

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
14 OCTOBER, 2002

Present:

Cr. Fekete,	Chairperson
T. Freestone,	Director, Works and Services
J. Hillman,	Manager, Engineering
K. Doherty	CRSO
L. Annabel	Technical Officer
M . Boyd,	Representative for Dr. E. Kernohan, M.P.
D. Horne,	R.T.A.
M. Swallow,	R.T.A.
D. Davies,	Busways
M. Leighton,	Narellan Chamber of Commerce
F. Brooking,	Camden Chamber of Commerce

Apologies: Cr. Patterson, Camden Council
C. Johnson, Traffic Engineer
C. Moule, Picton Coaches
Snr Const. J. Kane, Police (Mittagong)

The meeting commenced at 10.15am.

Rec. No.

1. **Business Arising from the Committee's Last Report Dated 9 September, 2002.**
Report to Council meeting 23 September 2002. - Resolution 114/02.

TC62/02 **Recommended:** *That the information be noted.*

SCHEDULE ONE ITEMS (Main Business)

(A) New Items

2. **Welling Drive and Main Street, Mount Annan** (File 2933, 3455)
Council has received a request by the management of Mount Annan Marketplace to conduct a rolling street parade on Saturday 7 December 2002, for the purpose of their Christmas promotions.

The applicant advises that the parade will congregate in Watson Road, turn right into Welling Drive, proceed straight through the first roundabout at Waterworth Drive and the following

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roundabout at Main Street and finish in the Marketplace carpark. The time of the parade is 12.15 p.m. and is expected to take approximately 15 minutes from start to finish. The area to be traversed is about 300 metres.

An examination of the route has revealed that traffic control will be required at the following locations:

1. Welling Drive and Watson Road;
2. Fitzpatrick Road;
3. Roundabout at Welling Drive/Waterworth Drive/Main Street;
4. Roundabout at Main Street and access to Marketplace.

No Traffic Management Plan is required for this rolling parade.

TC63/02 **Recommended:** *That approval be provided for the rolling street parade by Mount Annan Marketplace along Welling Drive/Main Street, Mount Annan on Saturday 7 December 2002, subject to:*

- (i) *approval given by the NSW Police Department; and*
- (ii) *RTA accredited traffic controllers be provided to control traffic at:*
 1. *Welling Drive and Watson Road;*
 2. *Fitzpatrick Road;*
 3. *Roundabout at Welling Drive/Waterworth Drive/Main Street;*
 4. *Roundabout at Main Street and access to Marketplace.*

3. **Larkin Place Car Park** (File 654)
Council recently met with the School Principal of St Paul's P.S. to discuss safety at the rear access to the school within Larkin Street Carpark.

The rear access of the school has a gate that parents use to pick up children. This is located adjacent to the car park which allows motorists to park at 90° within designated spaces.

As the school finishes in the afternoon a number of conflicting manoeuvres occur that jeopardises the safety of children and parents. Motorists are trying to manoeuvre out of spaces and at the same time having pedestrian movement to get into their vehicles have contributed to the problem.

Whilst all these issues cannot be solved immediately, there is a opportunity to improve conditions in the vicinity of the gate area

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by clearing a 2 car parking space in the times when school starts and finishes. This cleared area will improve safety as no vehicles will be present when parents pick up or drop off children.

The signage and seclusion of the two bays for safe egress at school times will be referred to the Police to monitor and enforce the proposal.

Long term seclusion of the bays, including bollarding of bays to permanently enforce no parking in the bays may be investigated, should the need arise.

The Committee felt that one way circulation of traffic, particularly past the school exit, should be investigated.

TC64/02 **Recommended:** *That*

- (i) *No Stopping 8.00am – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 4.00pm School Days restrictions be provided across two car parking spaces in the Larkin Street carpark in the vicinity of the St Paul's Primary School access gate.*

- (ii) *investigation of one-way circulation of traffic in Larkin Place, particularly in the lane passing the school exit be carried out and reported to the Committee.*

To be referred back to the Traffic Committee with a recommendation that the gate access to Larkin Place be closed as Larkin Place is a carpark and that the pedestrian and parent pickup gate for St Paul's School be in Mitchell Street.

4. **Currans Hill/Tramway Drive** (File 3690; 3927)

The Roads and Traffic Authority have received a ministerial representative regarding conditions outside Currans Hill P.S. and in particular the operation of the pedestrian crossing in Currans Hill Drive at Tramway Drive. The RTA's Traffic Committee representative requested that the item be listed for discussion.

The request was that Council consider relocating the crossing due to sight distance problems. An examination of the site indicated that vision in Tramway Drive on approach to the crossing in Currans Hill is slightly obstructed by landscaping on the left side as you approach the corner. The clearing of the corner should rectify the sight distance concerns. Other options such as improved linemarkings at the junction could also be explored to improve site conditions.

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TC65/02 **Recommended:** *That*

- (i) *Council trim/remove the landscaping in Tramway Drive left side at the corner with Currans Hill Drive.*
- (ii) *Council provide linemarking improvements at the junction to further rationalise vehicular movements and improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.*

(B) Deferred Items

5. **Menangle Road at Camden Hospital** (File 628)

Traffic Committee at its 9 September 2002 meeting considered a request from Camden Hospital to install a pedestrian crossing. The Committee felt that whilst the numerical amount of pedestrians and vehicles for a reduced warrant has been met, it was felt that the request for a crossing needs special consideration due to the need to improve safety outside the hospital. The item was deferred for a ruling from the RTA for special consideration.

Information from the RTA indicated that the warrant is a guide to the best solution for a pedestrian crossing. The Authority further advised that if the road is two lanes only, drivers would expect to see pedestrians, sight distance is excellent and everything else is in its favour (ie low speeds, low vehicle volumes), then there is room to relax the warrant. Further, if Council considers that it is a safe location for a pedestrian crossing, that it will be well illuminated at night and is comfortable with the decision, then the warrant may be viewed as not applicable to the site being considered. The new system being developed would take all of these factors into consideration. The RTA representative stated that new Pedestrian Guidelines will be issued in the next 12 months. It is good to note more flexibility will be built into the new guidelines, as opposed to the current rigid adherence to strict number based rules.

In light of the information provided from the RTA, it is considered appropriate that Council install a pedestrian crossing outside Camden Hospital.

TC66/02 **Recommended:** *That*

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- (i) a pedestrian crossing be installed in Menangle Road in front of Camden Hospital;
- (ii) the "No Stopping" area on Menangle Road, south side, north of Gilbulla Avenue be reduced in length and replaced with the present 2 Hour Parking 8.00am – 8.00pm; and
- (iii) the "No Stopping" areas on Menangle Road both sides, south of Gilbulla Avenue be reviewed with the view to removing redundant No Stopping restrictions on one side and a reshuffle of the No Stopping/ Bus Zone on the other side.

6. Larkin Place (File 654)

Traffic Committee at its 9 September 2002 meeting considered a request from a resident to install a pedestrian crossing in Larkin Place at John Street, Camden.

The Committee deferred the item for further investigation. Council have undertaken pedestrian and vehicle counts during morning and afternoon times. The chosen times were 9.00am – 10.00am and 3.00pm – 4.30pm. Results of the pedestrian and vehicle counts are as follows:

9.00am – 10.00am	Pedestrians = 15	Vehicles = 122
1.00am – 2.00pm	Pedestrians = 5	Vehicles = 187
3.00pm – 4.30pm	Pedestrians = 236	Vehicles = 309
Normal Warrants	Pedestrians ≥ 30	Vehicles ≥ 500
Reduced Warrants	Pedestrians ≥ 30	Vehicles ≥ 200

Noting the times of the pedestrian/traffic count carried out within the report, the item was withdrawn to expand the count. The item will be referred to the next Traffic Committee meeting.

TC67/02 **Recommended:** *That the item be deferred to the next Traffic Committee meeting.*

(C) Permanent Items

- (i) Local Bike Plan Implementation

Over the past several years the RTA has supported Council in the implementation of the Camden to Narellan Cycleway through the approval of grant funding for construction works.

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To date financial assistance from the RTA, matched equally by Council, have included;

- \$20,000 (total \$40,000 project) – 1998/1999 – Stage 1 Macarthur Road to Curry Reserve carpark
- \$20,000 (total \$40,000 project) – 1999/2000 – Stage 2 Curry Reserve to Harrington Green
- \$20,000 (total \$40,000 project) – 2000/2001 – Stage 3 Harrington Green to Kirkham Park
- \$48,000 (total \$96,000 project) – 2001/2002 – Stage 4 Kirkham Park path and construction of two footbridges, plus reconstruction of paths Coghill Street to Wilson Crescent.

Unfortunately this year the RTA has advised that Council was not successful in securing grant funding for cycleways; this particularly affects the progress of the Camden to Narellan Cycleway.

The RTA have advised that whilst western Sydney Councils have fared well in this respect in the past, this year several Councils (including Camden) have missed out on grant funding for cycleways. It would appear that the RTA have granted “useful amounts of money” to larger scale projects in preference to “spreading it thinner for less effect”.

Council will continue to pursue appropriate levels of RTA funding to assist in completion of the Camden to Narellan bikepath and for the provision of further bikepaths throughout the LGA. Representation will be made to the RTA to redress funding for the continuation of this project this year.

TC68/02 **Recommended:** *That the information be noted, Council will correspond with the RTA to redress funding for the continuation of funding of Council’s Bike Plan implementation.*

(ii) Black Spot Identification/Evaluation/Treatment

Council has recently been advised of Federal Funding under the Black Spot Program of \$30,000 for works in Deepfields Road, 400m north of Chisholm Road.

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TC69/02 **Recommended:** *That the item be noted.*
(iii) Local Behavioural Campaigns

Speed You Lose – ‘Go 40 for Me’

This campaign is scheduled for 2003.

Choose a Sober Driver

Resources are currently being developed and the pilot campaign will include four Hotels and Clubs from the Camden LGA.

Road Safety Strategic Plan

Tender brief has been forwarded to consultants with expertise in the area of developing Road Safety Strategic Plans. The strategic plan will be developed over a four month period of time from signing of the contract.

Community Road Safety Perception Survey

The draft community road safety perception survey has been produced and will be refined and piloted in the local community prior to distribution in the Camden LGA

Seat Belts Save Lives III

This campaign engages authorised fitters to examine child safety restraints in cars for safety, free of charge. Two restraint fitting days will occur in the Camden LGA during November.

Bike Week 2002

One thousand ‘Cycling in Camden’ brochures were developed and distributed throughout the Camden LGA during bike week. The brochure was well received by both Council and the community.

Graduated Licensing Scheme (GLS)

The first GLS workshop aimed at offering practical advice to parents of learner drivers will be held on Wednesday 16th September.

TC70/02 **Recommended:** *That the progress on these Local Behavioural Campaigns be noted.*

(iv) RTA Road Safety Projects - Status Report

No Project active at this stage.

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(D) Fatal Accident Reports

A fatal accident occurred on The Northern Road at Cobbitty on Sunday 29 September 2002 at 1.50 a.m.

A male driver (53) returning from a party at St Clair, travelling south on The Northern Road crossed to the other side of the road and hit a tree on a gentle left hand bend.

The road conditions had no bearing on the incident. The Police determined therefore a RUM No. 84 to be appropriate to the incident.

Incident details reported by Sen Const John Kane on Wednesday 2 October 2002.

TC71/02 **Recommended:** *That the item be noted.*

SCHEDULE TWO ITEMS (Delegated Authority Items for Ratification)

Nil

LATE/GENERAL BUSINESS

7. Cycling Club Criterion Route, Smeaton Grange

A concept for a proposal presented by Macarthur Collegians Cycling Club was provided for discussion. The club proposes to hold two races, of 30 minute duration, on the route (Anderson and Anzac Avenue, Smeaton Grange) each Sunday morning. TMP and other details were provided.

An example of a similar bike race, held less frequently in Campbelltown at Minto Industrial Area was cited as a parallel for this request.

The application of the route in Campbelltown will be investigated prior to discussion with the Club.

- Concerns about:
- current short cut nature of the route
 - heavy vehicles using the route
 - short life of the route
 - delays to traffic

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were noted to be discussed with the Club.

TC72/02 **Recommended:** *That the information be noted.*

8. Illegal Manoeuvre in Hartley Drive, Smeaton Grange

Cr Fekete brought the situation of heavy vehicles delivering goods to a factory opposite the Coles/Myer warehouse, short cutting the legal route for delivery, by crossing through the median and driving on the wrong side of the road for a short distance before accessing the property.

The situation will be investigated, brought to the owners attention, and referred to the Police to enforce the law.

TC73/02 **Recommended:** *That the matter be listed for report to the next Traffic Committee meeting.*

9. Narellan Road/Maxwell Place Illegal Crossing of Central Median

Frank Brooking again brought the situation of right turns from Narellan Road driving into Maxwell Place, and drivers in Maxwell Place making right turns onto Narellan Road – across the existing concrete median.

The most permanent solution to the problem will be the construction of fence/or barrier along the concrete median. The matter will be referred to the RTA to fund and action, being a regional road.

TC74/02 **Recommended:** *That the matter of vehicles illegally crossing the Narellan Road concrete median be brought to the attention of the RTA to address.*

10. Camden Valley Way/Wilson Road Linemarking of the Roundabout

A plan was presented, which addressed the concerns of the Chairperson, concerning definition of linemarking at the approaches and through the roundabout at this intersection.

No linemarking will be added around the roundabout to define two circulating paths for vehicles as each of the four approaches are only single vehicle width.

The departure heading north-east on Camden Valley Way will be re-established to define the current two lanes, encouraging slow vehicles to take the outer lane on the approach to Narellan.

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TC75/02 **Recommended:** *That linemarking be re-established on the Camden Valley Way departure, from the Camden Valley Way/Wilson Crescent/Camden Views Drive roundabout, heading towards Narellan.*

MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

Matt Leighton requested that maintenance on Cobbitty Road, between the General Store and the Presbytery be carried out.

Meeting closed at 10.50 a.m., after noting the next meeting will be held at the Training Room, Camden Civic Centre, Oxley Street, Camden commencing at 10.00 a.m.

RESOLUTION FROM ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
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Other Committees

Traffic Committee Meeting – Held 14 October 2002

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Fekete, seconded Cr Patterson that the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held 14 October, 2002, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and the recommendations adopted with the exception of Item 3 to be referred back to the Traffic Committee with a recommendation that the gate access to Larkin Place be closed as Larkin Place is a carpark and that the pedestrian and parent pickup gate for St Paul's School be in Mitchell Street.

127/02 **THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.**

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