

LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held electronically
Wednesday 21 November 2018

**Wollondilly Shire Council
LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

The meeting was chaired by Mike Nelson and was declared open at 2:10pm.

Present

Mike Nelson	Manager Infrastructure Strategy and Planning
Norma Toweel	Infrastructure and Assets Coordinator
Cr Robert Khan	Wollondilly Shire Council
Jayd Marsh	Roads and Maritime Services (RMS)
Amanda Priestly	Roads and Maritime Services (RMS)
Marcus Cotton	Campbelltown Police (Appin)
Stephen Grady	Busways
Chris Moule	Picton Buslines
Choong Yam	Senior Traffic Engineer
Robyne Ryan	Infrastructure Strategy and Planning Admin Support

Apologies

Stephen Burridge	Busabout
Judith Hannan	Mayor - Wollondilly Shire Council
Cr Blair Briggs	Alternate Delegate - Wollondilly Shire Council
Jai Rowell, MP	State MP
Matthew Shirvington	Penrith Police
Stephen Page	St Marys Police (Warragamba/Silverdale)

ITEMS DISCUSSED**Resolved unanimously by the committee:**

That Council resolve to adopt the Recommendations of the Local Traffic Committee as follows:

1. Picton High School Development Project – Wonga Road

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request to extend and implement new traffic zones on Wonga Road Picton for access in and out of Picton High School's temporary compound.

Attachments

1. Picton High School Project Programme
2. New Traffic Zones P1
2. New Traffic Zones P2

ACTIONS / COMMENTS**Actions**

Council will obtain evidence of the current impact of the changed traffic conditions on Wonga Road due to the construction.

Picton Buslines will provide photos to Council to support the evidence

Comments

The committee have several concerns regarding this proposal. Discussions were carried out on the following issues:

- There will be a very high level of construction traffic , delivery and staff access traffic along Wonga Road during the construction period, will the proposed traffic management for the temporary (up to 3 years) school access be sufficient to regulate that volume of Traffic.
- Wonga Road is the access road for several businesses including Remondis Waste Treatment; Picton Buslines; Wollondilly Animal Shelter and Nursery; Derks Produce; Picton Sand and Soil; Brethren Church. Parking for those businesses will be affected. Picton Buslines have been told that it is anticipated there will be 350 – 400 cars per day accessing Wonga Road;
 - 250 Construction workers
 - 120 School Teachers
 - 60-80 Students

There will be inadequate parking facilities for those vehicles, it is noted that there drivers currently using the road reserve for onsite parking. As a result there will be a flow on impact with cars using the Wollondilly Community Leisure Centre to park, both sides of Remembrance Drive and Coachwood Crescent will be affected.

- Concerns were raised of how school children waiting for buses will be prevented from crossing the new cul-de-sac and suggestion raised of a physical barrier to prevent this.
- As parking has been established as a major concern, dropping off and picking up of students by the local bus company would be affected as Picton Buslines will need the road to be declared a clearway during the times of 8.15am – 9am and again at 3.15pm – 4pm with 4 buses at any one time buses using the road for transporting the students.
- The intersection of Wonga Road and Remembrance Drive will be substantially impacted by the increase in traffic and a traffic treatment method will need to be put in place to cope with the new proposal.
- It has been identified that the proposed pedestrian crossing does not meet Australian Standards.
- A major concern is that students who are trying to meet their particular bus schedule will not use the pedestrian crossing where it has been proposed, and they will run across the road to meet their bus.
- RMS advised that they would consider an extension of the current School zone – 40k/h to cater for the changes in pedestrian activity at the school, including Wonga Street.
- The committee discussed that a slip lane in front of Derk's Produce would assist in the flow of traffic turning left onto Remembrance Drive.
- On sport days at the high school, there are currently 8 buses that are used to transport the students to their sporting venue, this should also be taken into consideration for traffic management treatments.
- The committee also discussed the suitability of different traffic management treatments such as;
 - Temporary Traffic lights (up to 3 years)
 - Traffic Controllers - morning and afternoon
 - A roundabout at the intersection of Wonga Road and Argyle Street.
 - Permanent Traffic lights
- There is already an impact on Wonga Road due to the increase of trucks queuing to enter the site. The impact on the intersection at Wonga Road and Remembrance Drive Street will continue to impact after the construction has been completed (up to 3 years) due to the increase in students at the school.
- There needs to be an education campaign for people using Wonga Road during the construction period (up to 3 years) on the importance of following the road rules.

NSW Police

Raised concerns of safety of traffic at the intersection of Wonga Road and Remembrance Drive and have recommended the following measures for safe traffic conditions:

1. Permanent Traffic Lights
2. A Roundabout.

RMS

Agree that the intersection of Wonga Road and Remembrance Drive needs to be addressed but requires more evidence to be provided to make a decision on the right treatment to be recommended.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Traffic Committee does not support the proposal in its current form.
2. The intersection of Wonga Road and Remembrance Drive be upgraded to safely facilitate right hand turn movements eg signal or roundabout.
3. The installation of a physical barrier to prevent pedestrians from crossing the cul-de-sac and road, or relocate bus zones to be on the school side of the road to prevent the need for pedestrians to cross Wonga Road.

General Business

1. **Accessible Car Parking Space on Margaret Street Picton for patients of Picton Medical Centre.**

SUMMARY

Cr Khan has been approached by residents who have requested an accessible car parking space be provided in Margaret Street for elderly and disabled patients who attend the Picton Medical Centre as the current accessible spaces in the Picton Town Centre complex are too narrow and difficult to navigate.

ACTIONS / COMMENTS

Actions

Council's design team to further investigate the possibility of an accessible parking space in Margaret Street meeting the Australian Standards Parking Space Design Requirements.

Comments

The width of an accessible parking spot is 3.2 meters wide. There are several concerns that the width would not suit the location or the grade of the road

RMS

Have concerns about someone opening their car door from an accessible parking spot into flowing traffic.

2. **Request for Reduce Noise Signs to be installed at Warragamba and Tahmoor.**

SUMMARY

Council has received requests from residents in Warragamba and Tahmoor for signs to alert heavy vehicles refraining from using their noisy brakes along Silverdale Road approaching Farnsworth Ave roundabout and Remembrance Drive at Myrtle Creek.

The sign is non regulatory and there is one erected on Appin Road approaching Rixon Road roundabout. It only served as a visual deterrent solely on self – enforcement by heavy vehicle drivers.

ACTIONS / COMMENTS

Actions

Council to undergo an environmental assessment, taking into consideration noise impact and heavy vehicle percentages.

Comments**RMS**

The signs that are installed from a rural road coming into a residential areas would be more suitable and in their experience the signs have very little impact. Can be effective if there is a steep grade on the approach to residential area.