



Minutes

Traffic Authority Local Committee
Thursday 2 August 2012
2 pm

Lithgow Traffic Authority Local Committee (TALC)	
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TRAFFIC AUTHORITY LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES – 2 AUGUST 2012

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Iain Stewart (LCC), Clr Fisher (LCC), Bob Willison (LCC), Sergeant Neal Snowden (Chifley Highway Command), Jackie Barry (RMS), Ashley Kirwan (RMS) and Kym Snow (LCC).

Apologies: Maddison Bailey (LCC) and Peter Pilbeam (State Members Representative).

Officers:

Declaration of Interest: Nil

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were presented to the Council on 2 August 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 2 August 2012 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED:

SECONDED:

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Reserve Road Marrangaroo

SUMMARY

A resident has requested that the speed limit on Reserve Road be lowered from the current 80km/h to 60km/h for the following reasons-

- Heavy vehicles using the road
- 27 residents and 4 industrial establishments using the road
- Vehicles travelling at speeds which the resident feels is unsafe
- The general road condition-pot holes, puddles, patches, road surface, inadequate drainage and wildlife.

COMMENTARY

The RMS has completed the speed zone review of Reserve Road Marrangaroo which was signed off on 17 July 2012. The RMS noted the outcome of the review-

That the speed zone on Reserve Road at Marrangaroo between the Great Western Highway and the entrance to the Marrangaroo Army Camp remain at 80km/h.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council approve the RMS recommendation that the speed zone on Reserve Road Marrangaroo remain at 80km/h.

MOVED: Bob Willison

SECONDED: Neal Snowden

b) Magpie Hollow Road Southbowenfels

SUMMARY

An action request (action request number 04774/10) has been received from a resident asking for Council to consider lowering the current speed limit of 70km/h and 80km/h on Magpie Hollow Road to 50km/h. The section is from the Great Western Highway turnoff into Magpie Hollow Road through to the current 100km/h speed zone on Magpie Hollow Road. The resident has asked for the installation of a traffic mirror at the driveway as the resident feels there is limited sight distance when exiting the property.

COMMENTARY

The RMS has completed the speed zone review of Magpie Hollow Road and has recommended that there is no change to the speed limit.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council approve the RMS recommendation that the speed limit on Magpie Hollow Road remain unchanged commencing from the Great Western Highway in the east through to a point 2.11 kilometers west where the speed zone changes to 100km/h .

MOVED: Iain Stewart

SECONDED: Bob Willison

c) Speed limit reduction request- Cox's River Road

SUMMARY

A resident has written to Council requesting that the current speed limit of 100km/h is lowered to 80km/h on Cox's River Road between Blackheath Creek Road turn off and Kanimbla Road turn off.

COMMENTARY

The RMS has conducted the speed zone review of Cox's River Road. Council has been asked for comment. The RMS has asked if council supports the recommendation for the speed limit to be reduced from 100km/h to 80 km/h. Council support this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION – That Council approve the RMS recommendation that the 80km/h speed zone on Cox's River Road commencing at the Great Western Highway is extended to the Duddawarra Bridge over Cox's River in the south.

MOVED: Bob Willison

SECONDED: Neal Snowden

d) Thompson's Creek Road- speed zone review

SUMMARY

The RMS has completed the speed zone review of Thompson's Creek Road at Portland after resident's requests to have the speed limit reduced.

COMMENTARY

It is proposed the speed limit on Thompson's Creek Road sealed section is changed from 100km/h to 80km/h between Pipers Flat Road and a point 4km south west. It is also proposed that the unsealed section of Thompson's Creek Road from 4km south west of Pipers Flat Road to Range Road be sign posted Reduce Speed to Conditions to direct drivers to select a speed appropriate to the prevailing road and weather conditions.

RECOMMENDATION – That Council approve the RMS recommendation for the speed limit to be reduced on the sealed section of Thompsons Creek Road at Portland to 80km/h from the existing 100km/h and that the unsealed section of road is sign posted with Reduce speed to conditions.

MOVED: Bob Willison

SECONDED: Iain Stewart

ITEM: 4 ONGOING ISSUES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 7 JUNE

H) Road safety issues- Good Forest

SUMMARY

Residents of Good Forest have written to council requesting that-

1. The extension of the 80km/h speed limit through the locality of Good Forest by an extra 3 kilometres due to an increase in traffic and trucks and heavy fog. The school bus picks up and drops off children at their gates, there are local businesses and private truck businesses all located within this 3 kilometers. The businesses have entrances off Jenolan Caves Road at Good Forest and have issues turning into their properties with traffic doing 100km/h.
2. The installation of a Compression Brake sign at the start of the built up area of Good Forest as trucks are using this road 24 hours a day.
3. A resident of Good forest has a truck and dog as well as other machinery and finds it difficult to maneuver his truck into his gateway, crossing 2 lanes of traffic to enter or exit his property. Fears there will be an accident.

COMMENTARY

Council will meet with residents of Good Forest to discuss these issues. As a result no further action is to be taken at this time.

The speed zone review has been forwarded to the RMS for their consideration. The RMS (Monica Lea) has noted that this issue will be looked at as part of a whole of MR253 Jenolan Caves Road Speed zone review. Preliminary work on this was started over a year ago, but unfortunately other tasks put it on hold. Please see correspondence from Monica following-

I have recently collated the most recent data we have on this route and we will shortly re-allocate the project to an officer. We have had 2 officers who were responsible for this retire in the last 12 months. I will update Council further when we move on this.

RECOMMENDATION-That Council note that the RMS shall be completing the speed zone review on the Jenolan Caves Road when a project officer is appointed.

MOVED: Iain Stewart

SECONDED: Neal Snowden

I) Suzuki Classic Dirt No. 9/ 7-9 September 2012

SUMMARY

The Suzuki Classic Dirt is a three day event proposed to be run on 7-9 September on clear View a private property at Wallerawang. The event runs for three days, with riding on Saturday and Sunday. There is no racing at the event, only recreational riding.

The event organizers are expecting 4-500 riders and 1000 spectators over the entire weekend.

COMMENTARY

Council has no objections to running of the Suzuki Classic Dirt event when the appropriate safety considerations for the event have been implemented.

The police have noted that they would like more information on the exact location of the gate. Committee members will meet with the event organizer to determine the location of the entrance gate.

Signage on the road will need to be approved by Paul Maloney of the RMS.

The event organizers believe there will be no build up outside the property gate as the entry to the site will be a temporary gate approximately 100 meters inside the main gate which will allow for any vehicles entering the site room to queue if necessary off the road.

Temporary signage will be placed on the Great Western Highway in both directions, prior to the Wallerawang Rydal Road turnoff and closer to the site entry.

It is noted that Council will refer to the DA to the RMS as the event will generate more than 200 vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that further information on the Suzuki Classic Dirt event is required.

MOVED: Neal Snowden

SECONDED: Bob Willison

J) 2012 Alpine Classic –Touring Road Event 13-14 October

SUMMARY

The Classic Rally Car Club is planning to hold a social touring road event for classic cars on 13 and 14 October 2012- the Alpine Classic and has asked for council permission to conduct the event through our region.

The event is not a race, speed event or forest rally. Its aim is to test the map reading and navigational skills of members. All participants will follow the road traffic act. The event is proposed to start at Lithgow on Saturday 13 October with the first vehicle leaving Lithgow at 9am. Vehicles will leave at 1 minute intervals. On the Sunday the vehicles will leave Orange at 8am and finish in Lithgow at 3.30pm. The tour avoids passing through heavily populated areas.

COMMENTARY

The event organizers have been asked to provide the appropriate documentation for this event.

The event is to commence at Lithgow Public School at 9am with vehicles leaving at one minute intervals.

The event organizers have conducted this event for the past thirteen years. The event will run under the Confederation of Motor Sport (CAMS) permit, under their rules and covered by their insurances. The permit is issued only after police, RMS and all councils have given their approvals.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that further information is required for the 2012 Alpine classic event.

MOVED: Neal Snowden

SECONDED: Iain Stewart

K) Mountain Sports-Tableland Tour Bike Race

SUMMARY

The Tableland Tour Bike Race is proposed to be held on Sunday 25 November 2012 with race participants to race through RMS and local council roads from Tarana across to Oberon and back to Tarana. A traffic management plan has been submitted for this event.

COMMENTARY

Sean Greenhill from Mountain Sports was thanked by the RMS for bringing this event to the committee so far ahead of the event.

Mr. Greenhill noted that the event has a similar concept to the Bathurst to Blayney bike ride event and noted that the Tarana area has good roads and that there is potential to develop this event each year to make it an annual event. It would bring economic activity to the community and showcase the area.

Mr. Greenhill noted that in the first year the event organizers envisage 100 riders attending.

Part of the course is on RMS roads, this has been discussed with Paul Maloney, who requires the appropriate paper work for the event as do police and council.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that further information is required on the Tablelands Tour Bike Race.

MOVED: Neal Snowden

SECONDED: Iain Stewart

L) Landa Street- Daruk and Jingai Crescent Lithgow-request for speed humps

SUMMARY

Residents of Landa Street, Daruk Crescent and Adina Crescent have written to council requesting that speed humps are installed on the corner located between Jingai Crescent and Daruk Crescent in Lithgow.

The residents have requested the speed humps as a result of-

1. Vehicle crashed
2. Vehicles Unsafe speeds/ near misses
3. Safety of children and residents living in the area
4. Fear of vehicles going through a home

There has also been a request for the lighting to be improved on this corner due to vehicles using high beam of a night and the lack of lighting creating problems for vehicles driving at night.

COMMENTARY

Further correspondence has been received for the resident. The resident has requested that a barrier be erected in front of residences. The traffic and speed counts are still being conducted.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that investigation into the request for speed humps in Landa Street Lithgow between Daruk and Jingai Crescents is ongoing.

MOVED: Iain Stewart

SECONDED: Bob Willison

M) Aquatic centre car park- revised plan

SUMMARY

Four possible suggestions for the Aquatic centre car park have been presented to the committee for their consideration.

COMMENTARY

An onsite inspection with councillors and TALC members was conducted on 2 August. Option 2 for the car park was discussed and agreed upon.

- (a) Reduced precinct speed zone of 40 km/h through George Coates Avenue
 - (b) New shared pedestrian and vehicle zone along Barton Street, with speeds reduced to 10 km/h within this zone. Inclusion of two (2) raised traffic calming devices (speed humps) will also be installed at either end of Barton Street, as well as realignment works at the intersection with George Coates Avenue to inhibit speeding through this area and increase safety.
 - (c) Car parking spaces (50) to be created on either side of Barton Street, and be linked to the entry of the Lithgow Aquatic Centre via a new footpath (linking from the existing footpath from Fred Burley Drive).
 - (d) Through traffic to be encouraged to use Fred Burley Drive as the preferred route to Barton Street, reducing the traffic flows through George Coates Avenue and Barton Street to users of the Lithgow Sporting and Cultural Precinct.
 - (e) No Stopping Zones to be implemented along both sides of George Coates Avenue to increase safety.
 - (f) Onsite parking for disabled spaces, as well as a new drop off / pick up area to increase safety of patrons (temporary area located on proposed area of Stage 2 works). Works will include one way in (off George Coates Avenue), and one way out (into Barton Street).
 - (g) Removal of evergreen trees and dilapidated fencing on the northern site boundary to cater for new linking footpath and car parking spaces on the southern side of Barton Street (as many trees to be retained as possible in conjunction with the car park construction in this area)
 - (h) Installation of a pedestrian refuge in George Coates Avenue, in line with the new entry to increase safety of patrons crossing from Watsford Oval, Lithgow.
- The proposed speed zones will have to be approved by the RMS.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council approve the installation of;

- **A 40km/h speed zone on George Coates Avenue**
- **A shared 10km/h pedestrian and vehicle speed zone on Barton Street**
- **The installation of two speed humps in Barton Avenue**

- **Realignment to the corner of George Coates Avenue and Barton Street**
- **No Stopping zones on both sides of George Coates Avenue**
- **The installation of a pedestrian refuge on George Coates Avenue**
- **Two disabled parking spaces and drop off/ pick up parking spaces on the aquatic centre site**
- **Fifty car parking spaces to be installed on either side of Barton Street**

MOVED: Neal Snowden

SECONDED: Bob Willison

N) University of Western Sydney teaching facility Lithgow

SUMMARY

The development application and a draft traffic impact assessment have been received for the University of Western Sydney campus on Mort Street Lithgow.

COMMENTARY

TALC conducted a site inspection. The questions raised were discussed with Councils planner.

The entrance to the car park will be via the existing entry point to Council's Works Depot and will be changed from one way to two way. Although there is no other acceptable access available to the car park, council has the following concerns;

1. Is this access wide enough to become a two way (considering the turning circles required for vehicles entering the site). Would measures such as pavement markings and advisory signage be adequate?
2. Is there adequate pedestrian visibility at the access? A mirror may need to be installed in order to improve safety?
3. The car park is 18 spaces short of the standard requirement for such developments. Will this increase parking issues in the vicinity of the development?

RECOMMENDATION- That Council approve the development application for the University of Western Sydney in Mort Street Lithgow in relation to the car parking and traffic entry/exit point proposed for the University.

MOVED: Iain Stewart

SECONDED: Bob Willison

O) Tablelands Triathlon

SUMMARY

Mountain Sport has provided council with an event outline for the Tablelands Triathlon scheduled to be held in January 2013.

COMMENTARY

Mountain Sports are to provide the committee with a traffic management plan for this event.

Sean Greenhill from Mountain Sports noted that a site inspection of the triathlons proposed route has been conducted with Delta Electricity and Delta is pleased with the proposed event. The event organizer envisages 100 participants for the first year and making this an annual event.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that further information is required for the Mountain Sports Tablelands Triathlon event.

MOVED: Bob Willison

SECONDED: Neal Snowden

ITEM 5: NEW BUSINESS

a) New car park- Main Street Wallerawang

SUMMARY

The Wallerawang Lidsdale Progress Association has requested that Stop signs be placed along the Main Street frontage of the car park at least between the entry and exit points of the car park.

The Association noted that Main Street is too narrow for parking on both sides at this location and that vehicles are parking across the entry and exit points to the car park.

COMMENTARY

Vehicles are parking very close to the exit and entrance of the car park creating issues for vehicles leaving the car park. It was noted that the existing No Stopping signage that was located at the start of the Black Bridge down to the car park has been removed.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council install No Stopping signage in Main Street Wallerawang beginning at the Black Bridge and continuing down Main Street to cover the entire car park adjacent to the bakery.

MOVED: Iain Stewart

SECONDED: Bob Willison

b) Guy Street Lithgow- No Stopping signage request

SUMMARY

Works have recently been completed at Guy Street Lithgow and a request has been received to have a No Stopping sign erected on the bend just before Guy Street. Vehicles park along the bend which causes vehicles to swing out to the right and risk hitting approaching traffic.

COMMENTARY

Site inspection conducted by the committee with the committee determining that the No Stopping signage is not required at this location.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that No Stopping signage is not required on Macaulay Street in the vicinity of Guy Street.

MOVED: Neal Snowden

SECONDED: Bob Willison

c) Request from Capertee residents- road safety matters raised

SUMMARY

Residents of Capertee held a meeting to discuss village improvements and the following matters were raised;

1. A request for signage indicating concealed driveways from the Castlereagh Highway on the Mudgee side of Capertee and at Ben Bullen from the cutting located just past Baalbone Colliery to the other side of the bridge at Jews Creek- as vehicles turning into their properties are often overtaken
2. Airly Coal Mine- has conducted a risk assessment and have identified the issue of entering and exiting the mine entrance from Glen Davis Road as an issue. The mine has purchased signage as they are concerned with vehicles speeding along this road and vehicles entering/exiting the mine. The RMS has notified the mine that they cannot erect this signage.
3. Eskbank Street Lithgow parking in front of the Doctor's surgery. When exiting the laneway located adjacent to the surgery on Eskbank Street, it is often difficult to see traffic that may be turning into Eskbank Street from Mort Street especially if large vehicles are parked there. It is dangerous to exit the lane of an afternoon if you are turning right to go into Main Street.

COMMENTARY

A site inspection is required to determine if concealed driveway signage is required. Airly mine will need to be contacted to see what signage they wished to erect. The Eskbank Street matter will be placed in abeyance for a future meeting.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that further investigation is required into the matters presented to TALC by the residents of Capertee.

MOVED: Bob Willison

SECONDED: Iain Stewart

d) School zone patches 40km/h –Lithgow LGA Schools update

SUMMARY

Grant Sharkey, Safety around Schools Project Officer from the RMS has responded to council's letter (Feb 20, 2012) requesting that the 40km/h school zone patches be repainted. Grant has advised that a recent inspection of the 40km/h signage through the LGA are yellow topped signs in good condition and that the RMS is constantly monitoring the state of school zone signage and patch assets. Council is also invited to express any specific areas of concern.

COMMENTARY

The RMS Safety around Schools Project Officer has been contacted by Council in regards to the 40km/h stencils and has asked for a list of schools requiring the patches to be updated to be sent to the RMS. This list has been compiled and will be sent.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that a list of the 40km/h school zone patches to be re-stencilled in the Lithgow LGA has been compiled and sent to the RMS for their attention.

MOVED: Iain Stewart

SECONDED: Bob Willison

e) Blackspot funding for Mort Street Lithgow

SUMMARY

The RMS has suggested that the area of Mort Street between Laurence Street and Cupro Street as an area for 2013/2014 blackspot funding, based on a concentration of pedestrian crashes in the vicinity. The RMS has suggested the construction of a

pedestrian crossing or refuge. There is an existing pedestrian crossing 180m east of Laurence Street. Council is considering alternative options, such as the installation of traffic lights at the Main Street/ Cupro Street/George Coates Avenue intersection.

COMMENTARY

The committee would like to know the amount of black spot funding proposed by the RMS and where the refuge or crossing would be located and if the current pedestrian crossing near Coerwull School would be removed or relocated. At this stage no monetary value has been established as it is proposed for the 2013-2014 funding year.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note the information on the black spot funding proposal for Main Street in the vicinity of Laurence and Cupro Streets from the RMS and await further information on this matter.

MOVED: Bob Willison

SECONDED: Iain Stewart

f) Mobile speed zone camera- list of new locations Lithgow LGA

SUMMARY

The State government has announced 500 new high risk mobile speed camera locations.

COMMENTARY

The committee noted the locations provided in the documentation.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note the information on the new high risk speed camera locations throughout the Lithgow LGA.

MOVED: Iain Stewart

SECONDED: Bob Willison

ITEM 6: GENERAL BUSINESS:

There was no general business presented to the committee.

Meeting Closed: With no further business the meeting was closed at 3.00 p.m.

ITEM 7: NEXT MEETING:

Next Meeting: 2pm on Thursday 6 September 2012
Council Committee meeting room
Lithgow City Council
180 Mort Street Lithgow