



MINUTES

Traffic Advisory Local (TALC)

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Thursday 1 June 2023

at 11:00 AM

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

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.

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2. Present

Councillor Stephen Lesslie - Chair
Col Sheil - Lithgow Police
Christian Bustelo - Lithgow Buslines
Jackie Barry - Transport for NSW (via teams)

Officers:

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

3. Apologies

Nil

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the TALC Committee meeting held on 4th May 2023 were presented to the Council on 22 May 2023.

ACTION

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

6. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

7. Presentations

Nil

8. Staff Reports

8.1. Proposed High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) - Portland

J Barry provided an overview of the proposed project noting that Transport for NSW are supporting Council as much as possible to have a suitable high pedestrian activity area in Portland CBD. Depending on the environment, lower speeds are safer and it is also about creating an environment for the community of the Main Street for the area to be safe for all road users. It is a suitability for it rather than a need. Introducing them more for pedestrians and the community. If Council doesn't support, then TfNSW does not proceed.

Cr S Lesslie requested the crash / accident statistics in this area. It was noted that a crash map can be provided by TfNSW however this project is not based on crash statistics but change of time with safety. It is more about being proactive and lessen the risk in the future with community growth.

Cr S Lesslie asked if Main Street Lithgow is classed as High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA). It was confirmed that Main Street Lithgow has been established as a HPAA from the Commercial Hotel up to the top end of Main Street. It was requested that more signage may need to be installed.

Cr S Lesslie also asked about gateway entrances to these areas ie raised roadways designed for lower traffic movement. J Barry advised that with gateway entrances it goes by the local areas. When the roll out commences in 2014 traffic calming was required at the beginning of the areas. Generally, now most areas have signage and blistering throughout the areas. TfNSW will work with Council to install the most appropriate traffic calming for the area. It was noted that Williwa Street is a heavy vehicle route there would be an issue with raised road surfaced and speed humps which may cause noise complaints. J Barry advised that whilst this plan will be displayed to the public TfNSW can be flexible and can make changes for Council to consider / support.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. the proposed 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area in the Portland Central Business District be placed on public exhibition period for twenty eight (28) days; and
2. A report of all relevant submissions be presented to the next subsequent Traffic Advisory Local Committee meeting for determination and recommendation to Council.

MOVED: J Barry

SECONDED: C Sheil

CARRIED: Unanimously

8.2. LATE REPORT - BMGS CHARITY WALK

The committee reviewed the report presented. It was noted that the event is scheduled to be held on the Bathurst Race weekend with traffic expected to be heavier than usual. It was also suggested that they should be referred to update the NSW Police based on advice.

L Kearney advised that each year their traffic management plans have improved with the advice provided by the committee and NSW Police.

It was addressed that in their risk management that pedestrian being struck by a vehicle is unlikely however it should be noted as catastrophic.

The TGS is a rolling one with signage rolling with the group.
The committee request further clarification on the following:

- Spacing between lead vehicle and rear vehicles
- If they are affecting traffic in any way, are they walking in the actual road surface or on the verges.
- How are the roving vehicle communicating and what do they mean by roving?
- How do they intend to slow vehicles down that do pass the walking groups
- Are travellers expected to pass around over 200 students in one group or are they travelling in smaller groups.

It is presumed that the Blue Mountains Council TALC are consistent with this. It was discussed that in the Blue Mountains area students would be walking along a footpath with no effect on traffic, whereas in the Lithgow LGA they will be walking on the road and / or alongside it where possible.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council support of Blue Mountains Grammar School (BMGS) Annual 45km Charity Walk through roads within the Kanimbla Valley, on Saturday, 7th October 2023, subject on successfully clarification of risk ,slow vehicle and requirement of TGS and approval through police and BMCC.

MOVED: Cr S Lesslie

SECONDED: C Sheil

CARRIED: Unanimously

9. General Business

9.1. GB - Thompsons Creek Road, Pipers Flat - Speed Zone Review

*Disclaimer - this is not a delegated function of Council, and this item is to be noted only.

The committee agreed with the outcome with no further discussion.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council support the reduction in speed from 100km/h to 80km/h on Thompson's Creek Road, between Range Road and Pipers Flat Road, Portland

MOVED: J Barry

SECONDED: C Sheil

CARRIED: Unanimously

9.2. GB - Crossing Request - Main Street, Wallerawang

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The committee were advised that the request came from a local pre-school who take students across the Main Street in Wallerawang for educational purposes.

The administration has carried out initial investigation to determine which implementation of pedestrian safety can be installed in the area. As the area is a heavy vehicle route a pedestrian refuge would not fit within the road width. It was discussed that a striped crossing would not be preferred as it's such a long stretch of road that it would not be used.

The committee discussed that a feasibility study would need to be carried out to confirm the most appropriate way for everyone to safely cross the street.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council investigate the feasibility and community support for installing a marked crossing in Main Street, between Black Bridge and 72 Main Street, Wallerawang

MOVED: C Sheil

SECONDED: Cr S Lesslie

CARRIED: Unanimously

General Business

L Kearney advised that the request for additional Variable Message Boards for the Hartley area was put forward by was declined due to budget constraints however was taken on board to be considered for future projects. It was also noted the approved Variable message boards will be installed in allocated areas in the coming week.

10. Meeting Close

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

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11:44 am.