



MINUTES

Local Transport Forum (LTF)

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Thursday 4 June 2026

at 11:00 AM

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

1. Acknowledgement of Country

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

Cr Steven Ring (Chair)
Cr Elizabeth Fredericks
Jackie Barry - Transport for NSW
Shane Milne - Lithgow Police
Michelle Clemence - Lithgow Buslines

Officers:

Leanne Kearney - Assets and Infrastructure Planning Manager
Kaitlin Cibulka - Minutes

3. Apologies

Richard Jane – Interim Director Infrastructure and Project Delivery

4. Confirmation of Minutes

ACTION

THAT it be noted the Minutes of the Local Transport Forum (LTF) Meeting held on 7th May 2026 were presented and adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25th May 2026.

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

The Chair called for any matters arising from previous minutes.

L Kearney provided an update regarding the request for linemarking on Barton Street, Lithgow. Council are working on a final draft of the Sporting Precinct parking strategy and are meeting with the consultant tomorrow. Actions from this plan will impact on plans to improve safety in Barton Street.

It was also noted that hotmixing has occurred on a large patch of Bayonet Street. The Forum were advised that this is an interim fix to improve the area.

L Kearney also notified the Forum that Council's Acting Director of Infrastructure & Project Delivery has resigned. Council are currently looking for a replacement, and this will not impact to day-to-day operations.

6. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

7. Presentations

Nil

8. Delegated Functions Reports

Nil

9. Council Traffic Reports

9.1. HARTLEY VALE ROAD - PROPOSED TRAFFIC CHANGES

Report by Leanne Kearney – Assets & Infrastructure Planning Manager

Commentary

As the Forum is aware, Council are working closely with the Transport for NSW team and other stakeholders to monitor, review and make improvements due to the traffic impacts currently being experienced in the Local Government Area as a result of the Great Western Highway closure at Victoria Pass.

As a result of general feedback, community consultation and resident meetings, both Lithgow City Council and Blue Mountains City Council have proposed some changes to traffic operations on Hartley Vale Road. It is hoped that these changes will alleviate the impacts experienced by residents and improve safety in the area.

A further report detailing the changes will be brought back to the Forum once Transport for NSW have assessed the Council's suggestions and provided approval.

In addition to this, both Lithgow City Council and Blue Mountains City Council are planning road repair and maintenance works on their respective sections of Hartley Vale Road, vitally needed to ensure the continued satisfactory integrity of the road surface and pavement condition. There currently isn't a set date for these repairs, and they will be dependent on TfNSW's assessment of the suggested changes, as further civil works will be required for these proposed works.

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

THAT a further report detailing any changes on Hartley Vale Road be brought back to the Forum once Transport for NSW have assessed the Council's suggestions

9.2. BROWNS GAP ROAD - PROPOSED TRAFFIC CHANGES

Report by Leanne Kearney – Assets & Infrastructure Planning Manager

The Forum were advised of the plans to reduce the work zone to a 180m section on Browns Gap Road to allow for 2 way traffic. Council are currently awaiting delivery of the traffic lights and minor vegetation clearing to take place. The plan is expected to be implemented within the next week or two, and ongoing monitoring will occur in the area.

M Clemence asked about impacts to bus timetables and further changes to traffic in the area. It was advised that this will be determined by the Contractor once engaged however Council will continue to communicate any changes with Lithgow Buslines and the community.

ACTION

THAT the information regarding the changes to traffic flows on Browns Gap Road be noted.

9.3. REQUEST FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - BRIDGE STREET, LITHGOW

Report by Leanne Kearney – Assets & Infrastructure Planning Manager

As part of Transport for NSW consultation process with regards to the Great Western Highway detour, Lithgow Public School has requested a pedestrian crossing on Bridge Street. The request has been forwarded to Council for consideration. The Forum were advised that a full feasibility study on this area is expected to be done as part of the Eskbank Local Area Traffic Management Plan (LAMTP). The Draft Operational Plan does not get adopted until 29th June 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the request for a pedestrian crossing to be installed in Bridge Street be investigated and considered in the Eskbank Precinct Local Area Traffic Management Plan

9.4. REQUEST FOR KISS AND DROP ZONE - ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Report by Leanne Kearney – Assets & Infrastructure Planning Manager

The Forum were advised that the St Patrick School has requested for a Kiss and Drop zone in Lithgow Street. It was noted that this treatment sterilises parking in the area, not allowing of a dual zone ie bus pick up and general parking for residents during the day.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the current 5-minute parking zone in Lithgow Street be timed from 8.00am to 9.30am school days, and operated as an informal drop off zone, reverting to 1 hour between 9.30am and 6.00pm weekdays.

10. General Business

Bus Zone Markings/ Signage

M Clemence asked about the progression of funding for the hatching markings for bus zones. L Kearney confirmed that these works are programmed to commence in the new financial year by Contractors. It should be noted that works may occur in warmer months.

M Clemence also noted that bus zone signage may need to be updated as routes are being looked to be amended due to the Great Western Highway detour. L Kearney requested that once routes have been reviewed Council Officers and Lithgow Buslines representatives will meet to discuss and a report will be brought to the Forum.

Request for Slip Lane - Great Western Highway, Marrangaroo

M Clemence shared a map of an area coming out of Girraween Drive (Marrangaroo Fields) to turn right on the Great Western Highway and requested for the slip lane to be considered for an extension for the buses exiting the Estate.

This matter has been referred to Transport for NSW for review.

Hill Street, Lithgow

Cr E Fredericks asked if there are any warranty on conditions of road after works by Contractors. There is a section on Hill Street Lithgow that has recently been resurfaced but a mound has formed. L Kearney advised that all works have warranties, however, Council Officers investigate to determine the cause of the failure, which may not be related to the works the Contractor has been engaged to do (ie pavement defect that arises after works have been completed, and not part of the contract, or water infrastructure failures). This matter will be referred to Councils Transport Manager for investigate and response.

Request for Speed Zone Signage

S Milne advised that there are a number of speed zone signs missing in the area:

- Main Street Wallerawang coming from Castlereagh Highway
- Pipers Flat Road , Portland just past the Golf Club turn off

L Kearney will arrange for a sign audit and replace any missing signs

A matter was also raised about the condition of a section on the Great Western Highway at Marrangaroo on the east bound lane before the Lithgow Correctional Centre. There is a large bump where the road meets the bridge. This matter was referred to Transport for NSW for investigation.

11. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd July 2026 at 11:00am in the Committee Room.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11:47am.