



MINUTES

Traffic Advisory Local (TALC)

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Thursday 21 August 2025

at 11:00 AM

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

1. Acknowledgement of Country

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

Cr Steve Ring - Councillor (Entered @ 11:31am)
Nathan Murphy - Transport for NSW
Abby Hollands - Lithgow Police

Officers:

Leanne Kearney - Assets and Infrastructure Planning Manager (Acting Chair)
Kaitlin Cibulka - Minutes
Leah Stubbs - Minutes Observer

3. Apologies

Cr E Fredericks - Councillor
Jackie Barry - Transport for NSW
Chris Bustelo - Lithgow Buslines
Jonathon Edgecombe - Director Infrastructure & Project Delivery

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the TALC Committee held on 1st May 2025 were presented to the Council on 26th May 2025.

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st May 2025 be noted.

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. Delegated Functions Reports

8.1. LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REFORMS AND UPDATED DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL

The Committee were advised that there are changes being made to the administration functions under the Act reform. The Committee shall now be known as the Local Transport Forum and only certain items that are required to be tabled. L Kearney provided further advice on proposed changes and that changes will be officially made to the Committee when the new terms of references are issued by Transport for NSW.

N Murphy advised that Lithgow already fits into the new guidelines, noting that this gives more flexibility to what is tabled and discussed. The focus will be more around Transport (ie trains/ buses etc) not only traffic matters. Council has a bit more functionality not needing to bring matters to the Committee, however, they will need to report actions after the fact.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council adopt the reforms to Transport for NSW delegations to Council, including the reforms to Local Traffic Committee's; and
2. TfNSW template Terms of Reference for Council's Local Transport Forum (formerly Traffic Advisory Local Committee) be presented to the Committee (when available) for discussion and review, with any amendments to reflect the new delegations and reforms.

MOVED: N Murphy

SECONDED: A Hollands

CARRIED

8.2. NO PARKING ZONE REQUEST – HIGH STREET, LITHGOW

The Committee reviewed the report with the proposed changes with no objections raised. N Murphy did note however to extend signage around the corner.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT "No Parking" zones be installed on both sides of High Street, between Mort Street and Johnson Street, Lithgow.

MOVED: N Murphy

SECONDED: A Holland

CARRIED

8.3. NO PARKING ZONE REQUEST – STEWART STREET, LITHGOW

The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed changes with no objections.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. a “No Parking” zone to be installed on the continuous side of Stewart Street / Page Street intersection, for a total of 35 metres (lining up with the 10 metre No Parking zones on the opposite side of the street); and
2. Council reiterate the existing restriction of not parking within 10 metres of any intersection by installing “No “Parking” signs in Stewart Street, either side of the Page Street intersection (currently not signposted).

MOVED: A Holland

SECONDED: N Murphy

CARRIED

9. Council Traffic Reports

9.1. BLANCHARD LANE, LITHGOW - REQUEST FOR ANGLED PARKING

It was advised that an investigation of the request was carried out for angled parking in Blanchard Lane, however it was determined that it is not possible in this area as it would negatively impact traffic flow.

The Committee discussed adding additional line marking in the area.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. The current parallel parking in Blanchard Lane remain as is; and
2. A second accessible parking space be approved in Blanchard Lane, Lithgow be approved (upon discussion with Red Cross)

MOVED: A Hollands

SECONDED: N Murphy

CARRIED

9.2. BUS ZONE ISSUES - WILLIWA STREET, PORTLAND

It was noted that whilst this is not a designated bus zone the laws still apply. The Committee agreed that the zone should be formalised as the residents and business have rear lane access / off street parking.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Bus Zone signage be installed to reflect the restriction on parking 20 metres before and 10 metres after both bus stops in Williwa Street, Portland (between Lett Street and Wolgan Street)
2. Council forward correspondence to the resident / businesses in Williwa Street, between Lett Street and Wolgan Street, Portland advising of the restrictions and requirement for valuable public transport usage.

MOVED: N Murphy

SECONDED: A Hollands

CARRIED

9.3. BMGS CHARITY WALK

The event plans were reviewed, noting that this event has been approved in previous years with no issues. The Applicant is compliant from a Council point of view. There were no objections from the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Blue Mountains Grammar School Charity Walk event scheduled for Saturday 11th October 2025 be approved as submitted

MOVED: A Hollands

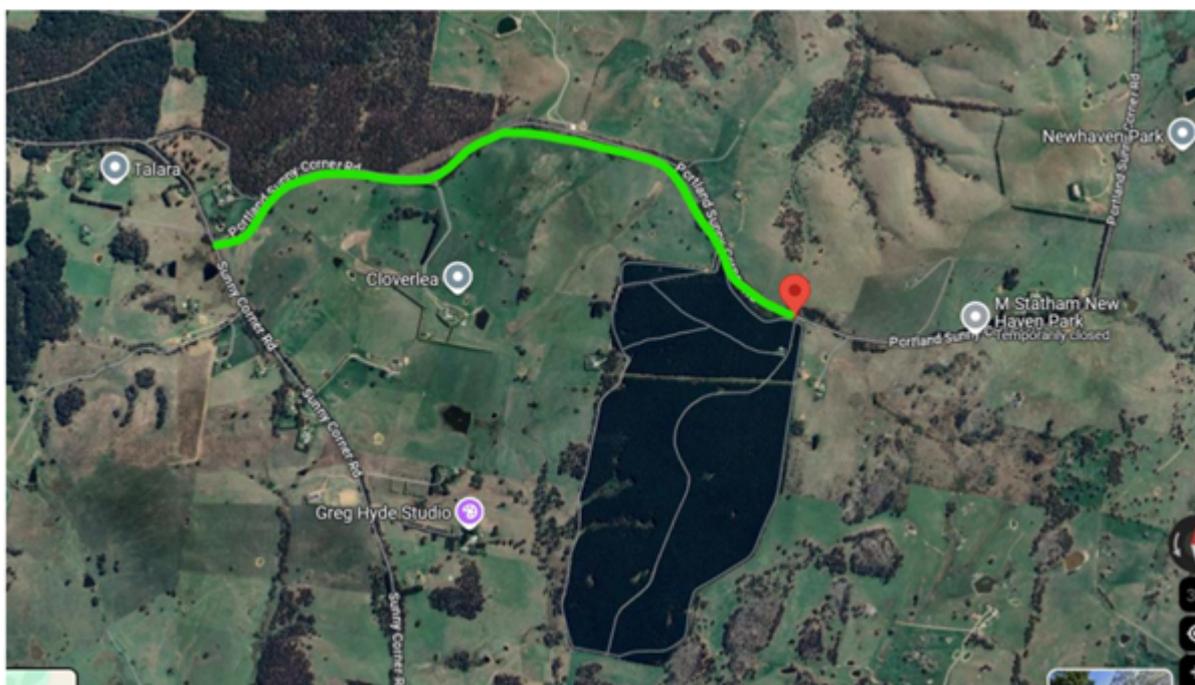
SECONDED: N Murphy

CARRIED

10. General Business

TALC General business Items

1. Forestry Corporation of NSW will be carrying out intersection improvements at one of the entrances to their Fairview plantation near Sunny Corner in April 2026. Harvesting is expected to be conducted over a six (6) month period. FCNSW have met with Council's Transport Manager, with Council planning to undertake preliminary earthworks to develop the access to Portland / Sunny Corner Road. Council will be using existing internal resources to form and seal the proposed access, from the existing road edge to the property boundary line to protect Council's road and drainage assets. As per standard operating procedures, a dilapidation report on the road as well as National Heavy Vehicle Regulation approvals will be obtained prior to works commencing



2. Follow up on Speed and Safety Review of Jenolan Caves Road, Good Forest – Council has received further complaints regarding the safety of road users turning into / out of property driveways, as well as no safe parking area to pick up / drop off kids at the bus shelter on the corner of Jenolan Caves Road / Marsden Swamp Road. At a previous TALC, TfNSW were going to conduct an audit of the road, and N Murphy advised that the investigation is still in progress.
3. Clr Goodwin has been asked by a resident of Marrangaroo Fields Estate if Council could look at a large roundabout at the intersection of the Estate and the Great Western Highway or some type of traffic calming measure because the intersection is too dangerous. Clr Goodwin did explain that there is no appetite to reduce the speed on the Great Western Highway and it's not a Council road, however, would like it mentioned at TALC. For the Committee's information, difficulties with access in and out of Marrangaroo Fields Estate at this intersection has previously been discussed by TALC (a number of years ago), so there isn't a need for it to be revisited again. As a result of

these previous TALC discussions, Council has made representations to Transport for NSW requesting a number of safety improvements, including reduction in speed zones and signalised intersections. Most recently, Council’s management team have met with Transport for NSW representatives and the Minister for Roads, Jenny Aitchison MP when she was in the area in April this year, and toured the section of Highway in question. Whilst there have been some bureaucratic complexities with any changes to this section of Great Western Highway in the past, after the Ministers visit, there are plans being made to address some of these challenges, and will most likely result in some positive changes in this area in the future. Currently, Council is advocating for Transport for NSW to undertake a full study of the Great Western Highway between the edge of the urban area (just west of Lockyer Street) and the intersection with the Castlereagh Highway (top of Tunnel Hill), with the hope of making a commitment for funding and progress of actions identified from the study. This study area includes the intersections with Coerwull Road, Girraween Drive, Oakey Forest Road, Reserve Road, Lithgow Correctional Centre Entrance and Hughes Lane, as there are issues of varying degrees at all of these intersections. Council will continue to closely liaise with Transport for NSW for improvements within this zone, and ensure that the satisfactory resolution of this request is continued to be a priority for our Local Government Area

4. Traffic counts in Rabaul Street and Amiens Street, Lithgow have been completed with the results forwarded to NSW Police for information and appropriate action. A summary of the results are shown in the table below:

Location	85 th Percentile Speed (km/h)	Minimum Speed	Mean Speed	Maximum Speed
16 Rabaul Street	52.56	44.8	10.0	116.8
47 Rabaul Street	43.02	10.1	36.0	72.8
36 Amiens Street	38.88	12.6	34.8	52.1

5. Council’s Transport Manager has advised that Coerwull Road, Lithgow is scheduled to have resurfacing and drainage improvement works undertaken as part of the 2025 / 2026 Capital Works Program.

Speed Reviews

N Murphy provided an update on the current speed reviews being assessed by Transport for NSW

- Portland / Cullen Bullen Road and Range Road are in the final stages of the review.
- Prioritising old reviews such as Portland to Meadow Flat Road ie reducing the pocket zones.
- Currently in the process of reviewing the Rydal Road, Wallerawang with consultation currently in progress.

It was noted that signage changes will be required , however Council limited staffing resources. N Murphy advised that Council can request a third party to complete the installation via Transport for NSW.

Cr S Ring entered the meeting at this point (time: 11:31am)

Signage Request

Cr S Ring raised that there is a family in Hassans Walls Road that have a child with special needs. There is safety concerns as this child tends to approach the road when waiting for transport. It was asked if this matter could be investigated and any assistance provided to improve safety.

11. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd October 2025 at 11:00am in the Committee Room

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11:39am.