

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING – 26 OCTOBER 2022 STAFF REPORTS

15.6. MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD 6 OCTOBER 2022

REPORT INFORMATION

Report Author	Richard Wheatley, Team Leader Transport
Date of Meeting	26 October 2022
Authorising Director	Robert Scott, Director Infrastructure & Engineering Services

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report presents the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held on 6 October 2022, for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

This report presents the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held on 6 October 2022, for adoption.

FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil. Tesla will cover all costs to convert the parking to 'rear in', fencing around the transformer, creation of the transformer easement and all the infrastructure and maintenance requirements at the site.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

DISCUSSION

The Local Traffic Committee meeting was held electronically. The Agenda was emailed to the Committee members for them to respond back on the recommendations. The minutes of the meeting with recommendations for the item are in Attachment 1.

It should be noted that in order for traffic control devices to be approved and installed, Council must seek the opinion of members of the Local Traffic Committee. The Committee make a recommendation to install a device and the recommendation must then be accepted or rejected by Council.

By noting the minutes and endorsing the recommendations made at the meeting, Council is accepting the advice and installing traffic control devices.

CONSULTATION

Attendees at the Local Traffic Committee meeting are listed in the minutes. Consultation was undertaken in the development of the recommendations with Police, RMS and Council staff.

COMMUNITY IMPACTS

Community impact (negative and positive) is considered by the Local Traffic Committee in its deliberations for each item. A whole of community impact is taken into account when formulating the recommendations within the regulations, standards and guidelines that administer the roads, traffic management and road safety.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

The following attachments are available on the meeting page of Council's website under the 'Attachments to Agenda' heading.

1: Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held 6 October 2022

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429/2022 RESOLUTION

(Moved Cr A Tickle/Seconded Cr K Smith)

That Council adopt the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held on 6 October 2022.

FOR VOTE - Cr J Miller, Cr C Pontin, Cr P Sandilands, Cr D West, Cr T Fowler, Cr D Smith, Cr K Smith, Cr A Tickle, Cr K Bell, Cr P Epov

AGAINST VOTE – Nil

ABSENT, DID NOT VOTE – Cr P Howard

Attachment 1 - LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES



Local Traffic Committee Meeting – Minutes

6 October 2022

Held electronically. The Agenda was emailed to the Committee members for them to respond back on the recommendations.



INTRODUCTION TO LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

The Local Traffic Committee is primarily a technical review committee that is required as a function of the delegation of authority to Council from Transport for NSW (TfNSW). TfNSW is the legislated organisation responsible for the control of traffic on all roads in New South Wales. The delegation of functions under the Roads Act 1993 allows Council to manage traffic on Regional and Local Roads, through the use of prescribed traffic control devices, once the advice of NSW Police and TfNSW has been obtained.

The Local Traffic Committee (LTC) is not a committee within the meaning of the Local Government Act, 1993. The operating arrangements for the LTC are contained in "A Guide to the Delegation to Councils for the Regulation of Traffic (including the operation of Traffic Committees) – Version 1.3 - 2009", found at the following TfNSW web page: https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/partners-suppliers/documents/technical-manuals/ltcguidev13_i.pdf

FORMAL (VOTING) MEMBERS

Representative of **MidCoast Council**
Representative of **Transport for NSW (TfNSW)**
Representative of **NSW Police**
Member for Myall Lakes or their nominee
Member for Upper Hunter or their nominee
Member for Port Stephens or their nominee
Member for Port Macquarie or their nominee

QUORUM

While there is no need for a specific quorum to allow an LTC meeting to proceed, any advice can only be returned to the elected Council by the LTC if the views of TfNSW and the NSW Police have been obtained.



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ITEM 1 – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

"I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today, the Gathang-speaking people and pay my respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside in the MidCoast Council area. I extend my respect to elders past and present, and to all future cultural-knowledge holders."

ITEM 2 – ATTENDANCE

N/A

ITEM 3 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

ITEM 4 – DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

ITEM 5 – WYNTER STREET, TAREE – ELECTRIC VEHICLE & DISABLED PARKING ZONE

Report Author **Richard Wheatley, Team Leader Transport**
Date of Meeting **6 October 2022**

SUMMARY OF REPORT

Investigations have been undertaken into the installation of a No Parking – Electric Vehicles Excepted zone on Wynter Street, Taree, adjacent to Johnny Martin Oval.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that a “No Parking – Electric Vehicles Excepted Only While Charging” zone be installed across a total of seven 90-degree rear-to-kerb parking spaces, adjacent to Johnny Martin Oval on Wynter Street, Taree. Within the electric vehicle zone, it is also recommended one space be designated as Disabled Parking.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil. Tesla will cover all costs to convert the parking to ‘rear in’, fencing around the transformer, creation of the transformer easement and all the infrastructure and maintenance requirements at the site.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

ANNEXURES

A: Location of proposed No Stopping Zone

BACKGROUND

Council was approached by Tesla in 2021 seeking discussions regarding the possible installation of a Tesla Supercharger electric vehicle recharge station in the MidCoast Council area. The proposed charging station requires 6 dedicated bays for Tesla vehicles and a further 7th bay can be added to support a generic destination AC charger for general public use.

At the 25 August 2021 Council meeting, two proposed sites in Taree received in principle support, one in Wynter Street near the Hungry Jacks and the other at the Art Gallery in Macquarie Street, subject to a feasibility assessment. The feasibility assessment found neither site was suitable and an alternate location in Wynter Street, adjacent to Johnny Martin Oval was selected.

A charging station in Wynter Street would require some minor civil works to convert the current 60° nose-in parking to rear-to-kerb 90° parking for the charging bays. These changes to the parking bays are required to ensure the charging infrastructure is located behind the kerb and clear of the travel lanes.

In discussions between Tesla and Council it was agreed to make one of the Tesla dedicated spaces also a disabled parking space with 2.4m wide shared space as per Australian Standards for on-street parking facilities, to accommodate any disability permit holders that also drive a Tesla.

DISCUSSION

Existing parking along Wynter Street, Taree, is 60° angle parking – rear to kerb (vehicles under 6m only).

The proposal is for 6 Tesla dedicated spaces, one of which will be a disabled space with shared area, and one generic electric vehicle (EV) space.

The Tesla/EV parking needs to be rear-to-kerb to ensure the charging infrastructure is located behind the kerb. As a result, it is proposed that the angle of the EV spaces be made 90 degrees to minimise conflict with the surrounding spaces. A similar arrangement has previously been implemented in Albert Street in front of the Police station.

It is estimated this will result in the loss of 9 to 10 existing spaces (depending on final design).

CONSULTATION

The original proposal has been discussed with Business Taree as detailed in the discussion.

COMMUNITY IMPACTS

The Tesla Supercharging Station is being provided as a support for the travelling public as well as the local community. The installation is also seen as an attractor to passing motorists who may not otherwise stop in our area.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that a “No Parking – Electric Vehicles Excepted Only While Charging” zone be installed across a total of seven 90-degree rear-to-kerb parking spaces, adjacent to Johnny Martin Oval on Wynter Street, Taree. Within the electric vehicle zone, it is also recommended one space be designated as Disabled Parking.

DISCUSSION IN BRIEF

Nil

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Traffic Committee recommend that Council adopt the above recommendation.

For motion: Unanimous

ANNEXURES

A: Example Layout of proposed parking restrictions



ITEM 9 – GENERAL BUSINESS

No general business.