

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
13 SEPTEMBER, 2004

Present:

Cr. P. Johnson	Chairperson
T. Freestone,	Director, Works and Services
J. Hillman,	Manager, Engineering
P. Sellathurai,	Transport Planner
K. Doherty	CRSO
L. Annabel	Technical Officer
H. Stait-Gardner	Representative for G. Corrigan, M.P.
M. Swallow,	R.T.A.
D. Davies,	Busways
Snr.Con.J. Kane,	NSW Police
M. Leighton,	Narellan Chamber of Commerce
F. Brooking,	Camden Chamber of Commerce

Apologies: C. Johnson, C. Moule, S. Blackmore

The meeting commenced at 9.40 am.

Rec. No.

1. Business Arising from the Committee's Last Report Dated 9 August, 2004.

Report to Council meeting 23 August 2004 - Resolution 117/04.

TC107/04 Recommended: *That the recommendations of the Committee's report dated 9 August 2004, as presented at Council's meeting of 28 June 2004, be adopted.*

2. Cawdor Farm Road (File 3676, 863)

Council has received a request from a resident of Cawdor Farm Road, Grasmere to highlight the bend in the road outside property No. 10. The applicant has advised that a vehicle went through his front fence and requested that Council improve driver recognition of the site conditions on the bend.

Cawdor Farm Road is a rural bitumen road approximately 6.4 metres wide with grass and gravel shoulders, approximately 3 metres wide, on both sides of the road. A check of Council's Accident data base has revealed that one other accident has occurred back in 2001.

Site inspection has indicated that an adjacent bend in the street similarly requires remedial treatment to improve driver recognition of conditions, and should be incorporated for both bends.

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The provision of street lighting as a remedial treatment has been considered by Council and eliminated as an option when Council considered the effect to residents and the recently canvassed views of residents on upgrading lighting in the suburb.

Another option for improvement is the provision of a double centre line. This will keep motorists on the correct side of the carriageway and is projected to reduce speeds on both these bends.

TC108/04 **Recommended:** *That Council*

- (i) *install a double centre line on both bends in Cawdor Farm Road between Doust Place and Rofo Place.*
- (ii) *The resident be advised of Council's determination to improve site conditions.*

3. **Waterworth Drive, Narellan Vale (File 3429)**

Council has received a request from the School Principal of Elizabeth Macarthur High School to provide parking restrictions across the school's northern driveway. The School Principal has indicated that sight distance for vehicles exiting the school driveway has become a problem when other vehicles are parked kerbside immediately north of the driveway.

A site inspection has indicated that sight distance could be improved if a short section of kerbside area north of the school driveway were cleared through appropriate signage. In this regard a check of Council's records have indicated that 'No Standing' signage at the end of the existing Bus Zone in the bus bay was previously approved and installed. Where the indented bus bay resumes the normal kerb offset, vehicles are currently parking restricting vision to the drivers right when exiting the school carpark. Presently these No Standing signs are missing and their reinstatement would resolve the issue of sight distance. However, as 'No Standing' restrictions are being phased out with 'No Stopping' signage, it is appropriate that the missing signs be reinstated with 'No Stopping' signage.

TC109/04 **Recommended:** *That*

- (i) *the missing 'No Standing' signs on the southern side of Waterworth Drive outside the northern driveway of Elizabeth Macarthur High School be replaced with 'No Stopping' signage.*
- (ii) *the School Principal of Elizabeth Macarthur High School be advised of this action.*

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4. Waterworth Drive – Request for Bus Zone (File 580, 3429)

Council has received a request from Busways bus company to have the bus stop outside the common property boundary of 98 and 96 Waterworth Drive, Narellan Vale signposted with Bus Zone signage.

Busways have indicated that their request is based on ongoing difficulties for buses accessing this stop. The provision of such signage would indicate to motorists the minimum length required for a bus to pull up along side the kerb to service this bus stop.

Comment: The Australian Road Rules (ARR 195) requires that bus stops have a clearance of 20 metres on the approach and 10 metres on the departure side of the bus stop location. Whilst this is the case discussion with Busways has indicated that 20 metres will be sufficient for this site and in this regard the kerbside space fronting properties No. 98 and No. 96 should equally share in the loss, for the provision of this Bus Zone.

Penalties for stopping within a bus zone is presently \$93 (as at February 2004) and there have been submissions in a recent review to increase this penalty to \$175.

Officers can confirm that vehicles were detected parking at the stop during site visits within the 20 metres on the approach and 10 metres on the departure side of this stop.

TC110/04 Recommended: *That*

- (i) the existing bus stop outside the common property boundary of numbers 98 and 96 Waterworth Drive, Narellan Vale be confirmed with Bus Zone signage to clearly designate to motorist the extent of bus zone at this location.*
- (ii) The residents of properties No. 98 and 96 Waterworth Drive, Narellan Vale be advised of this action.*
- (iii) The issue of illegal parking at this location be referred to the NSW Police Department and Council Rangers for periodic surveillance and relevant enforcement.*

5. Queen Street at Camden Valley Way (File 3117)

Council has been requested by the Narellan Chamber of Commerce to consider “No Stopping” restrictions on Queen Street both sides from Camden Valley Way to the existing No Stopping area outside properties 306 and 316 Camden Valley Way. This represents a distance of 59 metres.

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The Chamber has advised that these restrictions are required to maintain a clear and safe passage of vehicles especially large vehicles accessing Narellan Town Centre.

The proposal will affect two car yards, a motor trimming business and an embroidery business.

Comment

Queen Street is approximately 9.6 metres wide and vehicles parked kerbside either on one side or both sides causes manoeuvring problems for vehicles entering or leaving Queen Street at Camden Valley Way. The restriction of the kerbside area of Queen Street should generally improve conditions for all users.

TC111/04 Recommended: That

- (i) Council consult the owners and lessees of 306 and 316 Queen Street, Narellan on the proposed 'No Stopping' restrictions in Queen Street, Narellan for a distance of 59 metres from Camden Valley Way;
- (ii) The views of the owners and lessees be submitted to the next Traffic Committee meeting.

6. Narellan Road Speed Limit (File 3097)

Council has received notification from the RTA regarding the recent change of speed limits to two separate locations along Narellan Road. The 60km/hr speed limits on approach and departure of the roundabouts on Narellan Road at:

- Hartley Drive / Waterworth Drive, and
- Tramway Drive / Mount Annan Drive

have been modified to 80 km/hr

The change has now resulted in the provision of one uniform speed limit of 80km/hr between the municipal boundary at Kenny Hill to the current commencement of this speed zone east of Exchange Parade.

The change in speed limit was made concurrent with receipt of advice from the RTA.

TC112/04 Recommended.: That Council note the information.

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7. **Waterworth Drive and Welling Drive, Mount Annan - Intersection Improvements** (File 3429, 2933)

Background

A two-lane roundabout currently controls the intersection of Waterworth Drive and Welling Drive in Mount Annan. The recent residential and commercial developments around the Mount Annan District Centre and the proposed installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Narellan Road and Waterworth Drive necessitate a review of the traffic control facility at this intersection.

Discussion

Council is currently in negotiation with Landcom regarding the road surface conditions in Waterworth Drive, including its intersection with Welling Drive in Mount Annan. Discussions include a contribution from Landcom toward the cost of improving the roundabout at the intersection of Welling Drive and Waterworth Drive.

Council has received a number of requests for the provision of safe and convenient pedestrian crossing facility between Mount Annan District Centre and the Mount Annan Leisure Centre.

The Roads and Traffic Authority is planning to replace the roundabout at the intersection of Narellan Road and Waterworth Drive. Traffic modelling of the proposed traffic signals at this intersection indicates the queue length in Waterworth Drive will impact severely on the operation of the roundabout at the intersection of Waterworth Drive and Welling Drive. It is considered poor traffic planning design to have a roundabout and traffic signals in close proximity (within 200 metres).

It is proposed to investigate the feasibility of replacing the roundabout at the intersection of Waterworth Drive and Welling Drive with traffic signals, which will improve the function of this intersection.

TC113/04 Recommended:: That Council

- (i) *Undertake an investigation into the financial, transport and social impact of providing traffic signals control at the intersection of Waterworth Drive and Welling Drive, Mount Annan.*
- (ii) *Request the RTA to model the impacts on the intersection of Waterworth and Welling Drives and to recommend practical treatment of the intersection.*

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8. Permanent Items

(i) Local Bike Plan Implementation

No action

(ii) Black Spot Identification/Evaluation/Treatment

No action.

(iii) Local Behavioural Campaigns

CSRO outlined the "Drives for Learners in Macarthur" project. The project is undertaken jointly by Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondilly Councils. This project will enable learner drivers to gain driving experience in a wide range of different conditions.

(iv) RTA Road Safety Projects - Status Report

No action.

(v) Fatal Accident Reports

Nil

TC114/04 **Recommended:** *That the information contained in items (i) to (v) be noted.*

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9. Deepfields Road, Catherine Field – Safety Concerns (File 3576)

Councillor Johnson raised safety concerns at the intersection of Camden Valley Way and Deepfields Road. The Committee recommended that Council request the RTA to review the layout of this intersection.

TC115/04 **Recommended:** *That Council request the RTA to review the layout of the intersection of Camden Valley Way and Deepfields Road with a view of improving safety.*

10. Mount Annan District Centre – Pedestrian Crossings (Files 3455, 4496)

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H. Stait-Garnder enquired about the Member for Camden's representation regarding the need for additional pedestrian crossing facilities within the Mount Annan District Centre.

It was advised the resident's request has been addressed and Mr Stait-Gardner will be given a copy of the response.

TC116/04 **Recommended:** *That Council note this information.*

11. Werombi Road, Grasmere – Road Works (File 598)

F. Brooking commented on the poor quality of road works undertaken recently by Council in Werombi Road. The Committee recommended that Council's Assets Manager be advised of this comment.

TC117/04 **Recommended** *That Council's Assets Manager be advised of the poor quality of road works in Werombi Road.*

12. Maxwell Place, Narellan – Traffic Hazards (File 4214)

F, Brooking tabled a letter outlining the traffic hazard involving George Hunter Drive and Maxwell Place, Narellan.

The Committee recommended that the matter be investigated and the outcomes of this be reported to the Committee.

TC118/04 **Recommended:** *That the traffic hazard involving George Hunter Drive and Maxwell Place, Narellan be investigated and the outcomes of this investigation reported back to the Committee.*

13. Argyle Street, Camden – Bus Zones (File 1947)

Busways reported that 'Bus Zones' in Argyle Street are not accessible by buses during late afternoons due to cars parked in the Bus Zones.

TC119/04 **Recommended:** *That Council 's Enforcement Officers and NSW Police be requested to provide enforcement in Argyle Street Bus Zones.*

14. Departure of Pahee Sellathurai

It was noted that this meeting was the last Traffic Committee meeting which Pahee would attend as he is finishing with Council on Tuesday 14 September to take up a position in transport planning with the RTA, Blacktown.

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The contribution Pahee had made both to the items before the Committee and to traffic and transport development across the Camden LGA was noted. Appreciation of his knowledge and input to the discussion and resolution of issues before the Committee was warmly expressed.

TC120/04 **Recommended:** *That formal recognition of the contribution made by Pahee Sellathurai, as Transport Planner, to the work of the Traffic Committee be acknowledged.*

15. Date of Next Traffic Committee Meeting

TC121/04 **Recommended:** *That Council note that next Traffic Committee Meeting will be on Monday 11 October. 2004.*

Meeting closed at 11.00 am

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