



MINUTES

Traffic Advisory Local (TALC)

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Thursday 2 November 2023

at 11:00 AM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 11:03 am.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

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

2. Present

Councillor Stephen Lesslie	Chair
Jackie Barry	Transport for NSW
Col Sheil	Lithgow Police

Officers:

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

3. Apologies

Christian Bustelo Lithgow Buslines

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the TALC Committee held on 7th September 2023 were presented to the Council on 25th September 2023.

ACTION

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

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

The Chair called for any matters arising from previous minutes.

No matters were raised.

6. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

7. Presentations

Nil

8. Staff Reports

8.1. Academy Street / Methven Street, Lithgow - Traffic Island Issues

Cr S Lesslie advised that he has raised this matter on behalf of a resident.

The committee were informed that an investigation has taken place of the area noting there was no crash history for the area, meaning no formal reports had been made to authorities. However, based on the amount of time the signage has been repaired or replaced has given indication that accidents have happened. The last time the sign was damaged it was resolved by raising the sign to a higher point hoping that vehicles would be unable to clip it. To this date there has been no further damage to the signage.

Cr S Lesslie suggested that turning from Methven Street into Academy Street there may be an optical illusion causing motorists to misjudge the turn therefore clipping the signage. It was suggested that the Keep Left signage be angled, and possible line marking to show the swept path. It was advised that line marking has recently occurred along Methven Street, this should prevent motorists from cutting corners.

The committee agreed further investigation needs to occur.

ACTION

THAT this matter be deferred for further investigation and reported back to a future meeting.

MOVED: Cr S Lesslie

SECONDED: C Sheil

CARRIED

8.2. Safety Concerns - Jenolan Caves Road / Lowther Siding Road Intersection, Hampton

It was reported that this matter was raised from a local bus driver who uses this route to collect and drop off school children advising of the concerns with:

- Sight Distance, particular in foggy weather
- Near misses on the intersection
- Speeding Issues / Speed Zone in the area
- Overgrown vegetation around the bus stop.

An investigation has taken place noting that the bus shelter was not a Council asset but unable to determine who holds the ownership.

J Barry advised that this matter would need to be referred to Transport for NSW for investigation as it relates to a state road.

ACTION

THAT This matter be referred to Transport for NSW for investigation and/ or action.

MOVED: J Barry

SECONDED: Cr S Lesslie

CARRIED

8.3. No Stopping Zone - Clarence Pirie Park, Capertee

The committee were advised that this request came from Council Environmental Team on behalf of the garbage contractor, that are having issues with garbage collection in this location due to cars parking in front of the waste collection point, particularly during busy periods.

The committee discussed signage options suggesting time zone on certain days.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT a “No Stopping” zone with appropriate time restrictions be installed on the western side of the Clarence Pirie Park Car Park, from the start of the permanent bins for a length of 40 meters north toward Castlereagh Highway, Capertee to prevent obstructions to emptying of waste bins.

MOVED: Cr S Lesslie

SECONDED: Cr C Sheil

CARRIED

8.4. Public Toilet Signage - Castlereagh Highway, Cullen Bullen

The committee were provided an overview of the report noting that this request was made from the local progress association that more signage is required in the area as travelers are not finding the public toilets in the township rather, they turn up at the Cullen Bullen Hall and their facilities aren't always opened.

This item was discussed and was also requested by J Barry that this matter be referred to Transport for NSW to provide a sign design for installation.

ACTION

THAT this matter is referred to Transport for NSW for improved directional signage for public toilets be installed at the intersection of Carson Siding Road and the Castlereagh Highway, and Carson Siding Road and McCann Way at Cullen Bullen.

MOVED: J Barry

SECONDED: C Sheil

CARRIED

9. General Business

9.1. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Border 2 Beach Race Across Australia – Council has received notification from the organisers that the Border2Beach Race Across Australia event that was planned to be held between 21 September 2023 and 2 October 2023, aiming to raise \$120,000 for the Burns Unit of the Children's Hospital, Westmead was cancelled due to an injury sustained by Rob Mason (event presented to TALC on 6 July 2023). The organisers will look at conducting the event again in 2024.
2. The Tour De Cure Bike Ride event due to occur on 6th November through that LGA have provided their Police Approval as per the request at the TALC Committee meeting held on 7th September 2023.

General Business

C Bustello emailed through the following items for discussion:

- La Salle - Bus Stop and Potential Traffic Lights:

It was raised in the correspondence that the area is a hot spot for near misses at the intersection of the Great Western Highway and Rabaul Street.

This is due to almost all school buses doing a loop in and out of La Salle.

A few months back, I met with the School Principal and he alluded to building a fence around the school and taking away access for people to board buses at the school grounds.

The very day that happens, I predict some serious safety issues to address around moving buses across that intersection. Buses crawl across the highway with oncoming traffic on GWH going well over 70km p/h.

At this stage, I will also be looking at suggesting two things:

- *two new bus stops on either side of the Great Western Hwy.*
- *&, consideration for a traffic light, Cnr Great Western Hwy and Rabaul St.*

The Committee discussed this matter, noting that traffic lights for this area will not be approved as there are plans to have Traffic Lights installed further up the road at the Col Drewe Drive /Great Western Highway Intersection. It was suggested that a joint meeting occur between Council, Lithgow Buslines, the School and Transport for NSW to discuss options and bring back a recommendation for TALC for consideration.

Traffic Light Sequence - Bridge Street Lithgow

Council is in receipt of a request from a local resident in relation to traffic light timings and crossings at the Bridge Street/ Mort Street Intersection.

It was discussed that the resident was referred by Transport NSW to Council for a resolution, however Council has always referred to Transport for NSW.

J Barry advised that this is a matter for Transport for NSW and advise that this also be referred for investigation.

10. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: Thursday 7th December 2023 at 11:00am in the Committee Room

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11:42 pm.