

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
13 OCTOBER, 2003

Present:

Cr. Fekete,	Chairperson
T. Freestone,	Director, Works and Services
M. Smith,	Acting Manager Engineering
P. Sellathurai,	Transport Engineer
C. Johnson,	Traffic Engineer
K. Doherty	CRSO
L. Annabel	Technical Officer
M. Swallow,	R.T.A.
D. Davies,	Busways
Snr.Con.J. Kane,	NSW Police
C. Crisp,	Camden Chamber of Commerce

Apologies: J. Hillman, Cr. C. Patterson, C. Moule, F. Brooking, C. White,
H. Stait-Gardner

The meeting commenced at 9.30 am.

Rec. No.

1. Business Arising from the Committee's Last Report Dated 8 September 2003.

Report to Council meeting 22 September 2003 - Resolution 121/03.

TC104/03 Recommended: *That Council note the information.*

SCHEDULE ONE ITEMS (Main Business)

(A) New Items

2. Reconstruction of Sedgwick Street, Smeaton Grange (File 4176)

Council has received a Traffic Management Plan for the reconstruction of Sedgwick Street, Smeaton Grange from Transport and Urban Planning Consultants on behalf of Landcom.

The project will necessitate a road closure and traffic diversion for approximately 20 weeks commencing from early December 2003 and through the school holidays. The TMP was previously circulated to the members to reduce meeting time and the matter was listed for discussion.

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TC105/03 **Recommended:** *That*

- (i) *Council note the reconstruction and closure of Sedgwick Street, Smeaton Grange for a 20 week period commencing in December 2003.*
- (ii) *The construction is subject to an approved Traffic Management Plan and Traffic Control Plan.*

3. Cut Hill Road Reconstruction Segments 15 and 16 (File 714)

Traffic Committee was advised that Council's 2003/2004 Works Construction Program includes an allocation for the reconstruction of portion of Cut Hill Road. Preliminary design plans were prepared and circulated to the Committee for examination.

The Committee were also advised that during the preliminary survey work in preparation for marking the road centreline of the road it was found that the property boundaries and fences lines did not coincide.

In fact the fence along the southern boundary of the road has been found to be encroaching by up to 3.5 metres into the road reserve and conversely those on the northern boundary are up to 3.9m inside private property. The existing road pavement would appear to have been constructed with reference to the fence lines and not the road reserve.

Consequently the road pavement was found to be undesirably close to the northern road boundary of the road reserve. Reconstruction of the road in its present location to Council's standard rural road cross-section would put part of the pavement and table drain on private land.

Council proposes to reconstruct the road to its correct location relative to the property boundaries placing it centrally to the road boundaries. A design speed of 80kph has been adopted as the design standard and this is the posted speed limit for this section of Cut Hill Road.

This reconstruction will require the removal of ten (10) trees to keep the area immediately adjacent the carriageway clean of obstruction. It will not, however create a "clear zone" required for vehicle safety as laid down in Austroads "Rural Road Design". The "clear zone" could only be adequately addressed by the removal of all the trees back to the road reserve boundary.

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The Committee felt that the removal of the nominated 10 trees would be sufficient at this stage.

TC106/03 **Recommended:** *That Council approve the proposed reconstruction of Cut Hill Road Cobbitty.*

(B) Deferred Items

4. Mater Dei School Entrance – Macquarie Grove Road / Kirkham Lane
(File 3716, 1074)

Traffic Committee at its 11 August 2003 meeting considered a tabled item relating to traffic conditions at the entrance to Mater Dei School on Macquarie Grove Road at Kirkham Lane. The request was to have the speed limit reduced to 60 km/h and to review traffic conditions. The Committee deferred the item for further investigation.

Council has undertaken an investigation of the site with the collection of traffic data and the examination of the accident history.

Traffic Volumes and Speeds

- Traffic Data was collected at two different locations along Macquarie Grove Road. Location 1 was a position on Macquarie Grove Road, 50m north of Kirkham Lane and Location 2 was a position 50m south of Kirkham Lane.
- The following results were obtained:
- Location 1:
- Totals
- north and south bound (total 21,674 vehicles)
vehicles per day: 3060 vpd
85% speed: 86km/hr
% heavy vehicles: 5.16% (1,121 vehicles)
- northbound only (total 10,392 vehicles)
vehicles per day: 1467 vpd
85% speed: 90km/hr
% heavy vehicles: 5.44% (565 vehicles)
- southbound only (total 11,282 vehicles)

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vehicles per day: 3003 vpd
85% speed: 82km/hr
% heavy vehicles: 4.93% (556 vehicles)

Location 2:

Totals

- north and south bound (total 21,252 vehicles)
vehicles per day: 3003 vpd
85% speed: 90km/hr
% heavy vehicles: 6.5% (1,121 vehicles)

- northbound only (total 10,569 vehicles)
vehicles per day: 1493 vpd
85% speed: 88km/hr
% heavy vehicles: 4.23% (446 vehicles)

- southbound only (total 10,683 vehicles)
vehicles per day: 1510 vpd
85% speed: 92km/hr
% heavy vehicles: 8.76% (936 vehicles)

Accident History

The accident history for this site over the period of 1998-2002 has recorded eight accidents. Five accidents were recorded at the intersection and three accidents occurred between 100m-350m either side of the intersection. Of the five intersection accidents, three were recorded as emerging from a driveway. This could possibly have occurred at the Mater Dei entrance driveway but is not known with any certainty.

Comment

Council has previously (May 2002) advised Mater Dei that the accident history was not considered adverse and that one additional accident two years later is equally not considered adverse.

Whilst conditions are not ideal at this entrance, there does not appear to be a warrant for remedial treatment at this time. Council will however negotiate with Mater Dei Property Maintenance and Safety Committee of the ways to improve or modify the driveway of the school to denote the standing of this school driveway/entrance at this T-junction.

The Police representative advised that there had been a lengthy Police file on Macquarie Grove Road and that he supported the request for a reduction of speed limit in the vicinity either side of Kirkham Lane. The

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Committee felt that there would be a community concern if there was a speed limit change from 80km/hr to 60/km hr and then back to 80km/hr in a short length of roadway. The other concern was whether the change in speed would receive the necessary enforcement by Police.

It was concluded that Council seek the advice of the Roads and Traffic Authority regarding the change in speed limit along the full length of Macquarie Grove Road.

TC107/03 Recommended: That

- (i) *Council undertake negotiations with Mater Dei Property Maintenance and Safety Committee to improve or modify the driveway of the school*
- (ii) *The Police be advised of the results of this speed survey and be requested to patrol this area both during school access times and outside school hours.*
- (iii) *The Police comment and request for reconsideration of an 60 zone be forwarded to the RTA for comment.*

5. Veness Circuit, Narellan Vale – Parking Restrictions (File 4139)

Traffic Committee, at its meeting on 8 September 2003, considered a request from the NSW Police Service for the provision of parking restrictions during, before and after school hours in Veness Circuit.

Council has consulted the residents at number 34 – 48 Veness Circuit on the proposed provision of “No Stopping 8:00am – 9:00am and 2:30pm – 3:30pm School Days” restrictions outside their properties. Council received two submissions (one written and one telephone discussion). Of the eight properties impacted by the proposal, council received only one objection to the proposal.

One resident stated that the proposal would impede their privilege of parking on-street outside their property during before and after school hours. The resident noted that many property owners affected by the proposal have two vehicles, and park one on the road. The proposal greatly diminishes this practice. Although this resident was otherwise in favour of the proposal to improve the safety of students accessing Narellan Vale Public School from Veness Circuit. Improving the road safety around the school justifies the removal of available on-street parking for a short period of time during, before and after school hours.

The other resident supported the proposal and requested that Council consider making Veness Circuit a one-way street and providing “School Zone” in Veness circuit.

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Provision of "School Zone" will improve student safety in Veness Circuit. This request will need to be forwarded to the Roads and Traffic Authority for their consideration.

The RTA representative advised that the times for the proposed "No Stopping" restrictions should coincide with the proposed "School Zone" times for added safety. In this regard these times should be 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm. It was also advised that the RTA has a new policy to obtain the concurrence of the School Principal when a request for a School Zone is received.

With respect to the resident suggestion to create a one-way system in Veness Circuit it would be appropriate to view operations after parking restrictions and School Zone have been implemented. In this regard, the effect of these remedial counter measures would be assessed to see if further investigation for a one-way street system is required.

TC108/03 Recommended: That

- [i] Council approve the "No Stopping 8:00am – 9:30am and 2:30pm 4:00pm School Days" restriction outside number 34 – 48 Veness Circuit, Narellan.*
- [ii] The Roads and Traffic Authority be requested to consider the provision of "School Zone" in Veness Circuit, Narellan Vale.*
- [iii] The residents of Veness Circuit between properties 34 – 48 inclusive and the School Principal of Narellan Vale Primary School be advised of the proposed No Stopping restrictions and of the request for a School Zone within Veness Circuit.*
- [iv] The request for a One-Way street system be investigated if the effect of the remedial counter measures have been unsuccessful.*

(C) Permanent Items

- (i) Local Bike Plan Implementation

No action

- (ii) Black Spot Identification/Evaluation/Treatment

No action.

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(iii) Local Behavioural Campaigns

Road Safety Strategic Plan (RSSP)

The RSSP is being presented to Council for 'general approval' prior to public exhibition for a period of one month.

Buckle Up Everytime – Occupant Restraints Program

Three venues within the Camden LGA are supporting the Occupant Restraint Program for 2003. Media for this campaign includes advertising in local papers and distribution of posters and fliers to relevant child care services.

MAA Driveway Safety Grant

Two preschools are participating in the MAA driveway project. The preschools are providing space within their car parks for the rear window cut-out display to take place.

Cycling in Camden Brochure

Updating the brochure is completed. The brochure is now being distributed within the local community.

Bike Week – Saturday 20 to Sunday 28 September 2003

The bike maintenance checking day was held on Monday 22 September 2003. Camden BMX Club assisted with the maintenance checks and supervised activities on the day. The BMX Club have expressed an interest to be involved in Bike Week 2004 at the BMX track at Elderslie.

Go 40 For Me

At the recent 2003 Road Safety Research, Policing and Education Conference the **Go 40 For Me** project was moved from being a part of the 8-minute circuit to becoming a conference presentation. The Councils involved in the project welcomed this move and the project Coordinator (Liverpool Council) presented the paper at the conference. The presentation was well received and generated a lot of interest amongst those that attended the session.

(iv) RTA Road Safety Projects - Status Report

CRSO to provide update

TC109/03 **Recommended:** *That Council note the information contained in (i) to (iv) above.*

(D) Fatal Accident Reports

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Nil

TC110/03 **Recommended:** *That Council note the information*

SCHEDULE TWO ITEMS (Delegated Authority Items for Ratification)

LATE/GENERAL BUSINESS

6. New Appointment

The Committee was advised that Council had appointed a Transport Engineer and welcomed Mr Pahee Sellathurai to the position.

TC111/03 **Recommended:** *That Council note that Mr Pahee Sellathurai has commenced duties as a Transport Engineer.*

7. Camden Hospital – Menangle Road, Camden (File 628)

Traffic Engineer tabled a letter from Mr Geoff Corrigan, MP relating to motorists ignoring the pedestrian crossing outside the hospital.

The Police representative advised that he was aware of the issues and that the Police had already tasked enforcement of the area.

The Committee felt that the matter be sent to the Police for their information and necessary action. It was also mentioned that a review of operations be undertaken to ascertain if any remedial action is required.

TC112/03 **Recommended:** *That*

- (i) *The matter be referred to the NSW Police Department for further enforcement of the area.*
- (ii) *Council undertake a review of site conditions.*

8. Garage Sale/Auction Signs at Roundabouts (File)

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The Police and RTA representatives advised that they had seen a number of advertising notices on traffic signs especially at roundabout locations. Such notices were considered dangerous as it distracted motorists and could possibly cause accidents.

The Committee was advised that Council has a practise to remove such notices when it is brought to their attention.

TC113/03 **Recommended:** *That Council note the information.*

9. Camden Valley Way at Entrance to Camden Valley Golf Resort
(File 3288)

The Committee was advised of a recent accident that had occurred at this location and enquired if any future improvements were proposed. The Committee felt that the matter should be pursued with the RTA.

TC114/03 **Recommended:** *That*

- (i) Council write to the RTA to request information on any future works proposed at the intersection of Camden Valley Way and the entrance to Camden Valley Golf Resort.*
- (ii) Request the RTA to consider remedial action to eliminate right turning accidents from Camden Valley Way into the Golf Resort.*

10. Mount Annan Drive Development Application for a Child Care Centre
(File 3867; DA 1088/203)

The Police representative tabled correspondence from a resident of Mount Annan relating to a proposed Child Care Centre at 94 Mount Annan Drive.

The Committee was advised that the application was presently being assessed by Council's Development branch and that it is presently under public exhibition until 11 September 2003.

TC115/03 **Recommended:** *That a copy of the Police correspondence be forwarded to Council's Development and Environment Branch for their consideration as part of the overall assessment of the application.*

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Other Committees

Traffic Committee – Held 13 October 2003

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Winn that the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting of the 13 October, 2003 copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

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