



MINUTES

Traffic Advisory Local (TALC)

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Thursday 7 October 2021

at 11:00 AM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 11:05 am.

1. Present

Councillor Darryl Goodwin (Chair)
Col Sheil Lithgow Police
Wayde Hazelton Transport NSW

Officers:

Jonathon Edgecombe Director Infrastructure Services
Leanne Kearney Assets and Infrastructure Planning Manager
Kaitlin Cibulka Minutes

2. Apologies

Councillor Stephen Lesslie
Michelle McGrath Lithgow Buslines

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Clr D Goodwin raised the item on Old Bindo Road in relation to the speed reduction along that road. In the previous minutes, it noted that speed zones requests are usually not reviewed on gravel roads. It was agreed that it could be referred to Transport NSW (RMS) for a formal response.

The minutes of the TALC Committee meeting held on 9th September 2021 were presented to the Council on 27th September 2021.

ACTION

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

MOVED: Clr D Goodwin

SECONDED: C Sheil

4. Declaration of Interest

Nil

5. Presentations

Nil

6. Staff Reports

6.1. NSW Static Mobile Speed Camera Signs

Correspondence was received from Transport NSW in relation to their program to roll out static mobile speed cameras. No locations have been provided to Council. Signage will be installed across NSW on State (highways) and local roads.

There is also a request for assistance from Council to install signage on local roads if required. It should be noted that once the signage is installed on local government roads this will then become a Council asset.

A future report will be presented to the Committee in the future of placement of signage across our LGA

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council liaises with Transport for NSW for appropriate locations to install static mobile speed camera signs on State and local roads within the Lithgow LGA.

MOVED: C Sheil

SECONDED: Clr D Goodwin

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.2. Pipers Flat Road, Portland - Speed Reduction Request

The Committee reviewed the report. C Sheils asked where the counts were taken from. It was confirmed where the counts were taken.

It was discussed that 50km from John Mackey Drive to the Portland Township would be quite slow and could cause a dangerous situation in the area.

The committee also discussed that there may be a development application that would require an upgrade of the intersection and believed that by requesting a speed reduction this could reduce the need for a new intersection design. L Kearney advised that just up from this area at the intersection of Range Road and Pipers Flat Road there will be a change to the intersection with the increasing large lot developments in the area and noted that no speed reduction is required. It was also noted that if a speed reduction was to be successful in this area then an intersection upgrade would still be required as part of the development.

The reduction down to 80km per hour was discussed and this seemed more of a reasonable speed through this area. It was noted that based on traffic counts the average speed in the area is 91km per hour.

J Edgecombe advised that the speed review requests are increasing and note that Transport NSW (RMS) already have a back log to review and there are other areas of concern that would benefit out of a speed reduction. This particular area would be assessed under Transport NSW (RMS) guidelines however is not confident that this request will be successful.

The original recommendation was tabled: THAT Council apply to Transport for NSW to request a review of the existing 100km/h speed zone on Pipers Flat Road, Portland, supporting an extension of the existing 50 km/h speed zone to improve safety in line with increased traffic volumes due to residential boundaries.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council does not support the speed reduction along Pipers Flat Road, Portland as it is highly unlikely that Transport NSW (RMS) will agree to the change

MOVED: C Sheil

SECONDED: Clr D Goodwin

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.3. Sandford Avenue, Lithgow - Traffic Counts

The Committee were advised that a traffic count has been carried out in the area with all four sections averaging speeds over the enforced 50km per hour speed limit.

It was noted that there has been multiple crashes in the area particularly into houses and the canal over the years.

There is potential for traffic calming measure to be implemented in the area, noting that corners are being cut and gutters are being clipped when crossing the bridge in the area.

ACTION

THAT the traffic count data for Sandford Avenue, Lithgow be noted and a report be brought back to the committee with proposal of implementing traffic calming in the area.

MOVED: Clr D Goodwin

SECONDED: C Sheil

CARRIED: Unanimously

7. General Business

Councillor C Coleman has emailed in on behalf of a resident with concerns of the safety of the intersection of Woolnough, Redgate and Ramsay Street in the Vale of Clwydd, due to the poor line of sight and near misses in this location.

It was asked if mirrors could be installed in the area to alleviate this situation.

J Edgecombe has provided initial advice based of previous conversations of the TALC Committee that mirrors are generally only effective in areas such as car parks and industrial sites as they are not effective on public roads.

However, this is a scenario may be different and has been placed in General Business for discussion.

The Committee discussed the request put forward in relation to traffic safety concerns at the intersections off Berry Street into Woolnough, Redgate and Ramsay Street.

It was agreed that mirror being placed in the area would not alleviate the situation. C Sheils noted that he was recently out in the area and noted that most residents are using low speed in the area and that there is nothing that can be done retrospectively as the road intersections cannot be widened due to the building alignment being very close to the road. C Sheil suggested the

possibility of incorporating traffic calming in the area. L Kearney also suggested to look into solutions such as one way streets in that area. There would need to be further investigation into options and carry out a community consultation to see if there is support for options to eliminate the issues in that area.

W Hazelton suggested that the giveaway on Ramsay Street/ Berry Street intersection could be changed to a stop sign

The committee agree that further investigation should be carried out with traffic counts and suitable options to be present to a future TALC Committee and letter box drop and community survey be carried out.

ACTION

THAT A report be brought back to a future TALC Committee meeting after an investigation on options and carry out of community survey.

MOVED: Clr D Goodwin

SECONDED: C Sheil

CARRIED: Unanimously

J Edgecombe raised that along Finlay Avenue near the intersections of Suvla Street and Lone Pine Avenue there are small signage indicating that there is a bike lane in the area. It is unusual as it is a very quiet street and not near any main roads. It was suggested that the signs are redundant in the area as there is no official bike lane.

The committee agreed to remove the signage

ACTION

THAT the bike signage along Finlay Avenue be removed as they are redundant in the area.

MOVED: D Goodwin

SECONDED: C Sheil

CARRIED: Unanimously

The committee noted the progress of actions endorsed by Council. No matters were raised.

TALC Date	TALC Item	Description	Progress
15/10/2020	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

15/10/2020	Wicketty War Road - Signage Request	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	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
8/07/2021	Scibbly 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
8/07/2021	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
8/07/2021	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
8/07/2021	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
8/07/2021	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
5/08/2021	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 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.	Works programmed to be undertaken when resources are available

9/09/2021	Old Bindo Road - Temporary Changes to Road Weight & Speed Limit	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	Pending
9/09/2021	Locality Signage - Dark Corner	Council install two (2) locality signs on the suburb boundary on Dark Corner Road, Dark Corner to identify the suburb of Dark Corner.	Pending

8. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: Thursday 4th November 2021 at 11:00am in the Committee Room

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