



# MINUTES

Traffic Advisory Local (TALC)

held at

Council Administration Centre  
Committee Room  
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Thursday 4 May 2023

at 11:00 AM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 11:00 am.

## **1. Acknowledgement of Country**

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The acting chair acknowledged Wiradjuri Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri nation - the original custodians of the land on which the Lithgow's communities reside and extended respect to our neighbouring nations.

## **2. Present**

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Cr Maree Statham	Mayor (acting chair)
Col Sheil	Lithgow Police
Jackie Barry	Transport for NSW
Christian Bustelo	Lithgow Buslines

Officers:

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

## **3. Apologies**

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Cr Stephen Lesslie

## **4. Confirmation of Minutes**

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The minutes of the TALC Committee meeting held on 2nd March 2023 were presented to the Council on 27th March 2023.

### **ACTION**

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

## **6. Declaration of Interest**

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There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

## **7. Presentations**

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Nil

## **8. Staff Reports**

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### **8.1. Traffic Management Plan - LithGlow 2023**

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L Kearney advised the committee that the traffic plan has no changes to previous years that Lithgow has been held (excluding the years affected by covid).

The committee expressed concerns for the short notice of the presentation of the traffic control plan and was requested that traffic control plans for events must be submitted with a minimum 4 weeks notice.

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It was also asked how the resident access was going to be operated and it was advised that this area will be manned station, this will be to stop others parking in the lane way.

## **ACTION / RECOMMENDATION**

### **THAT**

1. TALC endorse the Traffic Management Plan for the LithGlow 2023 event; and
2. the General Manager approve the Traffic Management Plan for the LithGlow 2021 event under delegated authority; and
3. a Section 138 of the Roads Act 1993 for a Temporary Road / Footpath Closure as detailed in the Traffic Guidance schemes provided be approved; and
4. Traffic control plans for events must be submitted to TALC with a minimum of 4 weeks' notice.

**MOVED:** J Barry

**SECONDED:** C Sheil

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

## **8.2. TALC Committee - Temporary Delegations**

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Item to be addressed in General Business as per advice from J Barry as this is covered under TALC delegation and does not require a resolution of Council.

## **8.3. TfNSW Winter Weather VMS Program**

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## **8.4. Request for Fifteen Minute Parking Zone for Lithgow Mobility Aids**

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J Edgecombe provided an overview of the report to the committee, noting that this matter was raised at the ordinary meeting of Council held on 27th March 2023 with a recommendation to install a 15 minute parking zone and a speed limit of 40km. It was advised to Council at the meeting that it would need to be brought before a TALC Committee meeting for consideration and recommendation to Council.

The committee had considered this matter at a previous meeting of TALC, however it was decided to not change the existing traffic flow / parking.

It was noted that the lane way is currently a dual traffic lane and only a width of 5 metres. There is also access to the rear of the business with dedicated disability parking 21 meters from that particular entrance.

J Edgecombe advised the committee that in the next financial year a study will be carried out on Main Street to provide impactful parking in the area.

J Barry asked if the lane way was a gazetted road which was confirmed by L Kearney. J Barry also noted that a speed limit change would need to be applied for through Transport for NSW. The committee noted that a traffic count was carried out in the lane way in 2021 over a two week period noting that the average speed in the lane way was 25km per hour agreeing that 40km speed zone would not be viable in the area.

Cr M Statham advised that has been an ongoing matter for a number of years and there needs to be considerations due to our aging population and the increase of traffic in the area.

The committee asked if the business is able to provide onsite parking. It was suggested that Council could approach the business but there are concerns with sight distance as the back of the building is on the road edge.

Other options that were suggested were:

- Changing the lane way to a one way flow of traffic coming from Bridge Street toward Eskbank Street making it consistent with the full length of the lane heading towards Woolworths. This would also alleviate the risk of sight distance issues at the intersection of Bridge Street / Laneway. This could also alleviate increased traffic as laneway is being used as a bypass to avoid the traffic lights into the Main Street.
- Changing the area to be a 10km share way (pedestrian flow on business side and traffic flow on court house side) , this would be safer than the original suggestion of a 40km zone. With share ways pedestrians get right of way and was suggested putting in the length of this section of the laneway. The committee agree there is a lot of foot traffic in the area.
- Changing the layout of the existing carpark to move disability parking closer to the business for easier access
- Installing a 15 minute parking zone if lane way was to be changed to one way. C Sheil raised concerns that with disability permits 15 minute parking spaces can be changed to an hour with this permit which may cause more issues.
- Asking corrections for space near shed area at the back of the court house. J Edgecombe advised that he has approached this suggestion previously by the grade of the area is an issue making it difficult to carry out.

J Barry advised that Council approach Transport for NSW to apply for a share way / speed zone reduction.

C Sheil raised issues with enforcing the 10km zone within the share way.

Administration noted that a 28 day public consultation period would need to be carried out, specifically consulting nearby businesses.

The committee recommended the following.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

### **THAT Council**

1. Council does not support the resolution adopted at the ordinary meeting of Council held on 27th March 2023 (NOM - Fifteen Minute Parking Zone for Lithgow Mobility Aids – (MIN 23-49 RESOLVED) due to non-compliance with Australian Standards for roads with two lane with parking, pedestrian safety and traffic logistic reasons; and
2. Carries out a public consultation for a period of 28 days to consider changing the lane way to one direction between Bridge Street through to Eskbank Street section; and
3. Applies to Transport for NSW for a shareway zone and speed reduction on the laneway; and
4. reconfigures the existing carpark to relocate mobility parking spaces closer to Lithgow mobility aids rear access.

**MOVED:** J Barry

**SECONDED:** C Bustelo

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

## **9. General Business**

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### **8.2 - TALC Committee - Temporary Delegations**

The committee were advised that Council has received notice from Transport for NSW with regards to changes to TALC delegation, with ability to approve some design function that normally would need to go through Council / Transport for NSW ie - Footpath Trading Permit, zebra and wombat crossing and traffic calming measures. It was noted that these delegations are in place until 30th June 2026.

#### **ACTION**

**THAT** Council's temporary delegations from Transport for NSW for certain traffic related works be noted

### **8.3 - TfNSW Winter Weather VMS Program**

The committee noted that Tf NSW propose to place VMS boards around the LGA , in particular to capture westbound traffic at the location near Lockyer Street.

C Sheil request additional signage for the area in particular the Hartley area. J Barry advise to request additional signage placement through TfNSW

#### **ACTION**

**THAT**

1. The Committee supports the proposed messages and message schedules for the Variable Message Sign proposed to be located on the Great Western Highway, Lithgow (west of Lockyer Street, targeting westbound travellers) as part of TfNSW's Winter Weather Ice and Snow road safety campaign between the end of June 2023 and the end of August 2023.; and
2. The Committee requests additional VMS boards to be placed in the Hartley area.

## **General Business**

Clr M Statham raised the following for investigation and action:

- Capertee Valley Association have requested a speed reduction through the valley to reduce it from 100km zone (Glen Davis / Glen Alice Roads).
- Curly Dick Road signage, constantly going missing and requested either a name change or different signage to deter vandalism.
- It was noted that larger signage is needed for the Sunny Corner / Portland and removal of the bed / breakfast sign from the intersection at the highway on the same post as signage to power station.
- Signage for the Adventure Playground has still not been installed. J Barry advised that this is with Transport for NSW and will follow this up on her end for action.

J Barry asked about the consultation progress of the Portland High Pedestrian Area. L Kearney advised that a report will be brought to TALC to recommend the consultation period. J Barry requested an that this be completed before 30 June 2023.

C Bustelo requested an investigation to occur with relation to parking arrangements near bus zones, particularly in Portland and Wallerawang areas. L Kearney requested C Bustelo send a list of area specifics ones, but will investigate all areas.

## **10. Meeting Close**

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Next Meeting: Thursday 1st June 2023 at 11:00am in the Committee Room

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11:55 am.