiale from Keolis Downer Bus Operations advised that buses have issues with the new One-Way route which was being created in the Avalon Shopping Precinct.

James Makasiale advised the new bus stop which was created on Barrenjoey Road does not accommodate articulated buses and requested a pedestrian refuge near the bus stop be installed for pedestrian safety.

James Makasiale enquired whether this bus stop could be moved forward as buses are unable to turn left into Old Barrenjoey Road from Barrenjoey Road. Currently, buses are having to drive 3.8km to North Avalon to turn around via Whale Beach Road, Burrawong Avenue and Careel Head Road. This adds 7 minutes to each bus journey, resulting in blow-outs of 32 bus driver shifts throughout the day.

He advised that Central Road has too many parked cars on both sides for buses to use as a turn-around. He noted that the 190X and the 199 bus routes are mostly affected by this situation, however, the 199 and 192 bus routes are not affected. The 199 bus route is the main bus service impacted.

James Makasiale requested consideration be given to creating changes to the intersection of Old Barrenjoey Road and Barrenjoey Road to make it easier for buses to turn.

Phil Devon advised that Council changed Old Barrenjoey Road at Avalon Shopping Centre to one-way southbound between Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade, to improve pedestrian safety.

Craig Sawyer agreed that this matter needs to be discussed and remedied as soon as possible.

Phil Devon suggested adjusting the traffic island outside the Avalon Fire Station and shift the centreline across 3.5 metres, which will create a better safety margin for turning buses.

Craig Sawyer suggested we discuss this matter with TfNSW to rectify the situation. Vicky Walker of TfNSW advised they were notified by Council a while ago, that this north section of Old Barrenjoey Road in Avalon Shopping Centre would become one-way to Avalon Parade and since then, TfNSW have attempted to alleviate bus and traffic issues in this area.

Phil Devon asked James Makasiale to get buses to Avalon at 11am on Friday 11th November, so a trial run can be carried out and a solution explored.

Clr Jose Menano-Pires requested Craig Sawyer and Phil Devon discuss and resolve this matter as soon as possible with Keolis Downer and a solution to be reported back to the Committee at December's LTC meeting.

The meeting concluded at 11:05am

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 12 pages numbered 1 to 12 of the Northern Beaches Council Local Traffic Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8 November 2022 and confirmed on Tuesday 6 December 2022