



MINUTES

Traffic Advisory Local (TALC)

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Thursday 3 April 2025

at 11:00 AM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 11:02am.

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

Deputy Mayor Steve Ring	Chair
Councillor Elizabeth Fredericks	
Jason Marks	Sergeant
Jackie Barry	Transport for NSW

Officers:

Leanne Kearney	Asset and Infrastructure Planning Manager
Peter Fisher	Team Leader - Projects
Penny Way	Minutes

3. Apologies

Chris Bustelo	Lithgow Buslines
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Officers:

Jonathon Edgecombe	Director Infrastructure and Economy
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4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the TALC Committee held on the 6th February 2025 were presented to the Council on 24th February 2025

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 6th February 2025 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Cr E Fredericks

SECONDED: J Barry

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

The Chair called for any matters arising from previous minutes.

The Assets and Infrastructure Planning Manager provided a brief update on the following items:

Accessible Parking Relocation Request – Main Street, Lithgow The concrete has been laid for the bin relocation, and the removal and reinstallation of line markings and signage is expected to be completed within the next two weeks.

Short Street Investigation

1. A meeting is scheduled for 7th April with representatives from Council, the local schools, and

representatives from Department of Education will be in attendance. Cr Fredericks requested an invite to the meeting

2025 Variety Adventure

2. The process for notifying NSW Police for consultation on such events was discussed. Sgt Marks proposed that, moving forward, local NSW Police representatives be Carbon Copied in email requests for approval to ensure they can provide feedback, acknowledge the event, and stay informed. Sgt Marks will provide the Assets and Infrastructure Planning Manager with a list of email recipients.

Bus Zones

3. Investigations are still ongoing.

6. Declaration of Interest

NIL

7. Presentations

NIL

8. Staff Reports

8.1. KIRKLAND LINK / HASSANS WALLS ROAD, LITHGOW - INTERSECTION ISSUES

Report by Leanne Kearney – Assets & Infrastructure Planning Manager

The Assets and Infrastructure Planning Manager highlighted key points in the report. A subsequent discussion addressed several important items, including:

- Line marking
- Traffic flow, volume and direction
- Traffic responsibilities associated with the Bunnings Development Application (DA)
- Utilising part of the verge/vacant land adjoining the shopping centre car park to widen the road
- Near misses and accidents
- The creation of a dedicated traffic lane
- Seeking guidance from an independent traffic consultancy

It was noted the cost of an independent Traffic Consultant to be around \$12,000

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

- Council engages a traffic consultant to prepare a traffic report on Valley Drive / Kirkland Link
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intersection and Lithgow Street / Kirkland Link intersection. The report will outline various options for the Committee to evaluate and determine the best course of action.

- Council will undertake reline marking in the interim

MOVED: Cr E Fredericks

SECONDED: Sgt J Marks

CARRIED

8.2. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING REQUEST - BENT STREET, LITHGOW

Report by Leanne Kearney – Assets & Infrastructure Planning Manager

The Assets and Infrastructure Planning Manager highlighted the parameters of the request and concerns regarding school crossings. Discussions followed, covering the following key points:

- **Importance of School Crossing Flags:** The school crossing flags should be used to create a child crossing, regardless of whether a crossing supervisor is in attendance. Teachers are able to place the flags.
- **Teacher Involvement:** Teachers can place the flags during school hours to help ensure safety.
- **Reliability of Supervisors:** There was discussion around the reliability of crossing supervisors in their attendance.
- **Pedestrian Crossing Considerations:** The potential creation of a permanent pedestrian crossing was considered, noting that it would be costly and would require compliant street lighting. A raised wombat crossing was also discussed, though it comes with additional maintenance requirements.
- **Community Education:** There is a need for educational initiatives to raise awareness about different types of crossings and the associated road rules.
- **High Traffic Area:** The area in question experiences high traffic volume, particularly during school drop-off and pick-up times.
- **Recruitment of Crossing Supervisors:** The need to recruit additional and reliable crossing supervisors to ensure safe crossings during busy school times was highlighted. Retired persons being a good option for recruitment by TfNSW

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

Council liaise with the schools to ensure school crossing flags are placed to activate a school crossing and provide information stating the road rules that can be shared with families by the school/Transport for NSW will look at employing additional crossing supervisors The issue be revisited in the future should the actions not resolve the issues

MOVED: J Barry

SECONDED: Cr E Fredericks

CARRIED

8.3. REQUEST FOR PARKING RESTRICTIONS - LEE STREET, LITHGOW

Report by Leanne Kearney – Assets & Infrastructure Planning Manager

The Committee discussed the request, weighing the impact versus the benefit to the local community and patrons, considering the short timeframe for which the requested change would be utilised and acknowledging the Council's inability to enforce the recommended change.

After careful consideration, the Committee concluded that the request would not provide sufficient benefit and fell outside the Council's ability to monitor effectively. Therefore, it was agreed that the request would be declined. It was suggested that Council could meet with the customer to discuss alternative ideas.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the restricted parking zones in Lee Street, Lithgow be declined.

MOVED: Cr S Ring

SECONDED: Sgt J Marks

CARRIED

8.4. DA022/18 MAGPIE HOLLOW ROAD SUBDIVISION INTERSECTION WORKS

Report by Leanne Kearney – Assets & Infrastructure Planning Manager

The subdivision intersection works were discussed. Visuals including maps and plans were displayed for the committee showing the works that will be carried out. It was suggested that there be an addition of a roundabout, however discussion highlighted this would not be a practical addition. Furthermore, the impact to the exit to the highway in the future and the possible future implications for traffic in the Littleton area were noted

It was determined that the work is compliant and the works be approved.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council approve the No Stopping and Give way signage in addition to compliant line marking that is proposed to be installed as part of the intersection works for DA022/18 on Magpie Hollow Road, South Bowenfels.

9. General Business

Concerns have been raised regarding pedestrian safety along the Great Western Highway, particularly in relation to crossing the road in the urban areas of Lithgow with recent two (2) fatalities.

The following points were discussed:

- The speed limit and the potential blocking of the median.
 - Coordination with all relevant agencies to address the issue.
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- The distance between pedestrian signal crossings and whether it's reasonable.
- Whether the median is intended to function as a refuge for pedestrians.
- The removal of trees and potential time restrictions for maintenance work impacting visibility.
- The need to direct pedestrians to safe spaces, with considerations for signage, light poles located among trees, and trimming of trees.

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is aware of the concerns and is currently reviewing the situation.

The larger sections of the road have been designed intentionally, though there is some uncertainty surrounding their current effectiveness. Traffic has increased significantly, particularly due to housing developments in the area.

After fatalities, TfNSW conducts investigations and will provide a report to Council. These reports typically cover factors such as lighting, line markings, weather conditions, and road conditions.

Additionally, there is a proposal to adjust the pedestrian light timings near the the Bayonet Street intersection, allowing pedestrians to cross in a single interval, rather than waiting on the median. Council will contact TfNSW to request if this change can be made.

Peter Fisher was introduced to the Committee as he will be acting in the role of Assets and Infrastructure Planning Manager for the next 2 meetings.

10. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: 1st May 2025 in the Committee Room.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 12:30pm