

ITEM 18

CITY OF WOLLONGONG TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 APRIL 2023

The City of Wollongong Traffic Committee meeting has been held on 11 April 2023. The recommendations of items listed in Section 3 of the Traffic Committee Minutes, relating to temporary road closures, are referred to Council for consideration. Temporary road closures, in accordance with the Regulations on public roads for 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 2 and 4 of Local Traffic committee Minutes are endorsed under Delegated Authority of the General Manager and do not require referral to council. Items that appear in Sections 2 and 4 of previous Wollongong Traffic Committee will form part of the published minutes.

RECOMMENDATION

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

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Jeremy Morgan, Manager Infrastructure, Strategy + Planning
Authorised by: Joanne Page, Director Infrastructure + Works

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Council - 11 April 2023 - Bellambi, Bellambi Lane Closure - 1 of 2
- 2 Council - 11 April 2023 - Bellambi, Bellambi Lane Closure - 2 of 2
- 3 Council - 11 April 2023 - Wollongong, Burelli St, Removal of Air Conditioner
- 4 Council - 11 April 2023 - Wollongong, Closure of Belmore St - 1 of 3
- 5 Council - 11 April 2023 - Wollongong, Closure of Belmore St - 2 of 3
- 6 Council - 11 April 2023 - Wollongong, Closure of Belmore St - 3 of 3
- 7 Council - 11 April 2023 - Dapto, Closure of Bong Bong Rd - 1 of 3
- 8 Council - 11 April 2023 - Dapto, Closure of Bong Bong Rd - 2 of 3
- 9 Council - 11 April 2023 - Dapto, Closure of Bong Bong Rd - 3 of 3

1. BELLAMBI, BELLAMBI LANE – WARD 1 – CLOSURE OF BELLAMBI LANE BETWEEN BROMPTON ROAD AND FRANCIS STREET

BACKGROUND

Under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has the obligation to provide accessible public transport to all of NSW by meeting the requirements of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 (DSAPT). Given the flange gap in pedestrian rail level crossings, many do not meet the requirements of DSAPT.

Bellambi Station has been identified for an accessibility upgrade as it does not currently meet the key requirements of the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) and DSAPT.

TfNSW have identified a product, veloSTRAIL, which reduces the pedestrian rail level crossing flange and Bellambi Station has been selected for installation of a veloSTRAIL panel in the level crossing as part of the Transport Access Program (TAP).

It is proposed to close Bellambi Lane between Brompton Road and Francis Street to allow for the installation of the veloSTRAIL panel, at the following times/dates:

- 4am Saturday 13 May 2023 – 10pm Sunday 14 May 2023
- 4am Saturday 1 July 2023 – 10pm Sunday 2 July 2023

PROPOSAL

The closure of Bellambi Lane be approved subject to the submitted Traffic Control Plans and Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures. VMS units to be installed at least 2 weeks prior to closure on all approaches to raise community awareness.

TfNSW provided background on the project and advised the times provided have been coordinated with proposed track work weekends.

TfNSW were asked to provide an update to pedestrian and cyclist access due to the closure. Following the Traffic Committee meeting TfNSW have provided the following update:

- The scope of works for improvement is for the pedestrian/cyclist crossing component of the level crossing only. The vehicle crossing is outside of the TAP project scope.
- The full closure of the roadway allows for safe separation of plant and people as well as maintaining pedestrian and cycling access using part of the road.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

The community are familiar with TAP work in the area and are receiving monthly project updates from TfNSW. This scope will be notified for in the April community notification.

The contractor (Transport for Tomorrow) undertaking the works for TfNSW will work with Transport for NSW to notify internal departments + Council and Sydney Trains (including possession replacement bus services).

Transport for Tomorrow will contact Bellambi Lane Café and Bunnings directly, as a courtesy, however access to their venue will not be impacted.

2. WOLLONGONG, BURELLI STREET – WARD 2 – REMOVAL OF AIR CONDITIONING UNITS BY CRANE

BACKGROUND

Stop Slow Traffic Control are responsible for the regulation of traffic and have proposed a road detour on to Simpson Place Wollongong to allow the removal of old air conditioners located on the top of 54-60 Burelli Street, Wollongong.

Work is proposed to occur on Wednesday 17 May 2023 with backup dates of 24 May 2023 and 31 May 2023. The work will take place between the hours of 8.00pm to 5.00am. The work was originally proposed for Friday however due to the greater likelihood of pedestrian presence in the area, a weekday was requested.

PROPOSAL

The road closures be approved subject to the submitted Traffic Control Plans and [Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures](#).

Additional Request:

Premier requested the Bus Zone outside Greater Union Cinemas remain operational. Since the meeting, Council has followed up with the Traffic Control Company and they have advised the Traffic Guidance Scheme will be adjusted.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

A letterbox drop has occurred with the one business affected – Napoli Pizza. Their request has been met through an 8.00pm start as it is after Napoli Pizza's dinner rush.

3. WOLLONGONG, BELMORE STREET – WARD 2 – CLOSURE BETWEEN RAILWAY PARADE AND VICTORIA STREET

BACKGROUND

Three construction companies working on large projects in Belmore Street have previously approached Council to close Belmore Street between Railway Parade and Victoria Street. The reason for closure is to reduce the risk to the general public created by having three construction sites in close proximity. Local access is still allowed for residents, businesses, and their visitors by way of traffic control.

The current road closure will continue until 19 April 2023. The applicant has requested an additional 6 months until 19 October 2023. It is noted that SafeWork Australia have inspected the site on several occasions and have advised they do not support vehicular or pedestrian access through the closed section of road, due to safety concerns given the large amount of moving plant including forklifts, manitoux, cranes, concrete pumps etc. TQM have advised that they anticipate their frontage works will be completed in around 3 months' time, at which point they will be able to allow for one lane of vehicular access under traffic control and pedestrian access along the new footpath area.

PROPOSAL

The proposed six month extension until 19 October 2023 of the road closure between 28 Belmore Street and Railway Parade, Wollongong, be approved subject to the submitted Traffic Control Plans and [Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures](#).

The applicant is to submit updated TGS plans that allow for local vehicular and pedestrian access through the closed section of road under traffic control when the TQM development frontage works are complete.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

The applicant must contact surrounding residences and businesses again to notify them of the extension. Council can revoke this approval if fair and reasonable consultation has not occurred.

It is noted that H Parsons Funerals have requested the road be re-opened given the length of time it has been closed. It is understood that this is the only complaint that has been received in relation to the road closure. To comply with SafeWork Australia direction, Council recommends the closure extension approval be granted subject to local access being made available for vehicles and pedestrians once the TQM development frontage works are complete (advice has been received that this will be approximately 3 months' time).

4. DAPTO, BONG BONG ROAD – WARD 3 – CLOSURE OF BONG BONG ROAD BETWEEN STATION STREET AND HAMILTON STREET

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It is proposed to close Bong Bong Road between Station Street and Hamilton Street to allow for the installation of the veloSTRAIL panel, at the following times/dates:

- Possession 1 - WE49 Sat 3rd June 2023 – Sun 4th June 2023
- Possession 2 - WE11 4am Sat 9th September 2023 – 10pm Sun 10th September 2023 – If required due to weather

PROPOSAL

The road closures be approved subject to the submitted Traffic Control Plans and [Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures](#).

VMS units to be installed at least 2 weeks prior to closure on all approaches to raise community awareness.

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TfNSW were asked to provide an update to pedestrian and cyclist access due to the closure. Following the Traffic Committee meeting TfNSW have provided the following update:

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This scope will be notified in the April community notification.

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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 core business activities as detailed in the Transport Services.

















