

Minutes of the Extraordinary Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 3 June 2024

Meeting commenced at 11:04 AM

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

Manod Wickramasinghe	IWC's Traffic and Transport Planning Manager (Chair)
Nina Fard	Transport for NSW (TfNSW)
Bill Holliday	Representative for Kobi Shetty MP, Member for Balmain

NON VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Colin Jones	Inner West Bicycle Coalition (IWBC)
Michael Takla	Transit Systems
Van Le	Transport for NSW (TfNSW)
Andrew Coggan	U-Go Mobility
George Tsaprounis	IWC's Coordinator Traffic Engineering Services (South)
Miia Hynninen	IWC's Business Administration Officer

VISITORS

Alia Karaman	Transport for NSW (TfNSW) / Sydney Metro
Imogen Marku	Transport for NSW (TfNSW) / Sydney Metro
Ahsanul Amzn	Transport for NSW (TfNSW) / Sydney Metro
Megan Parker	Transport for NSW (TfNSW) / Sydney Metro

APOLOGIES:

Eleanor Nurse	Representative for Jenny Leong MP, Member for Newtown
Mayor Darcy Byrne	Councillor – Baludarri-Balmain Ward (Chair)

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:

Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held on Monday, 20 May 2024 be confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION OF MINUTES

Nil.

LTC0624(2) Item 1 Interim East-West Pedestrian and Cycle Link (EWPCL) Proposal from Sydenham Station to Marrickville Station (Midjuburi - Marrickville Ward/Summer Hill Electorate/ Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

This report outlines proposed interim EWPCL (East West Pedestrian and Cycleway Link) between Sydenham and Marrickville and seeking approval for its implementation. This cycleway link will play an important role during the upcoming track possession of Southwest Rail Line between Sydenham and Bankstown by providing alternate options for the commuters and local community. Part of this interim EWPCL is consistent with Council's future bike strategy.

It is recommended that the proposed attached design submitted by Sydney Metro be approved subject to conditions.

Officers Recommendation:

That the following design plans for the proposed interim EWPCL (East West Pedestrian and Cycleway Link) between Sydenham and Marrickville stations submitted by Sydney Metro (Group GSA, EWPCL INTERIM CYCLEWAY DESIGN, drawings A241703 L-2101 to 2104 issue H, A241703 L-2105 to 2110 Issue I and ACOR Consultants, EWPCL INTERIM CYCLEWAY DESIGN SYDENHAM STATION TO MARRICKVILLE STATION, drawings C05-0001 to C05-0004 Issue F and C05-1000 Issue F) be approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. Sydney Metro undertaking all maintenance and management activities (including community liaison) for the duration of the interim EWPCL,
2. Any amendments and or changes to the interim EWPCL be undertaken by Sydney Metro,
3. All proposed treatments are to be constructed, installed or marked as per Council standards and/or specifications and to the satisfaction of Council.
4. Sydney Metro undertake all necessary work to implement a 40 km/h zone for the following streets/lanes (Meeks Road, Gerald Street, Sydney Lane, Maude Lane and Meeks Lane) prior to completion of the works, subject TfNSW approval.

DISCUSSION:

Public speakers: Alia Karaman, Imogen Marku, Ahsanul Amzn, and Megan Park from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) entered at 11:04am.

The Transport for NSW project team provided a summary of the Interim East-West Pedestrian and Cycle Link (EWPCL) project and an overview of the detailed design plans to the Committee. The project team tabled updated design plans indicating a revised swept path assessment and amendment to the parking spaces in Meeks Road showing spaces of 6m for middle spaces which spaces reduced to 5.4m when adjacent to a driveway/'No Parking' area.

The Inner West Bicycle Coalition representative raised concerns that the local bicycle groups were not consulted in developing the plans. The Transport for NSW representatives advised that they will consult with the bicycle groups moving forward.

The Member for Balmain representative suggested alternative routes, Southwest Metro requested that these be separately submitted for consideration.

Public speakers: Alia Karaman, Imogen Marku, Ahsanul Amzn, and Megan Park from

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) left at 11:38am.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the following design plans for the proposed interim EWPC (East West Pedestrian and Cycleway Link) between Sydenham and Marrickville stations submitted by Sydney Metro (Group GSA, EWPC INTERIM CYCLEWAY DESIGN, drawings A241703 L-2101 to 2104 issue H, A241703 L-2105 to 2110 Issue I and ACOR Consultants, EWPC INTERIM CYCLEWAY DESIGN SYDENHAM STATION TO MARRICKVILLE STATION, drawings C05-0001 to C05-0004 Issue F and C05-1000 Issue F) be approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. Sydney Metro undertaking all maintenance and management activities (including community liaison) for the duration of the interim EWPC,
2. Any amendments and or changes to the interim EWPC be undertaken by Sydney Metro,
3. All proposed treatments are to be constructed, installed or marked as per Council standards and/or specifications and to the satisfaction of Council.
4. Sydney Metro undertake all necessary work to implement a 40 km/h zone for the following streets/lanes (Meeks Road, Gerald Street, Sydney Lane, Maude Lane and Meeks Lane) prior to completion of the works, subject TfNSW approval.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0624(2) Item 2 Burrows Avenue and Railway Road, Sydenham - Proposed Bus layover and parking changes (Midjuburi - Marrickville Ward / Hebron Electorate / Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) has approached Council with regards to a proposal for the construction of a bus layover area in Burrows Avenue, west of Gleeson Avenue, Sydenham. The designated bus layover area is required at Sydenham Station to cater for the growing number of bus services in this area. Prior to picking up passengers, buses currently park along Burrows Avenue which creates congestion and safety issues for pedestrians and drivers. The bus layover area will store up to 6 buses. The existing unrestricted parking spaces (approximately 11 spaces) on the south side of Burrows Avenue (adjacent to the vacant property) and six (6) 90-degree angle parking spaces on the north side of Burrows Avenue will be lost as a result of the proposal. In response to this loss of parking it is proposed to convert the parallel parking on the east side of Railway Road to 45-degree rear to kerb parking to lessen the impact from the loss of parking because of this proposal.

Community engagement was undertaken and it began on Friday 24 November and ended on Friday 8 December 2023. Community notifications, letterbox dropped and nearby properties door knocked on Railway Road, Burrows Avenue and Wright Street were part of the consultation process.

It is recommended that Council approve the signs and line marking plan (drawing no. 520212-AURC-038-RW-DRG-002001 sheet 10 of 41).

Officers Recommendation:

That the detail design drawing for the on-road changes associated with the proposed construction of a bus layover area in Burrows Avenue, west of Gleeson Avenue, Sydenham (as per attached drawing "Sydenham Station Bus Layover Burrows Avenue and Railway Road Signs and line marking plan" by Aurecon, dated 13/2/24, drawing no. 520212-AURC-038-RW-DRG-002001, sheet 10 of 41) be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- a) TfNSW provide assurances to Council with regards to buses servicing Sydenham Station will be a quieter bus fleet with a reduced footprint in relation to exhaust fumes. TfNSW monitor the interaction between buses and vehicles along Railway Road (one way) and Burrows Road over the next 12 months and implement further traffic control measures should they be required.

DISCUSSION:

The Transport for NSW representative requested for Item 2 and Item 3 to be deferred on the basis that the proposed layover will be going to an REF for a period of 4 weeks. Once the REF has been determined, TfNSW will request that this matter be brought back to the LTC for consideration.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the Burrows Avenue and Railway Road, Sydenham - Proposed Bus layover and parking changes, be deferred.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0624(2) Item 3 Railway Road, Sydenham - Proposed changes to parking and traffic arrangements as a result of construction works (Midjumburi-Marrickville Ward / Hebron Electorate / Inner West PAC)

SUMMARY

Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) has approached Council with regards to a proposal for the construction of a bus layover area in Burrows Avenue, west of Gleeson Avenue, Sydenham. The designated bus layover area is required at Sydenham Station to cater for the growing number of bus services in this area.

It is proposed to increase parking capacity in Railway Road during construction activities to reduce the impact on residents.

Officers Recommendation:

That 45-degree rear to kerb angle parking signposted as '2P 8am-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area M4' be approved for the eastern side of Railway Road from no. 101/103 to 111/113 Railway Road in order to lessen parking impacts from construction activities.

DISCUSSION:

The Transport for NSW representative requested for Item 2 and Item 3 to be deferred on the basis that the proposed layover will be going to an REF for a period of 4 weeks. Once the REF has been determined, TfNSW will request that this matter be brought back to the LTC for consideration.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the Railway Road, Sydenham - Proposed changes to parking and traffic

arrangements as a result of construction works, be deferred.

For Motion: Unanimous

LTC0624(2) Item 4 Proposed new kerb extension facilities at intersection of Victoria Street and Clissold Street, Ashfield. (Djarrawawunang- Ashfield Ward/Summer Hill Electrate/Burwood PAC)

SUMMARY

Council at its meetings on 18 March 2024 (through its Traffic Committee 11 December 2023) approved in principle, subject to detailed design, a series of proposed pedestrian (zebra) crossings and kerb extension treatments (under concept) for improved pedestrian and road safety around and near to the Cardinal Freeman (Retirement) Village, Ashfield.

This report discusses the prepared design of the proposed treatment, i.e., provide new landscaped blister islands (kerb extension build-outs) and painted island/line marking to all corners of Victoria Street at Clissold Street. In addition, the 'STOP' lines are realigned on both approaches of Clissold Street and the raised central median islands are replaced with at-grade stenciled islands in Clissold Street. This work is programmed to be constructed in the 2024/2025 financial year.

Officers Recommendation:

THAT the detailed amended design plan (10281-A) to install new landscaped blister islands (kerb extension build-outs) and painted island/line marking to all corners of Victoria Street at Clissold Street, plus realign the 'STOP' lines on both approaches on Clissold Street and remove the raised central median islands to be replaced with road at-grade stenciled marked islands in Clissold Street as shown in Attachment 1, be approved.

DISCUSSION:

The Transport for NSW representative raised concerns with the pram ramp located on the eastern side of Victoria Street, being in close proximity to the bus zone it may affect passengers alighting from buses.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the detailed amended design plan (10281-A) to install new landscaped blister islands (kerb extension build-outs) and painted island/line marking to all corners of Victoria Street at Clissold Street, plus realign the 'STOP' lines on both approaches on Clissold Street and remove the raised central median islands to be replaced with road at-grade stenciled marked islands in Clissold Street as shown in Attachment 1, be approved, subject to further discussion with TfNSW into the final location of the kerb ramp.

For Motion: Unanimous

Meeting closed at 11.58 am.

CHAIRPERSON

Manod Wickramasinghe