

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

Traffic Committee Meeting Agenda

15 July 2020



WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2020

9.15 AM

LEVEL 10, COMMITTEE ROOM 2

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The City of Wollongong Traffic Committee is not a Committee of Wollongong City Council however a Technical Committee of Transport for NSW (TfNSW). The Committee operates under the authority conferred to Council by TfNSW under the Transport Administration Act 1988. Council has resolved to manage the Traffic Committee under a Charter which sets out the membership, timelines for the preparation of the Agenda and the distribution of Minutes, in accordance with TfNSW (previously RMS) document 'A guide to the delegation to councils for the regulation of traffic' (including the operation of Traffic Committees.)

Council has been delegated certain powers, from TfNSW, regarding traffic matters upon its local roads. A condition of this delegation is that Council must consider the Traffic Committee recommendations.

There are four permanent members of the Traffic Committee, each of whom has a single vote only.

- The members are representatives of the NSW Police Force, Transport for NSW, the Local State Member of Parliament (for the location of the issue to be voted upon), and a representative of Wollongong City Council.
- If TfNSW or NSW Police Force disagrees with any Traffic Committee recommendation, or Council's resolution on any Traffic Committee recommendation, that member may lodge an appeal with the Regional Traffic Committee for determination. The appeal must be lodged in writing within 14 days of Council's resolution. Any action relative to any issue under appeal must cease until the matter is determined. The Regional Traffic Committee is chaired by an independent chairperson and submissions and representations are welcomed from all interested parties.

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1 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1.1 Welcome

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

“We pay our respects to and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Land on which we meet, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future. We also extend our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present here today.”

1.3 Declarations of Interest

1.4 Apologies

1.5 Confirmation of Minutes Arising from Previous Minutes

Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 24 June 2020.

1.6 Business Arising

2 GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1 HELENSBURGH Lukin Street – Ward 1

Helensburgh Public School, Helensburgh - Lukin Street – Proposed No Stopping restrictions

BACKGROUND

Concern has been raised by the Principal of Helensburgh Public School about motorists parking within the “No Stopping” zone around the cul-de-sac, just outside the school.

There are several “No Stopping” signs, placed around the cul-de-sac just outside the school. However, parents and other general public often ignore these signs and park in this region. They often take a 3 point turn to get out of this area. It was noticed during site inspection that one of the “No Stopping” signs was broken and laying on the ground. This illegal parking is also a safety concern for the children. No Stopping restrictions will be further reinforced by providing an unbroken yellow line around the cul-de-sac outside the school entrance within the existing “No Stopping” Signs. This will help to reduce the illegal parking outside the school.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with the School community has already been occurred.

PROPOSAL

Provide an unbroken yellow line around the cul-de-sac outside the school entrance within the existing “No Stopping” Signs.

2.2 BULLI Park Road – Ward 1

Park Road in front of St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, Bulli – Update No Stopping sign

BACKGROUND

Concerns have been raised by Council’s rangers to consider adjustments in parking restrictions to stop illegal parking. A section of unrestricted parking between property # 44 Park Road and the gate of St Joseph Church exists along the northern side. Parking is illegal within 3m of double barrier lines in the NSW Road Rules. The general public and parents tend to park illegally within 3m of double barrier lane there. Park Road is a narrow road and due to this illegal parking, east/west traffic movement along the road is restricted. Church and funeral services have their own separate off-street parking. Parents and the general public are still able to park within a two-minute timeframe even with this restriction.

It is proposed to replace existing “No stopping” single arrow signs with “No stopping” double arrow (left/right) signs at either ends of the unrestricted section between property #44 and the gate of church. The Bus Zone will not be affected by this change. This will reduce the congestion along Park Road and traffic flow will be safely managed.

CONSULTATION

School Community and the parish support this proposal.

PROPOSAL

Replace existing “No stopping” single arrow signs with “No stopping” double arrow (left/right) signs at either ends of the unrestricted section between property #44 and the gate of the Church.

2.3 KEIRAVILLE Keira Mine and Robson Road – Ward 2

Keira Mine and Robson Road – Install a No Stopping (R) sign during school hours

BACKGROUND

Community concerns have been raised regarding motorists finding difficulty to turn left from Keira Mine Road into Robson Road during school hours. Some cars tend to park on the northern side of Keira Mine Road between Nioka Avenue and Robson Road which obstruct the vehicles turning left turn into Robson Road. As a result, both left and right turning vehicles form a single queue on Keira Mine Road which eventually extends to the Nioka Avenue intersection. This further blocks the drivers turning into and out of Nioka Avenue.

No Stopping (R) sign during school hours is to be placed on the existing power pole which is approximately 11.5m from the eastern edge of the driveway of property #112 Robson Road. This would provide an additional 10m of unobstructed section of the road for the left turning vehicles. This will help to reduce length of queue formation at the intersection especially during school hours. Approximately, 11.5m of unrestricted section of street, equivalent to two normal cars spaces is still available in front of the property #112 Robson Road for parking. .

CONSULTATION

Council will advise the adjoining property owner and its tenants.

PROPOSAL

Install “No Stopping (R)” sign during school hours on the existing power pole in front of the property #112 Robson Road.

2.4 NORTH WOLLONGONG Bessell and Bode Avenues – Ward 2

Bessell Avenue and Bode Avenue – Proposed No Stopping Restrictions

BACKGROUND

Ranger Services representatives have raised concerns over drivers parking too close to the intersection on Bode and Bessell Avenues, North Wollongong. There have been several call outs regarding drivers parking within 10m and infringements have been issued. No Stopping signs are already installed at this intersection on the west side of Bessell Avenue only.

CONSULTATION

No consultation is required.

PROPOSAL

Install No Stopping restrictions by way of an unbroken yellow line in the following locations:

1. Bode Avenue for 10m, east of for Bessell Avenue.
2. Bode Avenue for 10m, west of Bessell Avenue.
3. The east side of Bessell Avenue for 10m, south of Bode Avenue.

2.5 WINDANG Oakland Avenue – Ward 3

Windang Public School – Oakland Avenue, Windang – “No Parking” sign during school hour for kiss and drop

BACKGROUND

The Principal of Windang Public School has asked Council to install timed no parking sign during school hours in an approximately 35m of unrestricted section of the street in front of the school entrance. School would like to put kiss and drop banners in this area. Bus zone will not be affected by this change. The school community have been consulted through an online survey and support the change.

In discussions with the Principal, Council understands that some parents who are using this unrestricted section tend to park for extended time depriving the opportunity for other parents, looking for a space to park. This causes congestion as well as safety concerns to the children during the busy school hours. Parents and carers are now able to legally drop off or pick up their children within a two-minute timeframe.

CONSULTATION

The Principal and the school community have supported the proposed changes and no further consultation is required.

PROPOSAL

No Parking sign (timed as 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm) during School Days on the western side of Oakland Avenue outside of Windang Public School.