

**Minutes of Local Traffic Committee Meeting
Held remotely on 20 September 2021**

Meeting commenced at 10.10AM

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY BY CHAIRPERSON

I acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora nation on whose country we are meeting today, and their elders past and present.

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Cr Victor Macri	Councillor – Midjuburi-Marrickville Ward (Chair)
Bill Holliday	Representative for Jamie Parker MP, Member for Balmain
Aislinn Stein-Magee	Representative for Jo Haylen MP, Member for Summer Hill
Solon Ghosh	Transport for NSW (TfNSW)

NON VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Marghanita da Cruz	Councillor – Gulgadya-Leichhardt Ward (Alternative Chair)
Adrian Prichard	Transit Systems – Inner West Bus Services
Manod Wickramasinghe	IWC's Traffic & Transport Planning Manager
George Tsaprounis	IWC's Coordinator Traffic Engineering Services (South)
Sunny Jo	IWC's Coordinator Traffic Engineering Services (North)
Christina Ip	IWC's Business Administration Officer

VISITORS

Nil.

APOLOGIES:

SC Anthony Kenny	NSW Police – Inner West Police Area Command
Sgt Charles Buttrose	NSW Police – Leichhardt Police Area Command
Maryanne Duggan	Representative for Jodi MacKay MP, Member for Strathfield

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:

Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 16 August 2021 were confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION OF MINUTES

The Local Traffic Committee recommendations of its meeting held on 16 August 2021 were adopted at Council's meeting on 14 September 2021.

EMAIL CONFIRMATION OF OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The representative for NSW Police – Inner West supported the Officer's recommendations for the items in their PAC.

The representative for NSW Police – Leichhardt supported the Officer's recommendations for the items in their PAC.

The representative for the Member for Strathfield supported the Officer's recommendations.

LTC0921(1) Item 1 Intersection of Hurlstone Avenue and Old Canterbury Road, Summer Hill –Intersection entry treatment - Design Plan 10170 (Djarrawunang-Ashfield Ward/Summer Hill Electorate/Burwood PAC)

SUMMARY

Council has finalised a design plan to upgrade the existing intersection of Hurlstone Avenue, Summer Hill by constructing kerb extensions and narrowing the road at its intersection with Old Canterbury Road. The works aim to improve pedestrian safety by narrowing the width of the road and slow and control traffic movement around the intersection.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the detailed design plan for upgraded intersection works in Hurlstone Avenue at Old Canterbury Road, Summer Hill, including new kerb extensions and entry treatment with associated signs and line markings in Hurlstone Avenue, (as per Plan No.10170) be APPROVED.

DISCUSSION

The TfNSW representative stated that a pedestrian refuge on Hurlstone Avenue can be considered later if pedestrian volumes are high enough. Clr da Cruz supported this as it would allow pedestrians to cross the street in two parts. The TfNSW representative acknowledged that a pedestrian refuge could limit the ability for two vehicles to exit Hurlstone Avenue at the same time.

TfNSW will investigate if the BB lines on Old Canterbury Road can be adjusted to align with the right turn into Hurlstone Avenue.

Council's Officer advised that due to the bus movements at the intersection that it was difficult to provide kerb blisters and a pedestrian refuge island. Narrowing the throat of the intersection would not only make the crossing distance shorter for pedestrian but also reduce exit and entry speeds into Hurlstone Avenue from Old Canterbury Road.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the detailed design plan for upgraded intersection works in Hurlstone Avenue at Old Canterbury Road, Summer Hill, including new kerb extensions and entry treatment with associated signs and line markings in Hurlstone Avenue, (as per Plan No.10170) be APPROVED.

For motion: Unanimous

LTC0921(1) Item 2 Balmain East Precinct Parking Study (Baludarri-Balmain Ward/Balmain Electorate/Leichhardt PAC)

SUMMARY

This report was previously considered by the Traffic Committee in March 2021, and Council at its meeting on 13 April 2021 resolved to defer the study pending a briefing to Balmain Ward Councillors. This has been undertaken in August 2021 and reported back for Council consideration.

This is a recommendation to endorse the final Balmain East Precinct Parking Study report. Council has recently undertaken Public Exhibition of the draft Balmain East Precinct Parking Study through YourSay Inner West. The draft report proposed several changes, including an expansion of the Resident Parking Scheme (RPS) as shown in Attachment 1. The response results indicate that the community had mixed opinions on the proposed changes, with a low support for the draft strategy proposed by Council.

After considering the Public Exhibition feedback, a review on the proposed scheme was undertaken with minor adjustments made to the proposed parking strategy. As the changes included both short term and long term strategies, this would require Council to implement the changes over a 5-10 year life cycle of the study. It is recommended that further consideration of street specific RPS other than those proposed in the report not be supported for a period of 24 months until March 2023.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT:

1. The final Balmain East Precinct Parking Study be noted;
2. In view of the feedback received from the Public Exhibition, the revised changes to parking strategy as shown in Attachment 1 be adopted, with items 1-3 to be implemented prior to July 2021 and items 4-12 to be implemented with further community engagement;
3. Further consideration of street specific resident parking scheme for the Balmain East precinct, other than those included in Attachment 1 not be supported for 24 months until March 2023; and
4. That post-implementation parking surveys be carried out after parking changes, and a review be undertaken and reported back to the Traffic Committee, if required.

DISCUSSION

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. **The final Balmain East Precinct Parking Study be noted;**
2. **In view of the feedback received from the Public Exhibition, the revised changes to parking strategy as shown in Attachment 1 be adopted, with items 1-3 to be implemented prior to July 2021 and items 4-12 to be implemented with further community engagement;**
3. **Further consideration of street specific resident parking scheme for the Balmain East precinct, other than those included in Attachment 1 not be supported for 24 months until March 2023; and**

4. That post-implementation parking surveys be carried out after parking changes, and a review be undertaken and reported back to the Traffic Committee, if required.

For motion: Unanimous

LTC0921(1) Item 3 Richmond Avenue, Ashfield – Proposed new kerb blister and entry treatment - Design Plan 10175 (Djarrawunang-Ashfield Ward/Summer Hill Electorate/Ashfield PAC)

SUMMARY

Council has finalised a design plan for streetscape improvement works in Richmond Avenue, at Henry Street, Ashfield. The proposed works will include constructing landscaped kerb blister islands to formalise the existing angle parking on entry into Richmond Avenue from Henry Street, Ashfield and will also improve pedestrian safety in the locality.

Officer's Recommendation

THAT the detailed design plan for streetscape improvement works in Richmond Avenue Including a new kerb blister and Entry treatment and associated signs and line markings in Richmond Avenue, at Henry Street, Ashfield (as per Plan No.10175) be APPROVED

DISCUSSION

The TfNSW representative advised that 'No Parking, Motor Vehicles Excepted' signs can be used if there are any issues with trailer or caravan parking.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the detailed design plan for streetscape improvement works in Richmond Avenue including a new kerb blister and Entry treatment and associated signs and line markings in Richmond Avenue, at Henry Street, Ashfield (as per Plan No.10175) be APPROVED

For motion: Unanimous

General Business

LTC0921(1) Item 4 Intersection of Victoria Road and Toelle Street, Rozelle

Cr Macri, on behalf of the Mayor, raised concerns with WestConnex widening the road at the intersection of Victoria Road and Toelle Street, Rozelle. Council Officers advised Council did not support the width of the intersection and raised concerns with conflict between pedestrians and traffic with TfNSW during the design stage. Council Officers will raise the issue again with TfNSW.

Cr da Cruz asked if this intersection is included in the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP). Council Officers stated that WestConnex construction was completed after the PAMP audits and the intersection can be considered separately or as part of a future PAMP.

LTC0921(1) Item 5 ‘No Left Turn’ from Wardell Road into Riverside Crescent, Dulwich Hill

The Mayor has asked that the justification behind the ‘No Left Turn’ restriction recently implemented in Wardell Road at Riverside Crescent, Dulwich Hill, be communicated to the community. Council Officers advised that consultation on the intersection is currently underway and results will be reported to a future LTC meeting.

Clr da Cruz asked if Wardell Road is also included in the PAMP. Council Officers advised that residents have not reported any issues with pedestrian access; however, pedestrian access in relation to the Greenway will be addressed in a separate project.

LTC0921(1) Item 6 Parking in Nelson Lane, Annandale

Cr da Cruz asked why a consultation into parking in Nelson Lane, Annandale was undertaken in response to the resident of 269 Nelson Street requesting ‘No Parking’ opposite their garage which faces Nelson Lane. Council Officers stated that the intention was to investigate access issues for the whole of Nelson Lane and implement any changes at the same time. A mixed response was received from the consultation. Council Officers will investigate expediting ‘No Parking’ restrictions for residents who have supported it.

Cr da Cruz requested that officers also investigate parking on Rose Street at the entrance to Nelson Lane.

LTC0921(1) Item 7 Request to close Northcote Street, Wolseley Street and Dobroyd Parade, Haberfield

Cr da Cruz requested that Northcote Street, Wolseley Street and Dobroyd Parade be closed to traffic after WestConnex removes the shed at the corner of Wattle Street and Parramatta Road, Haberfield. Residents are concerned that the streets will become rat-runs when the shed is removed. Council Officers will investigate.

LTC0921(1) Item 8 Request to upload road information to Google Maps

Clr da Cruz requested that cycle routes, truck weight limits of roads and crossing points along walking routes be made publicly available on Google Maps. It was noted that this information is usually uploaded by the public. Council Officers will seek advice from Council’s GIS team as they may already have data that could be used for this purpose.

LTC0921(1) Item 9 Pedestrian safety on Canal Road and Charles Street, Lilyfield

The representative for the Member for Balmain raised a request that was made at a previous LTC meeting regarding pedestrian safety on Canal Road and Charles Street, Lilyfield. The representative requested a speed hump and pedestrian crossing on Charles Street where the pram ramp is located across from the path to the Leichhardt North light rail station. Alternatively, the pram ramp could be moved north to improve visibility of pedestrians or Canal Road could be converted into a Shared Zone. Cr da Cruz also requested that the pram ramp where Canal Road and Charles Street meet is investigated to improve pedestrian access. Council Officers will investigate these matters.

Meeting closed at 10.46am.