

**Minutes of Local Traffic Committee Meeting  
Held on 15 May 2023 at Ashfield Service Centre**

**Meeting commenced at 11.08am**

**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**

Mayor Darcy Byrne	Councillor – Baludarri-Balmain Ward (Chair)
Bill Holliday	Representative for Kobi Shetty MP, Member for Balmain
Patricia Arcilla	Representative for Jenny Leong MP, Member for Newtown
Sgt Charles Buttrose	NSW Police – Leichhardt Police Area Command
Ben Walters	NSW Police – Inner West Police Area Command
Brad Malavey	NSW Police – Inner West Police Area Command
Nina Fard	Transport for NSW (TfNSW)
Jerimia Tukadra	Transport for NSW (TfNSW)
Mohammed Isfan	Transport for NSW (TfNSW)

**NON VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Colin Jones	Inner West Bicycle Coalition (IWBC)
Manod Wickramasinghe	IWC's Traffic and Transport Services Manager
George Tsaprounis	IWC's Coordinator Traffic Engineering Services (South)
Jason Scoufis	IWC's Traffic and Parking Planner
Miia Hynninen	IWC's Business Administration Officer

**VISITORS**

Elizabeth Dale	Resident - Item 3
Margaret Hoban	Resident – Item 3
Shirley Udall	Resident – Item 7
Sharon O'Connell	Resident – Item 7
Paul Corbett	Traffic Engineer Representative for Applicant – Item 7

**APOLOGIES:**

Graeme McKay	Representative for Jo Haylen MP, Member for Summer Hill
Sunny Jo	IWC's Coordinator Traffic Engineering Services (North)
Ivy Tseng	Representative for Jason Yat-sen Li MP, Member for Strathfield

**DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:**

Nil.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on Monday, 17 April 2023 were

confirmed.

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION OF MINUTES**

### **LTC0523(1) Item 1 Livingstone Road cycle way upgrades and safety improvements review – C1222(2) Item 26 (Midjuburi-Marrickville Ward/Summer Hill Electorate/Inner West LAC)**

#### **SUMMARY**

A review of Livingstone Road cycle way (Marrickville - Local Bicycle Route 3 (LR03) Frazer Park to Marrickville Road) has been undertaken and the findings of the review are detailed in this report along with recommendations for consideration in construction of any future cycleways in the Inner West.

#### **Officer's Recommendation**

That:

1. The report be received and noted.
2. The noted enhancements to the Livingstone Road Cycleway, be considered as part of Council's draft Cycling Action Plan (subject to detailed design and further consultation with affected residents at each location)

#### **DISCUSSION**

The IWBC representative supports the report and recommends that the Committee adopt these recommendations, and change the wording from noted to endorsed.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation, subject to change the above wording.

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. **The report be received and endorsed.**
2. **The noted enhancements to the Livingstone Road Cycleway, be considered as part of Council's draft Cycling Action Plan (subject to detailed design and further consultation with affected residents at each location)**

**For motion: Unanimous**

### **LTC0523(1) Item 2 The Esplanade, Ashfield - "STOP" sign and holding line (Djarrawunang - Ashfield Ward / Summer Hill Electorate / Burwood PAC)**

#### **SUMMARY**

In response to concerns raised by local residents, Council proposes to install a 'STOP' sign and associated holding line in The Esplanade at the intersection of Markham Avenue and Markham Place, Ashfield.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

That:

1. That the existing Pedestrian sign (W6-1) on the northern side of The Esplanade at the intersection of Markham Avenue and Markham Place, Ashfield be removed and replaced with a "STOP" sign facing westbound traffic;
2. That a 6.5m "STOP" holding line be installed from the western splay corner of 315 Liverpool Road towards the eastern edge of the drainage pit lintel located outside the boundary of Nos.17-20 The Esplanade and No.1 Markham Place; and
3. That the Pedestrian sign (W6-1) be relocated to the electric light pole (ASH-P02A) on the northern side outside Nos.17-20 The Esplanade, Ashfield.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. That the existing Pedestrian sign (W6-1) on the northern side of The Esplanade at the intersection of Markham Avenue and Markham Place, Ashfield be removed and replaced with a "STOP" sign facing westbound traffic;
2. That a 6.5m "STOP" holding line be installed from the western splay corner of 315 Liverpool Road towards the eastern edge of the drainage pit lintel located outside the boundary of Nos.17-20 The Esplanade and No.1 Markham Place; and
3. That the Pedestrian sign (W6-1) be relocated to the electric light pole (ASH-P02A) on the northern side outside Nos.17-20 The Esplanade, Ashfield.

**For motion:** Unanimous

**LTC0523(1) Item 3    Withecombe Street and Ellen Street, Rozelle - Proposed 'Trucks Prohibited, Over 3t GVM' restrictions (Baludarri-Balmmain Ward/ Balmmain Electorate/ Leichhardt PAC)**

### **SUMMARY**

Council has received concerns regarding trucks using Withecombe Street and Ellen Street and subsequently causing property damage in Withecombe Street and Ellen Street, Rozelle. In order to minimize damage from trucks, a 'Trucks Prohibited Over 3t GVM' restriction is proposed on Withecombe Street from Belmore Road to Victoria Road, and Ellen Street from Evans Street to Victoria Road.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

THAT:

1. The proposed 'Trucks Prohibited, Over 3t GVM' zone be approved for the entire length of Withecombe Street, and Ellen Street, Rozelle between Evans Street to Victoria Road, subject to TfNSW approval of Traffic Management Plan; and
2. The 'Trucks Prohibited, Over 3t GVM' signs be installed at Victoria Road, Evans Street, and Belmore Street as per attached signage plan.

### **DISCUSSION**

*Public speakers: Margaret Hoban and Elizabeth Dale entered at 11.38am.*

Ms Hoban supported the recommendation and raised several concerns about vehicles travelling down Withecombe Street turning against one way restrictions in Belmore Street, and queried whether the proposal stopped long vehicles turning down Withecombe Street.

Ms Dale supported the recommendation and noted concerns of trucks travelling down Withecombe Street turning against one way restrictions in Belmore Street, and safety concerns when they reverse or U-turn.

Council Officers confirmed that weight restrictions would encapsulate small and medium rigid vehicles.

*(Ms Hoban and Ms Dale left at 11.50am)*

The representative for the Member for Balmain noted that the sign is adequate and will fix the issue.

The representative for NSW Police noted that Ms Hoban and Ms Dale were not aware that delivery vehicles with a destination in the street will still be allowed to enter the street . Council Officers advised that this can be clarified with the residents and is part of the usual consultation process.

The TfNSW representative noted that the sign will not be in the Victoria Road corridor and suggested that TfNSW meet with Council to discuss signage location.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT:**

1. **The proposed 'Trucks Prohibited, Over 3t GVM' zone be approved for the entire length of Withecombe Street, and Ellen Street, Rozelle between Evans Street to Victoria Road, subject to TfNSW approval of Traffic Management Plan; and**
2. **The 'Trucks Prohibited, Over 3t GVM' signs be installed at Victoria Road, Evans Street, and Belmore Street as per attached signage plan.**

**For motion:** Unanimous

**LTC0523(1) Item 4 West Street, Petersham – Pedestrian Safety Improvement Works – raised pedestrian crossing - Design Plan 10240-A Project 303082 (DAMUN - STANMORE WARD/ NEWTOWN ELECTORATE/ INNER WEST PAC)**

### **SUMMARY**

Council has finalised a design plan for pedestrian safety improvement works in West Street,

Petersham. The proposed works will include raising the existing pedestrian (zebra) crossing which will improve pedestrian safety at this locality.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the detailed design plan for the raising of the existing pedestrian crossing and associated signs and line markings in West Street, Petersham (as per Plan No.10240-A) be approved.

### **DISCUSSION**

The IWBC representative queried if we can make the design similar to the pedestrian crossing which is situated on West Street at Station Street by incorporating an uphill bicycle lane.

Council Officers indicated that that there is sufficient width to provide an uphill bicycle lane without modifying the current design plan should it be needed. Officers, however, indicated that since the construction of the pedestrian crossing on West Street at Station Street (which has a bicycle lane treatment), Council has now developed a bicycle strategy which indicates an off-road path (along the western footpath of West Street) is to be provided rather than an on-road path.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**That the detailed design plan for the raising of the existing pedestrian crossing and associated signs and line markings in West Street, Petersham (as per Plan No.10240-A) be approved.**

**For motion:** Unanimous

**LTC0523(1) Item 5 West Street, Petersham at the intersection of The Boulevard – Pedestrian Safety Improvement Works – proposed raised pedestrian crossing - Design Plan 10241 Project 303082 (DAMUN - STANMORE WARD/ NEWTOWN ELECTORATE/ INNER WEST PAC)**

### **SUMMARY**

Council has finalised a design plan for pedestrian safety improvement works in West Street, Petersham at the intersection of The Boulevard. The proposed works will include raising the existing pedestrian (zebra) crossing along with various associated works, including landscaped kerb blisters and road resheeting, and will improve pedestrian safety in the locality.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the detailed design plan for the raising of the existing pedestrian crossing and new adjacent landscaped kerb blisters and ramps and associated signs and line markings in West Street, Petersham at the intersection of The Boulevard (as per Plan No.10241) be approved.

### **DISCUSSION**

Council Officers tabled a late submission from a resident who raised concerns with existing

'No Stopping' and 'No Parking' signage as well as a maintenance request to have trees trimmed.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**That the detailed design plan for the raising of the existing pedestrian crossing and new adjacent landscaped kerb blisters and ramps and associated signs and line markings in West Street, Petersham at the intersection of The Boulevarde (as per Plan No.10241) be approved.**

**For motion:** Unanimous

**LTC0523(1) Item 6 728-750 Princes Highway, Tempe – Bunnings – ENR1/2021/0035 Special Condition 3 – Signage and Line Marking Plans – MOD20220424 (MIDJUBURI - MARRICKVILLE WARD /HEFFRON ELECTORATE /INNER WEST PAC)**

### **SUMMARY**

Detailed signage and line marking plans for 728-750 Princes Highway, Tempe have been submitted as part of ENR1/2021/0035 approval special condition 3 prior lodgement of the 'Roadworks – Step 2 Permit to Construct'. It is recommended that the submitted plans be approved for Smith Street and no objection raised to the works along Princes Highway.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

That:

1. The detailed signage and line marking plans for the proposed Bunnings development at 728-750 Princes Highway, Tempe showing the new slip lane and upgrade of Smith Street (as per the attached Plans HD202r-11-HD25, 26 and 27) be supported subject to separate TfNSW approval for the changes to the Princes Highway and TCS design; and
2. The costs of the supply and installation of the associated signage are to be borne by the applicant in accordance with Council's Fees and Charges.

### **DISCUSSION**

It was noted that in the submitted design plans, the design does not address some of the approved treatments/concerns from the Tempe South LATM, such as;

- The width of footpath on south side of Smith Street appears to be unchanged although it was intended to be widened.
- There is a tight right turn angle from Princes Highway turning bay across 3 lanes which may result in collisions
- The median across Princes Highway should be closed at Foreman Street.
- Garden beds at the Bunnings entry/exit driveway into Smith Street (to prevent vehicle egressing into the residential street network) have not been incorporated in the plans.

The Committee members agreed to defer the proposal so that these matters can be addressed by the developer.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That the detailed signage and line marking plans for the proposed Bunnings development at 728-750 Princes Highway, Tempe showing the new slip lane and upgrade of Smith Street (as per the attached Plans HD202r-11-HD25, 26 and 27) be deferred to address the identified matters.

For motion: Unanimous

**LTC0523(1) Item 7 Fawcett Street, Balmain - Proposed 'No Parking' Restrictions (Baludarri - Balmain Ward/ Balmain Electorate/ Leichhardt PAC)**

**SUMMARY**

Council has received a request to install a 12.6m length No Parking zone adjacent to a new driveway access at 14C Jane Street, Balmain. The proposal sees the provision of adequate sight distance when manoeuvring in and out of the driveway of the proposed development.

**Officer's Recommendation**

That:

1. The installation of 'No Parking' signposting in Fawcett Street, Balmain, starting 10m from the existing 'No Parking' zone located south of the proposed driveway and extending 12.6m north, be approved subject to consultation with residents of Fawcett Street; and
2. The 'No Parking' signs be installed at the applicant's expense at no cost to Council.

**DISCUSSION**

*Public speakers: Shirley Udall and Sharon Scott entered at 11.11am.*

Ms Udall did not support the recommendation and raised several concerns and suggested that Council consider:

- The narrowness of the street causes difficulties entering/exiting driveways;
- The removal of parking spaces affects the potential for her to get a disability parking space should she require one in future; and
- The removal of multiple parking spaces takes away spots from the current residents and the area already has a huge demand for parking.

Ms Scott did not support the recommendation and raised several concerns and suggested that Council consider:

- The loss of parking for the parents from the nearby public school;
- There are safety concerns for the school children with vehicles entering/exiting the driveway and line of sight issues;
- The current demand for parking spaces in the area is high; and
- Concerns for elderly residents who will not be able to park close by their homes.

*(Ms Udall and Ms Scott left the meeting at 11.23am)*

*Public speaker: Paul Corbett entered the meeting at 11.24am.*

Mr Corbett did support the recommendation and suggested that Council consider:

- Fawcett Street is already narrow and shouldn't allow for parking at all as it leaves

vehicles movements restricted;

- The property on the immediate north of the site has a garage as well as the property to the south of the site on the eastern side; and
- On-street parking surveys were undertaken and it was noted that that there was capacity in the surrounding streets.

*(Mr Corbett left the meeting at 11.37am.)*

The Committee members agreed to defer the proposal to undertake consultation with residents.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**That the installation of ‘No Parking’ signposting in Fawcett Street, Balmain, starting 10m from the existing ‘No Parking’ zone located south of the proposed driveway and extending 12.6m north, be deferred to address the identified matters.**

**For motion:** Unanimous

### **General Business**

#### **Item 8 Request for Resident Parking Scheme in Scouller Street, Marrickville**

The Mayor tabled a request from a resident of Scouller Street, Marrickville who raised concerns about vehicles being dumped in the street due to no parking restrictions.

Mr Suttie has requested if we could introduce resident parking permits and time limits to the street. He also noted concerns for multiple properties without off street parking who rely on on street parking spaces.

Mr Suttie also raised concerns regarding an unregistered Mercedes parked outside 22 Scouller Street and a Yacht parked on the street since Christmas.

Council Officers advised that they would undertake an investigation and advise the resident of the process.

**For motion:** Unanimous

#### **Item 9 Request for update on traffic light upgrade at Alice Street corner of Edgeware Road, Newtown**

The representative for the Member for Newtown requested an update on the traffic light upgrade at Alice Street turning onto Edgeware Road, Newtown.

It was raised that at a previous meeting it was advised that this would be completed by the end of financial year.

TfNSW will investigate and report back by the end of financial year.

#### **Item 10 Citybound bus stop on Salisbury Road, Stanmore**

The representative for the Member for Newtown raised that the citybound bus stop on Salisbury Road in Stanmore, the set back of the seats causes line of sight issues specifically for people with limited mobility and elderly people can't see around the current tree line. This is causing residents to not see their bus and people are missing their buses.

The representative for Member for Newtown requested for a solution and for the trees to be trimmed.



Council Officers agreed to arrange an investigation.

Meeting closed at 12.14pm.