



# DRAFT MINUTES

Traffic Advisory Local (TALC)

held at

Council Administration Centre  
Committee Room  
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Thursday 1 February 2024

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 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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| Councillor Stephen Lesslie | Chair             |
| Warren De Mol              | Lithgow Police    |
| Jackie Barry               | Transport for NSW |
| Monica Lee                 | Transport for NSW |
| Chris Bustelo              | Lithgow Buslines  |

Officers:

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| Jonathon Edgecombe | Director Infrastructure & Economy |
| Kaitlin Cibulka    | Minutes                           |

## 3. Apologies

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| Leanne Kearney | Assets and Infrastructure Planning Manager |
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## 4. Confirmation of Minutes

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### ACTION

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

**MOVED:** Cr S Lesslie

**SECONDED:** J Barry

## 6. Declaration of Interest

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There were no declarations of interest made.

## 7. Presentations

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Nil

## 8. Staff Reports

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### 8.1. Parking Issues - Second Street, Lithgow

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The committee reviewed this matter, it was noted that historically the Council has resisted the installation of no parking zones, particularly in narrow residential streets, as it creates a precedent that will be difficult to control.

C Bustelo advised that Buses are experiencing issues in East Street via the regular route, having to reverse into an intersection due to parked cars blocking the flow of traffic in the street. W De Mol advised that this matter can be referred to the Police to attend the area and issue fines for blocking the flow of traffic.

Cr S Lesslie suggested that the recommendation be amended to include surrounding streets such as East & Third Street (South Bowenfels Precinct).

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. All property owners in Second Street, Third Street and East Street, Lithgow be issued with a request to be considerate of their neighbours, and refrain from parking opposite driveway entrances to allow safe entry and exit; and
2. Council provide a follow up report to Traffic Authority Local Committee in six (6) months' time, for consideration of a No Parking zone on both sides of Second Street to prevent any future parking and access issues (if required).

**MOVED:** C Bustelo

**SECONDED:** Cr S Lesslie

**CARRIED**

### 8.2. Main Street Lane, Lithgow - Proposed Changed Traffic Conditions - Community Consultation

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The Committee reviewed the report noting the narrow lane way and the sight distance issues at the intersection of the lane with Bridge Street.

Cr S Lesslie expressed that he was against the proposal for a variety of reasons, including no history of reported traffic accidents in the vicinity. It was also requested if there was any data of accidents occurring at the Bridge Street Intersection. J Edgecombe advised that this will be investigated and provided. Cr S Lesslie also is concerned of raising the expectations of the community consultation for then nothing to happen.

W De Mol suggested bringing the stop sign forward before the path at the Bridge Street Intersection and to proceed with caution with a possible raised pedestrian refuge to reinforce the crossing.

#### ACTION

THAT the Committee note the planned community consultation for proposed changed traffic conditions (One Way Traffic Flow and Shared Zone) in Main Street Lane, between Bridge Street and Eskbank Street, Lithgow, with a further report to be present to the Committee after the consultation period closes.

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**MOVED:** J Barry

**SECONDED:** W De Mol

**CARRIED**

For: W De Mol, J Barry, C Bustelo

Against: Cr S Lesslie

### **8.3. TfNSW 2024 Winter Weather Campaign**

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It was noted that this campaign was also rolled out in the area last year. The committee did not raise any issues and the recommendation below was accepted.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council note the proposed installation of a Variable Message Sign by Transport for NSW on the Great Western Highway, Lithgow (near the Lockyer Street Intersection) for use during the 2024 Winter Weather Ice and Snow multi-tiered campaign between June and August 2024

**MOVED:** Cr S Lesslie

**SECONDED:** J Barry

**CARRIED**

## **9. General Business**

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Cr S Lesslie requested a follow up on the installation of signage for Truck Parking along the Great Western Highway that was adopted at a previous meeting. The administration confirmed that works are scheduled to occur alongside other approved works. A date for this work will be provided by memorandum to the committee.

W De Mol advised that there are no speed limit signs along Oakey Forest Road Marrangaroo. There has been many complaints regarding excessive speeding along this road however there is no signage apart from the Truck Speed limit signage. J Barry requested that this matter be referred to Transport for NSW for action / authorisation for signage to be installed.

W De Mol asked if line marking was proposed to be completed along Coerwull Road to the Railway Crossing. It was advised that this matter will be referred to Council's Transport Manager for action.

C Bustelo raised a matter of a gate that has been recently installed at La Salle Academy on the service road into the school, this raises concern for potential accidents occurring with the future backlog of buses onto the Great Western Highway should that gate not be opened. Whilst it has been raised an number of time that the road surface is in need of repair, Council advised that this service road is not a public road asset. The committee discussed that a meeting needs to be held between Lithgow Buslines, Council, La Salle , The Education Department and Representatives from Transport for NSW within School Safety Division to resolve this matter.

J Barry raised that last year Transport for NSW have the capacity to fund an investigation to extend the High Pedestrian Area (HPA) in the Lithgow Main Street (Between Lithgow Street and Queen Elizabeth Park) and wanted to know if there was still an interest of having this investigation to occur. J Edgecombe expressed interest of this investigation to occur.

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## **10. Meeting Close**

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

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11:43am.