

## MINUTES OF KU-RING-GAI TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2020

Present: Ku-ring-gai Council (Councillor Cedric Spencer, Chairperson)  
Ku-ring-gai Council (Councillor Peter Kelly, Deputy Chairperson)  
Representing Police Local Area Command North Shore (Sgt Ryan Edwards)  
Representing Member for Davidson (Mr Michael Lane)  
Representing Member for Ku-ring-gai (Mr David Ross)

Staff Present: Manager Traffic and Transport (Mr Deva Thevaraja)  
Team Leader Traffic (Mr Michael Foskett)  
Strategic Transport Engineer (Mr Joseph Piccoli)  
Administration Officer (Nala Redford)

Apologies: Director Operations (Mr George Bounassif)  
Transport for NSW (Mr Cameron McIntyre)  
Representing Transdev Bus Company (Mr Steven Scott)

*The Meeting commenced at 9.05am*

### DOCUMENTS CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING

**Late Attachment:** GB.1 – Junction Road & Grosvenor Street, Wahroonga

Traffic Study - Final report prepared by Cardno dated  
3 December 2019.

**Annexures:** Annexure A - Email from Transport for NSW Representative  
(Mr Cameron McIntyre)

Mr Cameron McIntyre expressed his apologies for his non-attendance and provided his comments for items on the Agenda.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interest was declared.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**KTC01 **Minutes of Ku-ring-gai Traffic Committee**

File: CY00022/11

Meeting held 21 November 2019  
Minutes numbered KTC15 to KTC16

**The Committee Recommends:**

(Moved: Representing Member For Davidson/Councillor Kelly)

That Minutes numbered KTC15 to KTC16 were received and confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**KTC02 **Junction Road & Grosvenor Street, Wahroonga**

File: TM11/11  
*Vide: GB.1*

To consider the replacement of the roundabout at the intersection of Junction Road and Grosvenor Street with traffic signals.

**The Committee's Comments:**

*The Manager Traffic & Transport provided information on this item:*

The roundabout at the intersection of Junction Road and Grosvenor Street has had several near misses and incidents resulting in vehicles running off the carriageway. It has been identified that the increased number of accidents in the last 5 years warranted a traffic study. Council recently engaged a traffic consultant, Cardno, to undertake a study to assess if the roundabout can be replaced with traffic lights. The Study has confirmed that traffic signals is warranted at this intersection for improved safety.

As an interim measure Council recently resurfaced Junction Road at the roundabout with high friction road pavement material providing increased friction, particularly for vehicles on negotiating the roundabout.

This report is to inform the Traffic Committee that Council has undertaken a traffic study recommending an upgrade of the existing roundabout to a signalised intersection and to seek funding from TfNSW

*Councillor Spencer spoke on this item:*

From my personal experience, Wahroonga is in my Ward, and I drive through that place nearly every other day. Apart from the issues raised by the Manager Traffic & Transport there was other issues in relation to traffic chaos. The rules say you give way to traffic that is already in the roundabout. You have cars coming from different directions rushing and they feel like the one who is driving faster has the right of way. Quite often when we are coming through Junction Road heading towards Hornsby and cars coming from Grosvenor Street heading south-west there is road rage, I personally experience this twice myself. I receive a lot of complaints from residents living around North Wahroonga going to work and they find that Junction Road being the main one and always getting the right of way with no opportunity for those leaving Grosvenor Street heading south out of North Wahroonga. I sent an email to our Director, George Bounassif, expressing my concerns about this location and saw that resurfacing works had been done and this report was coming to the Committee. I think the question here is whether TfNSW will fund it.

*The Manager Traffic & Transport conveyed comments on this item on behalf of the representative for Transport for NSW (Annexure A):*

"TfNSW do not have funding that can be provided to Ku-ring-gai Council up front for the installation of traffic control signals at this location without the project going through a formal application for funding. Ku-ring-gai Council could nominate this site under the Safer Roads Program. The Safer Roads Program is designed to identify and improve roads and roadsides with a higher risk and/or incidence of high severity crash types, or crashes involving vulnerable road users (e.g. pedestrians). Safer Road projects are prioritised for funding based on SPI (Safety Performance Indicator) and BCR (Benefit to Cost Ratio).

This is a matter that can be actioned outside of the formal Traffic Committee."

*The Strategic Traffic Engineer provided comments:*

Applications for the Safer Roads Program typically open around July and close towards end of August for the following financial year. We are still in time to apply this year for 2021/22 and it is subject to achieving satisfactory SPI and BCR. Council will put the crash data into a website portal along with the project cost and the system works out key indicators and whether it complies. Council can do this as a result of a recommendation from this committee and Council. I do not know if we will pass as we have to put the figures in to find out. The project cost is in excess of one million dollars. It is a relatively high project cost and it's hard to say but could be pretty close to achieving the minimum criteria. I am not sure if the crash history Cardno used in their report included the latest crash history in the last 6 months that we had received from TfNSW. So there may be some additional crashes which contribute to any Benefit Cost Ratio. The Safer Roads Program is 100% funding if successful.

*Representing Member for Ku-ring-gai put forward a question on this item:*

Looks as though there is a fair chance it will be approved and if approved it's 100% funding, if not what happens then?

*The Strategic Traffic Engineer responded:*

I think from my understanding projects that aren't approved in the 100% funding program are trickled down into a program that is 50/50% funded.

**The Committee Recommends:**

That Council seek funding from TfNSW to replace the existing roundabout at the intersection of Junction Road and Grosvenor Street with traffic signals.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

KTC03 **Lindfield Village Green - On-street parking changes and traffic facilities**

File: S12201

*Vide: GB.2*

To seek approval for on-street parking changes and associated traffic facilities aligned with the Lindfield Village Green (LVG) project

**The Committee's Comments:**

*The Strategic Traffic Engineer provided information on this item:*

In October last year the Traffic Committee considered various on-street parking changes and traffic facilities that were in line with Lindfield Village Green. There was one particular aspect of that which was not able to be considered as advised by Transport for NSW because we needed certain clearance internally within Transport for NSW before it could be considered and that was to do with the temporary on-street parking changes.

Since that meeting, in late December we had received advice from Transport for NSW from their car parking unit that they were happy for the matter now to proceed to the Traffic Committee to consider the temporary parking changes around Lindfield for the construction of Lindfield Village Green. It involves altering on-street unrestricted parking around Lindfield Village Green to 2 hour parking to accommodate the loss of the parking on site while the project is being built.

*Representing Member for Davidson provided a suggestion on this item:*

What I would suggest is that Council have an intent to revise it regularly during construction and amend it as appropriate and include this as a third item in the recommendation.

*The Manager Traffic & Transport conveyed comments on this item on behalf of the representative for Transport for NSW (Annexure A):*

"TfNSW support the proposed changes as agreed on 12 December 2019.

TfNSW are happy to carry the item forward."

**The Committee Recommends:**

- A. That the proposed on-street parking changes and associated traffic facilities aligned with the Lindfield Village Green project be approved.
- B. That residents and businesses within the area directly affected by changes in this report be notified of Council's decision.
- C. That the on-street parking be reviewed regularly during construction and amended as appropriate.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****GENERAL DISCUSSION***The Meeting closed at 9.27am*

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### ANNEXURE A

**From:** Cameron McIntyre <[Cameron.MCINTYRE@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Cameron.MCINTYRE@transport.nsw.gov.au)>  
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**Subject:** Ku-ring-gai Local Traffic Committee

Hi Deva and Ku-ring-gai Council Traffic Team,

Just wanted to let you know that I will not be able to attend local traffic committee today due to the current weather situation. TfNSW Staff have been advised to stay off the roads for safety reasons as well as reducing the impact on the road network. Please see below TfNSW comments. I am happy to dial into the meeting if the traffic committee is proceeding.

Meeting minutes from 21 November 2019 – TfNSW raises no objections to the meeting minutes.

LTC – 10 February 2019

GB.1 – Junction Street & Grosvenor Street, Wahroonga.

TfNSW do not have funding that can be provided to Ku-ring-gai Council up front for the installation of traffic control signals at this location without the project going through a formal application for funding. Ku-ring-gai Council could nominate this site under the Safer Roads Program. The Safer Roads Program is designed to identify and improve roads and roadsides with a higher risk and/or incidence of high severity crash types, or crashes involving vulnerable road users (e.g. pedestrians). Safer Road projects are prioritised for funding based on SPI (Safety Performance Indicator) and BCR (Benefit to Cost Ratio).

This is a matter that can be actioned outside of the formal Traffic Committee.

GB.2 – Lindfield Village Green – On Street Parking change and Traffic Facilities.

TfNSW support the proposed changes as agreed on 12 December 2019.

TfNSW are happy to carry the item forward.

I was looking forward to meeting up with all of you to discuss matters in Ku-ring-gai Council. Would you be available to meet next week?

Please let me know if you have any further questions or seek clarification regarding the above.

Kind Regards,

**Cameron McIntyre**

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