



MINUTES

Traffic Advisory Local (TALC)

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Thursday 2 March 2023

at 11:00 AM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 11:04am.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

Lithgow City Council acknowledges Wiradjuri Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri nation - the original custodians of the land on which the Lithgow's communities reside. The Council also extends our respects to our neighbouring nations.

2. Present

Councillor Stephen Lesslie (Chair)
Col Sheil - Lithgow Police
Christian Bustelo - Lithgow Buslines
Jackie Barry - Transport for NSW (entered meeting at 11:07am)

Officers:

Jonathon Edgecombe - Director of Infrastructure Services
Leanne Kearney - Assets and Infrastructure Planning Manager
Kaitlin Cibulka - Minutes

Clr Lesslie welcomed Christian to his first meeting and expressed looking forward to working with him as the Lithgow Buslines representative.

3. Apologies

Nil

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the TALC Committee meeting were presented and endorsed by Council on Monday 27th March 2023.

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of be taken as read and confirmed.

6. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

7. Presentations

Nil

8. Staff Reports

8.1. Disabled Parking Request - Wallerawang and Portland

L Kearney provided an overview of the report.

It was advised that requests have been received for one (1) disabled parking zone to be installed adjacent to 50 Main Street, Wallerawang adjacent to the doctor's surgery, and the site is feasible for simple installation of a kerb ramp, signage and linemarking.

The request for a disabled parking zone adjacent to 61 Williwa Street, Portland however is not a suitable area as the height between from the street to the path is excessive, and this would require a ramp being installed that would impede on the street traffic and pose a further risk to both motorists and pedestrians. It was investigated and suggested that a disabled parking zone could be easier to install in Wolgan Street, and would be more suitable to enable easy mobility.

J Barry entered at this point of the meeting (11:07am)

C Sheil believes that adding an additional disabled parking zone on the eastern side of Wolgan Street, Portland will cause more issues if the current one is not removed in Wolgan Street, with motorists expected to park in the No Stopping zone due to lack of available parking spaces.

The Committee discussed relocation of the existing disabled parking zone that is under utilised at its current location on the western side of Wolgan Street, rather than taking up an additional space and causing illegal parking issues. The Committee agreed to the following recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council

1. Installs one (1) disabled parking zone adjacent to 50 Main Street, Wallerawang; and
2. Relocates the existing disabled parking zone in Wolgan Street, Portland from the western side adjacent to the Coronation Hotel to the eastern side, adjacent to 1 Wolgan Street, Portland

MOVED: Cr S Lesslie

SECONDED: C Sheil

CARRIED: Unanimously

8.2. Resident Parking Permit Request - Main Street, Lithgow

The Committee were advised that a request has been received from a local resident of Main Street Lithgow requesting a resident parking scheme in the Main Street, Lithgow

J Edgecombe noted that Council has resisted requests in the past as parking is a premium on Main Street. The Committee agreed, noting that this is still the case and many Main Street

properties have off street parking or options in close proximity to the CBD that provide unlimited parking for residents.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council

1. not implement a Resident Parking Scheme for residents within the Central Business District of Main Street, Lithgow; and
2. remind residents in the Central Business District that free parking is offered via a number of car parks within the Central Business District that provide unlimited parking for residents.

MOVED: C Sheil

SECONDED: Cr S Lesslie

CARRIED: Unanimously

8.3. Special Event Parking Restriction Request - Bathurst Street, Rydal

L Kearney advised the Committee that a request has been received from the Rydal Village Association not requesting a full road closure but a installing a no parking area in the Main Street of Rydal during their annual Daffodil Festivities.

An investigation has been carried out and proposed a special event parking restrictions between 9am to 5pm on the Saturday and Sunday of the two-weekend event can be implemented. If approved, this implementation would be treated as trial this year before accepting it as a more permanent restriction for future events in the township.

J Barry advised the Committee that Traffic Control Plans (TCP) are now known as Traffic Guidance Schemes (TGS), and would be required for the proposed event. J Barry suggested another option that is used for events like the Bathurst Show along the Great Western Highway is for a temporary part (shoulder only) road closure, where the shoulders of the Highway are cordoned off to prevent parking but still allows traffic flow through the area. The TGS could also include directional signage of where to park and a temporary speed reduction though the main street during these times to make it safer for pedestrians.

The Committee discussed this option and agreed it would be a good option to trial.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council

1. Approves a temporary road closure for the shoulder areas with reduce speed limit / No Stopping areas be approved for Bathurst Street, Rydal, between Stacks Road and Market Street, on 9, 10, 16 and 17 September 2023, from 9.00am to 5.00pm;
2. Requests for the temporary road closure for the shoulder areas be made annually if the 2023 implementation is successful; and
3. Works with the Rydal Village Association for responsibility of implementing the TGS for the temporary road closure; and
4. Undertakes a letterbox drop to residents/ Business advising them of the approval

MOVED: J Barry

SECONDED: C Sheil

CARRIED: Unanimously

9. General Business

LATE ITEM: PRE POLLING LOCATION AND PARKING CONCERNS

Cr S Lesslie raised that pre polling for the State Election is occurring at the Union Theatre in Bridge, Street, Lithgow this month and raised concerns about parking in this area for this period.

C Sheil also noted that court hearings are occurring most days in Lithgow due to the back log in the system and notes that this could cause limited parking and traffic congestion in the area.

The Committee were advised that a representative from the Electoral Commission completed a site inspection of the venue and did not raise any concerns regarding parking in the area. It was noted that the booking has been confirmed and that advertising for the pre poll site has commenced and it would be too late to cancel the venue booking at this point in time.

Concerns were also raised relating to the pre-poll venue only being open for one (1) week rather than two (2) weeks as in previous years, and this may cause additional traffic and parking requirements in the area.

The Committee agreed that the area already has limited parking in the area due to daily uses, and agrees that this is not the most suitable venue to cater for the expected employee / volunteer / voter parking.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council correspond with the Electoral Commission and advise of the parking concerns, suggesting that an alternative venue with off street parking be sought for future events.

MOVED: Cr S Lesslie

SECONDED: C Sheil

CARRIED: Unanimously

GENERAL BUSINESS

FOLLOW UP ON PREVIOUS ACTIONS

Cr S Lesslie enquired action will occur in relation to the implementation of the approved No Parking zone on the Great Western Highway near Hungry Jacks. It was advised that works are scheduled however resources have been diverted to higher priority works ie Wolgan Gap/ Donkey Steps access and work will occur when resources are available.

PROPOSED BUNNINGS DEVELOPMENT

Cr S Lesslie also raised a question he raised at Monday night's Council meeting in relation to traffic concerns surrounding the proposed Bunnings Development that was unable to be answered at the meeting. The concern was raised about the access road and the potential linkage between Valley Drive and Silcock Street and does the Traffic Committee have a chance to review and provide a recommendation to Council. L Kearney advised at this stage Council can only assess what has been lodged as part of the development application and advised it only relates to the access road into the proposed Bunnings development and nothing further has been lodged in relation to a connection of the proposed access road to any of the existing roads in Pottery Estate. It was advised that this will come through as part of the subdivision of the land at Pottery Estate if a potential connection is proposed.

C Sheil raised concerns about the intersection of Valley Drive / Hassans Walls Road. It was noted that the developer carried out a traffic assessment based on worst case scenario. An independent assessment was carried out by Councils Development Engineer of the area noting it was done in December during the day that include school times and the consultants data was verified as correct by Council.

PORTLAND / SUNNY CORNER BUS STOP

The Committee discussed the proposal for installation of a formal bus stop on Portland / Sunny Corner Road (adjacent to the Portland Cemetery), and were advised that a separate report will be presented to Council due to the expected costs of the project requiring a Council budget commitment. The Committee were supportive of the proposal discussed.

PORTLAND HIGH PEDESTRIAN AREA

J Barry noted that Transport for NSW have funding approved to carry out an investigation and works for the Portland CBD and requested further information and how to approach this matter with regards to community consultation and a map of the area that should be in focus. Details to be provided via email.

10. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: Thursday 6th April 2023 at 11:00am in the Committee Room

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 12:00 pm.