

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
8 MARCH, 2004

Present:

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

Apologies: D. Davies, Busways
C. Moule, Picton Coaches

The meeting commenced at 9.30am.

Rec. No.

1. Business Arising from the Committee's Last Report Dated 10 November, 2003.

Report to Council meeting 23 February 2004. - Resolution 18/04.

- a) The Traffic Engineer pointed out that recommendation TC 02/04 part (ii)

“Council support the recent speed limit change from 80km/hr to 70km/hr along Macquarie Grove Road”. The word ‘recent’ should have been ‘proposed’.

- b) Schedule Two Items (Delegated Authority Items for Rectification)

The Traffic Engineer advised the Committee that the list of Delegated Authority Item was omitted from the minutes to Council. He also advised that the list was subsequently circulated to Councils.

TC24/04 Recommendation: *That Council note the information.*

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SCHEDULE ONE ITEMS (Main Business)

(A) New Items

2. Smeaton Grange Road - Road Works (File. 973)

Council proposes to close Smeaton Grange Road between Anzac Avenue and Sedgewick Street from 23 March 2004 to 2 April 2004 (11 days) in order to undertake road works.

Council proposes to undertake drainage works, and install central concrete medians with associated signs and linemarking.

A Traffic Management Plan has been prepared for the road closure and public consultation to the wider community will be undertaken via advertisement in the local papers.

Stakeholders such as Magdalene Catholic High School, the three bus companies and nearby businesses will be notified in writing.

The Traffic Committee members raised no objection. The Roads and Traffic Authority's representative requested that the Traffic Management plan be forwarded to the RTA.

TC 25/04 ***Recommendation:*** *that Council approve the temporary road closure of Smeaton Grange Road between Anzac Avenue and Sedgewick Street for roadworks from 23 March 2004 to 2 April 2004.*

3. Narellan Road. Speed Limit Change (File 3079)

The Roads and Traffic Authority have advised Council that the present 60km/hr speed limit on Narellan Road at the private driveway to Mount Annan Christian College has been extended by 50m in a southerly direction.

TC 26/04 ***Recommendation:*** *that Council note the recent 60km/hr speed limit extension along Narellan Road in the vicinity of the Mount Annan Christian College.*

4. Camden Show 26th and 27th March 2004 (File 543)

Council has received correspondence from the Camden Show Society to implement the various traffic measures that are required to control traffic within the CBD over the two day period of the Camden Show.

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The Show Society have been working with Council for a number of years to rationalise traffic movement during this event. The measures proposed are the same as in previous years and in brief they include:

- i) Closure of Mitchell Street west of Oxley Street to Showground Entrance.*
- ii) Woolworths and Council car park exit restricted (with permission from Woolworths)*
- iii) Main entry and exit is via Exeter Street and Cawdor Road into Bicentennial Park.*
- iv) Temporary "parking" signage strategically positioned to direct visitors to Elizabeth Street, Exeter Street, John Street and Cawdor Road.*

It is important to note that SES staff will again be on hand to assist with the above traffic measures.

As well as this two day show event, Council on Saturday 27th March has scheduled Council elections and the Camden Produce Market will operate in John Street. With respect to the Camden Produce Market, the organisers have agreed to set up on the bottom end of John Street at Exeter Street to permit voters to access the portion of John Street fronting Camden Primary School. Fifty Five (55) parking spaces will be available for this purpose.

Traffic Committee was advised that the Produce Market have their own approved Traffic Management Plan in place and operates from 6.00 am to 2.00 pm. The RTA's representative requested that a copy of TMP be forwarded to the RTA.

The Committee felt that the 55 spaces would normally be utilised by all day users visiting the show and that temporary signage should be provided to assist voters. In this regard the bays in John Street west of Mitchell Street were proposed to be denoted as temporary 30 minute parking was considered appropriate to maintain an orderly turn-over of voters.

TC 27/04 **Recommendation:** *that*

- (i) Council approve the temporary traffic control measures for the Camden Show over the 26th and 27th March 2004.*
- (ii) Temporary 30 minute parking restrictions be approved in John Street between Mitchell Street and the closed section of John Street allocated for the Camden Produce Market.*
- (iii) Council Enforcement Officers be requested assist these events.*

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5. Hogan Place Mount Annan (File 5925.50)

Craig and Rhodes Pty Ltd on behalf of Landcom have submitted concept plans relating to intersection improvements at the cross intersection of Hogan Place, Birriwa Circuit, Lochview Crescent and Sheridan Way.

In brief, the present configuration of traffic controls is confusing with a roundabout present within a cul-de-sac and adjacent legs of the intersection under Give Way control. This new concept will involve the removal of the roundabout facility to be replaced with a cross intersection under Give Way controls.

The priority at the intersection will be given to Hogan place and Birriwa Circuit with Lochview Crescent and Sheridan Way traffic having to give way. Concrete median islands will be installed on all approaches to restrict speeds and rationalise turning.

The Committee discussed the item and felt that the matter should be deferred until public consultation is undertaken.

TC28/04 *Recommendation:* *that the concept by Craig and Rhodes Pty Ltd for improvements at Hogan Place, Birriwa Circuit, Lockview Crescent and Sheridan Way intersection be deferred for public consultation and the outcomes of the consultation be presented to the next Traffic Committee Meeting.*

6. Mitchell Street, Camden (File 3735)

Council has been requested by the Assistant Principal of Camden Primary School to review traffic conditions in Mitchell Street outside the school.

The Assistant Principal has advised that motorist presently park outside the school during the times that the Bus Zone is operational forcing buses to double park.

Presently angle parking is permitted in Mitchell Street with Bus Zone restrictions coming into force from 8.30am – 9.30am and 3.00pm – 4.00pm School Days.

The problem appears to be more prominent during the afternoon time slot as motorist seem to overstay the 3.00pm time when the Bus Zone becomes active. The Committee felt this could be overcome by activating the Bus Zone earlier and in this regard, school zones times could be considered. The signage could then be as follows:

Bus Zone 8.00am – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 4.00pm School Days.

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The Assistant Principal also mentioned that people are failing to notice the present signage and considers that additional signage could be installed. A check of the site has indicated that there are four (4) Bus Zones signs which are approximately 30m apart. The Committee felt that the number and spacing of the signage is satisfactory negating the need for additional signage.

There was however a concern for the need to control the manner in which motorists park their vehicles. In this respect it was agreed that the angle parking should be signposted "Rear to Kerb" parking as it is safer to exit the car parking space in a forward direction.

TC29/04 **Recommendation:** *that*

- i) the existing Bus Zone in Mitchell Street outside Camden Primary School be altered to read Bus Zone 8.00am – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 4.00pm School Days*
- ii) that the existing angle parking car spaces in Mitchell Street outside Camden Primary School be restricted to parking in a "Rear to Kerb" fashion.*
- iii) The Assistant Principal of Camden Primary School be advised of this action and that he be requested to circulate this advice to the parents of the school's students.*

7. PAMP Projects - Various (File 4496; 3481; 3603)

Council approved a number of PAMP projects within the 2003/04 financial year, jointly funded by the RTA.

Plans for the introduction of pedestrian refuges in:

- Cawdor Road outside the RSL, and
- Cowper Drive, at the intersection with Old Hume Highway.

were discussed as priority improvements under the PAMP funded program.

The Committee raised no objection to either of the proposed treatments but requested that the pedestrian refuge on Cawdor Road be flagged by Camden RSL and Camden Sports Club.

TC30/04 **Recommendation:** *that*

- i) Council approve the proposed pedestrian refuges on Cawdor outside Camden RSL Road, Camden and Cowper Drive at Old Hume Highway, South Camden.*

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- ii) Council notify Camden RSL and Camden Sports Club regarding the proposed pedestrian refuge on Cawdor Road, Camden.

(B) Deferred Items

Nil

(C) Permanent Items

- (i) Local Bike Plan Implementation

Construction completed between the two Wilson Crescent

- (ii) Black Spot Identification/Evaluation/Treatment

No action.

- (iii) Local Behavioural Campaigns

Community Road Safety Officer advised that the 2004-2005 Community Action Plan is in the process of being finalised and will be circulated for comment.

- (iv) RTA Road Safety Projects - Status Report

No Project active at this stage.

(D) Fatal Accident Reports

Nil

SCHEDULE TWO ITEMS (Delegated Authority Items for Ratification)

2004/2	Oxley Street, Camden Temporary use of kerbside space (3 car spaces) for Council Election on 27 th March 2004	Approved 20.02.04
2004/3	Anzac Day March and Dawn Service on 25 April 2004	Approved 10.03.04

TC31/04 Recommended: that Council note the information.

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LATE/GENERAL BUSINESS

8. Camden By-pass off ramp at Narellan Road (File 3097)

The Camden Chamber of Commerce representative advised that it is difficult to see traffic on Narellan Road on approach from the Camden By-pass off-ramp due to the acute nature of the junction.

TC31/04 ***Recommended:*** *that acute nature of the junction of the Camden By-pass off-ramp at Narellan Road, Narellan be referred to the RTA for its consideration and improvement*

9. Camden By-pass/Old Hume Highway (File 817)

Camden Chamber of Commerce representative advised that there appears to be a shortage of merging space between Camden By-pass traffic when merging with Old Hume Highway traffic to proceed into Burragarong Road.

TC32/04 ***Recommended:*** *that the issue of restricted merging distance for traffic on Camden By-pass wishing to turn into Burragarong Road when merging with traffic using the Old Hume Highway be referred to the RTA.*

10. Camden Valley Way between Wilson Crescent (File 3288; 3964)

The Narellan Chamber of Commerce representative requested that the length of Camden Valley Way between the two Wilson Crescents intersections is dangerous when vehicles pull up to perform right turns into private properties. The Chamber representative requested that double centre linemarkings be installed to stop this practice.

The Committee pointed out that under the Australian Road Rules motorists are permitted to turn right across a double centre line when entering and exiting road related areas.

To stop the practice all together, a physical barrier would be required and there appears to be no justification for such a facility at this stage.

TC33/04 ***Recommended:*** *that the request for a double centre line or any other traffic facility on Camden Valley Way between the two Wilson Crescents is not supported at this stage.*

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11. Camden Valley Way – Cycleway (File 3288)

The Narellan Chamber of Commerce representative requested that Council investigate the use of the shoulder area on the southern side of Camden Valley Way between Kirkham Lane and Golf Course for the connection of the cycle track.

TC34/04 ***Recommended:*** *that the matter be investigated and a further report be prepared for the next Traffic Committee Meeting.*

12. Caroline Chisholm Drive (File 4215)

The Police representative tabled a letter on behalf of a resident of Paterson Street, South Camden requesting that a barrier be installed to stop motorists driving into his fence along Caroline Chisholm Drive. The committee agreed this should be deferred for investigation.

TC35/04 ***Recommended:*** *that the request for a physical barrier along Caroline Chisholm Drive just south of Macarthur Bridge be investigated and reported to next Traffic Committee Meeting.*

13. Graham Hill Road at Porrende Street (File 3482; 4021)

The Manager Engineering advised the Committee that motorist using the T-junction of Graham Hill Road at Porrende Street manouver, around the corner at speed. He requested that consideration be given to the installation of a median island in Graham Hill Road at Porrende Street.

TC36/04 ***Recommended:*** *that a design for a median island in Graham Hill Road at Porrende Street, Narellan be investigated and reported to the next Traffic Committee Meeting.*

14. Waterworth Drive, Narellan Vale (File 3429)

The Committee discussed the bus stop outside properties No.98/96 Waterworth Drive with respect to vehicles that are frequently parked at the stop.

The Committee noted that parking outside a bus stop is prohibited under the Australian Road Rules and are subject to a Traffic Infringement Notice.

TC37/04 ***Recommended:*** *that Council refer the issue of illegal parking at the bus stop outside No. 98/96 Waterworth Drive, Narellan to the NSW Police Department.*

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15. Camelot Close (File 4722)

The Narellan Chamber of Commerce representative advised that motorists appear to be cutting the bend in Camelot Close, Kirkham. He requested that measures to guide drivers, using this local street, to remain on the left hand side of the pavement will be investigated.

TC38/04 **Recommended:** *that Council defer the item for investigation and a report be prepared to the next Traffic Committee Meeting.*

MAINTENANCE REQUEST

16. George Hunter Drive (File 3080)

The Narellan Chamber of Commerce representative advised that George Hunter Drive, Narellan required double centre linemarking to be installed. The Traffic Engineer advised that the linemarkings are missing and that instruction will be issued for their re-instatement.

TC39/04 **Recommended:** *that double centre linemarking be installed in George Hunter Drive, Narellan.*

Meeting closed at 10.35 a.m.

**RESOLUTION FROM THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 22
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Other Committees

Traffic Committee – Held 8 March, 2004

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Fekete, seconded Cr McFadden that the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting of the 8 March, 2004 copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

028/04 THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

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