

MINUTES

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023

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MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD 17 MAY 2023 AT 1.30PM. MEETING HELD IN PERSON AT COUNCIL'S ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 126 CHURCH STREET, PARRAMATTA OR OPTIONAL ATTENDANCE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

The Traffic Engineering Advisory Group Chairperson, Councillor Noack declared the meeting open at 1:54pm.

PRESENT:	
NAME:	REPRESENTATIVE OF
Paul Noack	Councillor and Chairperson
Henry Green	Councillor
Georgina Valjak	Councillor
Kellie Darley	Councillor
Leading Senior Constable William Graham	Cumberland Police Area Command (PAC)
Sergeant Leonie Abberfield	Ryde Police Area Command (PAC)
Sergeant Jack Makhoul	Parramatta Police Area Command (PAC)
Nazli Tzannes	Transport for NSW (TfNSW)
Pam Kendrick	Representative for the Parramatta Bicycle Committee and Bicycle NSW
Ben Cantor	Busways
Michael Perrone	CDC Bus
Richard Searle	Traffic and Transport Manager, CoPC
Saniya Sharmeen	Traffic and Transport Team Leader, CoPC
Randil Pohorambage	Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer, CoPC
Zulfiqar Ali	Traffic and Transport Engineer, CoPC
Nathan McLauchlan	Traffic and Transport Engineer, CoPC
Behzad Saleh	Traffic and Transport Investigations Engineer, CoPC – Minutes Secretary

APOLOGIES:	
NAME:	REPRESENTATIVE OF

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2023:

That the report of the Traffic Engineering Advisory Group meeting held on 15 March 2023 be taken as read and confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING:**SECTION B ITEMS:****TEAG 2305 B1 Hill Road, Wentworth Point – Update on the proposed improvements on Hill Road**

Ward: Rosehill

State Electorate: Parramatta

Recommendation to Traffic Engineering Advisory Group:

That the update regarding the proposed improvements on Hill Road, Wentworth Point be noted.

Comments:

Councillor Noack noted that the construction of the traffic signals at the intersection of Hill Road and Bennelong Parkway, Wentworth Point was experiencing some delays and requested further information.

Richard Searle of City of Parramatta Council advised that there were three separate factors which have delayed the anticipated completion date of the project and were as follows:

1. Ausgrid have placed a pause on all excavations along the route of any supporting cable feeders
2. Transport for NSW (TfNSW) have requested changes to the signal design
3. There was a conflict between underground services and the stormwater design, however, this issue has now been resolved.

Recommendation from Traffic Engineering Advisory Group:

That the update regarding the proposed improvements on Hill Road, Wentworth Point be noted.

Unanimous support.

TEAG 2305 B2 Traffic Management and Pedestrian Works Temporary Delegations to Council

Ward: All

State Electorate: All

Recommendation to Traffic Engineering Advisory Group:

That Council note the new temporary delegations given to Council for Traffic Management and Pedestrian Works that are in force from 24 February 2023 to 30 June 2026 unless revoked earlier.

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Unanimous support.

TEAG 2305 B3 18 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills – Parking Restrictions at Driveway

Ward: North Rocks

State Electorate: Winston Hills

Recommendation to Traffic Engineering Advisory Group:

That Council continue to not signpost individual residential driveways within the Parramatta LGA including 18 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills.

Comments:

In response to the Officer recommendations within the TEAG report, Councillor Valjak has provided the following comments via email prior to the meeting:

- a. The site does not consist of individual driveways as there are 62 residents that reside in this complex.
- b. The suggestion of allowing for an area to park within the complex to collect mail is not possible due to the steep slope of the driveway.
- c. My representation was on behalf of the residents not just ONE Councillor.
- d. The driveway exit is at the bottom of a hill and while the signpost says 50km I can assure you that the speed is well above that. There have been service requests raised on excessive speed on Buckleys Road.
- e. There is a precedent set by the Lachlan View estate who have no stopping signs outside their driveway 30 metres to the left of this driveway.

An interim response was emailed to Councillor Valjak by Richard Searle which advised as follows:

- a. The report identifies this driveway as an individual driveway to distinguish it from groups of driveways and is not a reference to the number of units that it services.
- b. The steepness of the driveway will be noted in the comments at the meeting and it will be noted that this area is unsuitable for parking due to the steepness.
- c. It was stated within the 'Purpose of Report' section and in the first paragraph of the Background that the request was from a representation on behalf of residents.

- d. This matter will be discussed during the meeting.
- e. At the time the restrictions were approved at Lachlan View it was considered that this was a 'public road' under the definition in the road rules. This is not the case for 18 Buckleys Road as it is gated and the driveway is not on a separate title.

During the meeting, Councillor Valjak reiterated that the following unique considerations should be given to specifically 18 Buckleys Road:

- a. The steep gradients of the driveway mean that it is not safe for residents to stop on the driveway to access their mailboxes
- b. Due to the existing bus stop, vehicles are parking right up to the edge of the driveway which restricts sight lines and also limits the opportunity for residents to park close to their mailboxes
- c. The road has a steep grade and the driveway of 18 Buckleys Road is located at the bottom of the hill meaning this is the location where traffic speeds are the highest
- d. The property access for the neighbouring Lachlan's Estate has already set a precedent for No Stopping restrictions at driveways in the area.

Nazli Tzannes of Transport for NSW advised that generally, the onus is on the motorists leaving their driveway to slowly enter the road when there is a safe gap. The driveway of 18 Buckleys Road does not appear to represent a situation that is too dissimilar to other driveways. However, she did note that TfNSW does not generally receive many requests such as these as its roads often have clearways or other parking restrictions.

Richard Searle advised that requests for No Stopping restrictions at driveways are the most common type of traffic request Council receives and installation of No Stopping restrictions at 18 Buckleys Street could set a precedent which could lead to visual pollution and excessive maintenance costs for Council. A review of accident data also suggested that emerging from driveways was not a significant crash type in the Parramatta LGA.

Sergeant Jack Makhoul also shared concerns regarding establishing precedents particularly if Council installs 5-minute parking to improve access to the mailboxes as it would set a precedent. However, he raised no objections towards the possibility of having a No Parking or No Stopping restriction.

Councillor Valjak clarified that the issue concerning sightlines was the primary issue and that the request regarding access to the mailboxes can be foregone so as to not set the precedent in this regard.

Councillor Darley raised concerns with approving the No Stopping restrictions without Council having developed guidelines but did not raise an objection to the restriction being installed.

Recommendation from Traffic Engineering Advisory Group:

1. That installation of a 'No Stopping' restriction extending across the driveway of 18 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills and to 6m east of the driveway be considered through the Parramatta Traffic Committee under Delegated Authority.

2. That Council continue not to signpost other individual residential driveways within the Parramatta LGA.

Unanimous support.

TEAG 2305 B4 Projects Recently Completed, Projects Currently Funded and Projects Lists for Consideration of Future Funding

Ward: All

State Electorate: All

Recommendation to Traffic Engineering Advisory Group:

1. That the information regarding progress on 2022/23 funded projects be received and noted.
2. That the Projects Lists for proposed traffic works be received and noted.
3. That Council note that ten (10) traffic projects have been completed since the last TEAG meeting.

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BUSINESS ITEMS:

Nil.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 2:22pm.