



MINUTES

Traffic Advisory Local (TALC)

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Thursday 9 September 2021

at 11:00 AM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 11:10 am.

1. Present

Clr Darryl Goodwin (Chair)
Wayde Hazelton Transport NSW (RMS)

Officers:

Jonathon Edgecombe Director Infrastructure Services
Kaitlin Cibulka Minutes

2. Apologies

Col Sheil Lithgow Police (Although Col Sheil is an apology, he has provided comment on the following items which will be placed in the minutes)

Leanne Kearney Assets and Infrastructure Planning Manager

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the TALC meeting held on Thursday 5th August 2021 were presented to the Council on Monday 23rd August 2021.

ACTION

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

MOVED: W Hazelton

SECONDED: Clr D Goodwin

4. Declaration of Interest

Nil

5. Presentations

Nil

6. Staff Reports

6.1. Old Bindo Road - Temporary Changes to Road Weight & Speed Limit

The committee reviewed the report.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised of two main issues in the area being:

- The Old Bindo Road is used as a detour route when the Jenolan Caves Road is closed; and
 - The area is a popular tourist spot when there is large snowfall in the area.
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It was noted that these recommended changes are more of a preventative measure as the road is not designed for high volume of vehicles or large amount of heavy vehicles.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that Council may need to approach Forestry about the change in load limit.

W Hazelton advised that from a Transport NSW perspective there is no issues with the weight limit however agreed with discussing with Forestry as Clr D Goodwin raised that part of the road is owned / controlled by Forestry. Council will be able to place a load limit on their section however may cause issues with Forestry Corporation. The NSW Speed Zoning Guidelines are currently under review. At this point, speed zones, other than the default, are not applied to unsealed roads.

Clr D Goodwin advised that the speed limit would be good for the area.

It was agreed by the committee that the Forestry should be involved in this process.

Original Recommendation

Council make a formal application to TfNSW to reduce the speed limit on Old Bindo Road, Hampton from 80km/h to 50km/h and impose a 5 Tonne load limit to improve safety and ensure safe road surface condition

Col's Comment

Residents reported an increase in heavy vehicles and general motorists shortly after the closure of a section of Jenolan Caves Road.

-Old Bindo Road leads into the Forest, I cannot see it being used as any sort of by pass for Jenolan Caves rd. Unless they are suggesting the forestry workers and machinery are accessing the forest through Old Bindo Road instead of Duckmaloi Rd. Which they would be allowed to do even if the load limit is reduced to 5 t.

-Should we investigate the alleged increase in traffic volume (especially the heavy vehicles) further before changing the speed limit and weight limit. Because once it is changed the residents will want it enforced.

-It is an unsealed road and would not be patrolled by HWP for speed enforcement or weight restrictions. If vehicles over 5 t are required to enter due to working/living/delivering in that area, they the weight limit doesn't apply.

-There is no crash history for that Road in the last 5 years.

If we make that unsealed road 50 are we going to look at all unsealed roads. I could be incorrect but I was of the opinion that RMS don't classify unsealed roads.

I'm not supportive, as it creates other issues that may need to be addressed later.

RECOMENDATION

THAT

1. Council make contact with Forestry Corporation in relation to the matter of Load Limits on the Old Bindo Road; and
2. That a report be brought back to the TALC Committee after contact with Forestry Corporation; and
3. Council make a formal application to TfNSW to reduce the speed limit on Old Bindo Road from 80km/h to 50km/h

MOVED: Clr D Goodsell

SECONDED: W Hazelton

CARRIED: Majority Support

6.2. Locality Signage - Dark Corner

The Committee reviewed the report.
It was agreed that it is a good idea for emergency management.

Col's Comments

Nil issues; Supported.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council install two (2) locality signs on the suburb boundary on Dark Corner Road, Dark Corner to identify the suburb of Dark Corner.

MOVED: Clr D Goodwin

SECONDED: W Hazelton

CARRIED: Unanimously

7. General Business

The following table summarises the progress of actions approved / recommended by TALC, for the Committee's information.

TALC Date	Item	Recommendation	Progress
15/10/2020	Clr D Goodwin - Email correspondence received from Hampton resident (7th September 2020) requesting signage to be installed along Wicketty War Road / Old Bindo Road in relation to road closures during snow and rain events.	Council to investigate appropriately worded signage for installation	
26/11/2020	6.2.Railway Parade - Pedestrian Crossing Audit	Repair signage, install line marking, relocate waste bin, review the approach and departure zones of pedestrian crossing for compliance.	Placed on Council's works program to be undertaken when resources are available

26/11/2020	6.5.5 minute Parking Zones -	Coerwull Infants School, Lithgow Coerwull Primary School, Lithgow St Joseph's School, Portland Zig Zag Public School, Lithgow	Pending advice from Council's grant application for School Zone improvements, with works programmed to be undertaken when resources are available
26/11/2020	Traffic Count Request – Sandford Avenue	It was requested for traffic counters to be installed in the bottom section of Sandford Avenue from Coalbrook Street to Macauley Street and report back to a future TALC Committee meeting.	Report being finalised for October TALC
8/7/2021	Scribbly Gum Lane, Portland - No Through Road Signage	Council install one (1) x G9-18 "No Through Road" sign at the intersection of Scribbly Gum Lane and Portland / Cullen Bullen Road, Portland.	Works programmed to be undertaken when resources are available
8/7/2021	Table Rock Road, Ganbenang - No Through Road Signage	Council install one (1) x G9-18 "No Through Road" sign at the intersection of Table Rock Road and Cullenbenbong Road, Ganbenang.	Works programmed to be undertaken when resources are available
8/7/2021	REQUEST FOR SPEED LIMIT REVIEW - GLEN ALICE TOWNSHIP	Council requests Transport for NSW (RMS) to undertake a speed zone review of the Glen Alice Township.	Request being prepared, to be submitted by 30/9/2021
8/7/2021	Portland / Sunny Corner Road and Ilford Street, Portland - Request for Give Way Sign	subject to availability of resources and funding, Council install a Give Way sign on a concrete traffic median in Ilford Street, Portland with associated line marking to improve motorist behaviour and increase safety.	Pending the outcome of Council's funding application
8/7/2021	BMGS Charity Walk	1. Council rejects the event on the basis of safety conditions being	Applicant and BMCC advised of TALC resolution

		held on a long weekend with increase of 4WD & Tourist Traffic in the area and high risk; and 2. Advises applicant of outcome with recommendation for amended proposal for discussion; and 3. Advises the Blue Mountains Council of the outcome	
8/7/2021	Cases Lane, Mt Lambie - Safety Concerns	Council install 2 x W1-3 and 2 x W1-1 curve warning signs on Cases Lane, Mount Lambie to warn motorists of the blind corners.	Works programmed to be undertaken when resources are available
5/8/2021	Marrangaroo Bridge - Revised Intersection Designs	The engineering plans provided for the intersection with the new bridge at Marrangaroo be accepted conditional upon: 1. the installation of a stop sign on Golf Links Road and a giveaway sign on Girraween Drive stop and give way signage be swamped and the intersection designs for the proposed new bridge be accepted by Council; and 2. A Street light be installed in Golf Links Road / Bridge Intersection in compliance with AS1158 requirements for new T intersections.	Construction Certificate being finalised
5/8/2021	Loading Zone Request - Tank Street, Lithgow	A Loading Zone be installed in Tank Street, Lithgow to allow Pearce's Furniture One delivery vehicles to safely access the existing delivery bay while being parallel to Tank Street; and 2. The blue P parking sign be relocated to the post closer to the Railway	Works programmed to be undertaken when resources are available

		Parade end of the new loading zone ; and 3. Hatch markings be added to the loading area to decipher from footpath; and 4. The loading zone be temporarily monitored over a 12 month period.	
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The committee reviewed the table with not matters raised.

W Hazelton raised a couple of areas in the LGA that have been a speed change request and went over some mapping with the members in attendances for feedback.

8. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: Thursday 7th October 2021 at 11:00am in the Committee Room.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11:32 am.