

ITEM 20

CITY OF WOLLONGONG TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES OF EMEETING HELD 11 **AUGUST 2023**

The City of Wollongong Traffic Committee participated in an eMeeting on 11 August 2023. The recommendations of the item listed in Section 2 of the Traffic Committee Minutes, relating to temporary road closures, are referred to Council for consideration. Temporary road closures in accordance with the regulation of public works or events by independent parties, must be considered by Council. Road closures are not considered under delegated authority to the General Manager.

The items in Section 1 of the Local Traffic Committee Minutes are endorsed under Delegated Authority of the General Manager and do not require referral to Council. Items that appear in Section 2 of previous Wollongong Traffic Committee will for part of the published minutes.

RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with the delegated authority to Council, the Minutes and Recommendations of the City of Wollongong Traffic Committee eMeeting held on 11 August 2023 in relation to Regulation of Traffic as outlined in this report, be adopted.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Nathan McBriarty, Manager Infrastructure Strategy + Planning (Acting)

Authorised by: Joanne Page, Director Infrastructure + Works

ATTACHMENTS

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1. WOLLONGONG, MARINE DRIVE AND ENDEAVOUR DRIVE - WARD 2 - WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE - RIDE WOLLONGONG FESTIVAL (RACE ON ROAD/CLASS 2)

BACKGROUND

Ride Wollongong is proposed to occur 23 Saturday September 2023 and 24 Sunday September 2023 at Lang Park and Flagstaff Hill Wollongong. The event is a community cycling event to celebrate the firstyear anniversary of the 2022 UCI world road cycling champion ships, along with the UCI Bike City status Wollongong city now boasts. Estimated daily attendance is 3500 riders spread over free community events and races, along with free activations built on community engagement.

The road closures will be from Flagstaff Hill on Saturday 23 September 2023 and additionally Marine Drive on Sunday 24 September 2023. The methods of accessing the event will include car, walking and public transport. Ride Wollongong's Festival of Cycling is a free community ride celebrating the legacy of



the 2022 UCI Road World Championships, the Festival of Cycling has something for everyone to enjoy, in the beautiful City of Wollongong.

On Saturday 23 September 2023, Endeavour Drive will be closed from 9am to 5pm and on Sunday 24 September 2023, Marine Drive and Endeavour Drive will be closed from 7am to 5pm:

A link to the current event schedule is provided: **Event Schedule | RIDE WOLLONGONG**

PROPOSAL

Transport for NSW representative raised the following concerns with the proposal:

- The proposed traffic management of the surrounding local roads creates a situation where vehicles can exit the harbour and surrounding car park but not enter. Several commercial businesses operate out of the harbour including commercial fishing vessels, a café, slipway, and fishing charter boat. The harbour is a popular weekend spot for recreational kayaking and swimming. The car park is one of the closest available to the event. Some people will likely ignore the current one-way arrangement to access parking in this area. This creates a potential conflict between pedestrians and vehicles (it is currently a shared zone). A summary of the consultation with the affected business is missing from the traffic committee agenda. I have included a copy of the relevant Transport for NSW contacts as Transport manages the harbour which is on Crown Land.
- The Wollongong foreshore area has a high parking demand. It is not uncommon for cars to park
 overnight in the car parks that are proposed to be closed. Trapped vehicles on road or in car parks
 will need to be addressed. This is based on previous experience with similar closures with UCI event
 in 2022. It is recommended that the event organiser work with NSW Police on a strategy to minimise
 the risk of parked vehicles being present on event days.
- The Wollongong bus layover is critical to the operation of most buses in the Wollongong region. It is noted that the event organiser is working with the operators to minimise disruption to the public transport network.

Noting the above, the Traffic Committee recommends that the event (including the Traffic Guidance Schemes and Traffic Management Plans) be approved subject to:

- 1. Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures.
- 2. The proposed Traffic Guidance Scheme (TGS) including the management of access to the harbour via lower Endeavour Drive (currently one-way shared zone).
- 3. The Special Event Parking signs illustrating the temporary bus layover zones (identified on page 22 of the Traffic Committee Agenda) being erected 7 days prior to the event. Signs must show the event dates and times the restrictions apply to and ensure buses are exempt from restrictions.
- 4. Additional Special Event Parking sign being added to the "Bus Zone 4x spots" location on page 22 of the Traffic Committee Agenda noting that this location is not currently a bus zone. This location will be for buses to pick-up and drop-off passengers as part of their route servicing.
- 5. Additional event parking signage being installed in critical locations for the event. These include onstreet parking areas/entrances to parking areas which will be closed/occupied for the event.
- 6. Council's Compliance & Regulation team being notified through Council's Transport Team representatives once all special event parking signs have been installed.
- 7. The Event Organiser working with the Church, Events Team and Bus Operators to organise toilet facilities for the bus drivers during the event times.
- 8. Resolution with bus companies on temporary bus layover arrangements.
- 9. The TGS and TMP being revised (updated date and versions) to reflect all Traffic Committee recommendations. Revised TGS and TMP plans must be re-submitted to Council's Transport and Events teams prior to the event.
- 10. The proposed road closure near the roundabout of Cliff Road/Endeavour Drive on page 14 of the Traffic Committee Agenda) being relocated closer to the entrance to lower Endeavour Drive. This is



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to improve driver safety by reducing the need for drivers to perform U-turns. Driver will instead be able to utilise the Endeavour Drive carpark area to turn around.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

- The event organiser has consulted with NSW Police to discuss the upcoming event as part of the TMP implementation.
- The event organiser has discussed key issues raised by bus operators regarding the event including the closure of the bus terminus and providing toilet facilities. In response a plan has been created which includes relocation of the bus terminus to Harbour Street and Crown Street as per the attached TGS plans (to offset the bus parking lost at the terminus) - See final pages of the TGS plans.
- The applicant has confirmed there will be toilet facilities provided for the bus layover for both days at either the church or on Lang Park (as close as possible to the layovers). This will be subject to separate Council approval.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2032 Goal "We have affordable and accessible transport". It specifically delivers on the core business activities as detailed in the Transport Services.



















































