

**Draft Minutes of the
Newington Traffic Subcommittee meeting held on 1 February 2013 @7:30AM**

1. Attendance:

Paul Meldrum (P1 South)
Stella Francis (P2)
Barbara Sheer (P2)
Ben Nilsson (P3)
Hans Roos (P3)
David Sheils (Auburn City Council)
Soma Somaskanthan (Auburn City Council)
Peter Robinson (Resident of P1S) - Observer

Apologies:

David Coop (P1 South)
Ahsanul Amin (Auburn City Council)

One of the representatives queried the status of Mr Robinson being present at the meeting. Soma indicated that only the precinct representatives elected by the residents attend the meeting. David Sheils, Acting Director W & S (Auburn City Council) indicated that Mr Robinson can remain as an observer.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Council officer indicated that the minutes of the last meeting held on 8 June 2012 was sent to all members previously.

Minutes of the last NTS meeting was presented and accepted by the members.

3. Matters arising

All the signs maintenance requests by Hans Roos at the last meeting have been attended to.

4. Update on the proposed pedestrian refuge on Avenue of the Americas

Council undertook consultation with directly affected businesses in late July 2012. The consultation letter was also posted on Newington Neighbourhood Association's website. Council received 3 submissions supporting the proposal (from the Medical Centre and another tenant) and 9 submissions objecting to the proposal from the employees of ANZ Bank. Council officer indicated that Council did not receive any submissions from residents who use the area to cross Avenue of The Americas though the consultation letter was placed on the Community website. Council received an objection from Mr Robinson for the proposal.

Action:

Council to proceed with consultation and approval.

5. Update on completion of 40km/hr implementation and follow up review

Council officer presented the results of the traffic counts undertaken in Precinct 1S and indicated that the recorded 85th %tile speed in Spitz Avenue has reduced by approximately

8km/hr. All representatives agreed that the scheme is working in the precincts and the streets are safer.

Mr Robinson indicated that he was present at the meeting to make sure that the speed cushions are removed from outside his residence. He questioned Council officers whether the near misses due to the speed cushions are recorded. Council officer responded that Council is only guided by recorded accident records available from the RMS and Police records. However, his correspondences about alleged near misses are noted.

6. Crossing / Traffic calming at Avenue of Oceania and Louise Savage Pathway

Council officer advised that this matter was previously discussed. It was indicated that the location is signposted properly. In addition, the location does not satisfy the required warrants for a crossing. The speed limit in Avenue of Oceania has been reduced from 60km/hr to 50km/hr by the RMS.

7. Speeding complaints at the roundabout at the top of Wing Parade.

Council officer advised that the roundabout is working well and speeds are considered generally within acceptable limits. However, Council will undertake traffic counts to assess speeds of approaching traffic in Wing Parade.

Action:

Council to undertake traffic counts in wing Parade near the roundabout.

8. Boats parked in Thiele Avenue

Council officer indicated that there are no clauses in the 'Road Rules 2008' covering boat parking in built-up areas unless they are over 7.5m long or greater than 4.5T. Council officers mentioned that the Mayor of Woollahra Municipal Council has asked for Auburn City Council's support for a request to the State Government to amend the road rules such that time limits are placed on the parking of registered trailers, boat trailers and advertising trailers in built-up areas, as well as caravans also specifically being included in this group. The Mayor of Auburn has written to the Mayor of Woollahra Municipality expressing Council's support.

Council officers indicated that any boat/trailer parked within the 10m statutory No stopping area at a side road can be infringed.

9. Discussion on improving methods of disseminating traffic related matters from Council

David Sheils raised the matter as Council has received complaints regarding the effectiveness of the Newington Traffic Subcommittee (NTS). In this regard reference was made to an email correspondence sent by Paul Donovan, Director Works & Services to Newington representatives.

It was indicated that the minutes of the last NTS meeting were posted on the Newington Community website. In addition, Council's notifications are also displayed on this website. Council officers inquired whether any statistics are available as to the number of people visiting the website etc. The representatives indicated that there was no information available on the 'number of hits' on the web site. However, it was indicated that the minutes of the NTS meetings will be uploaded to the website as soon as they are received.

Council officers promised that the draft minutes of the meetings will be sent early.

10. Extension of the M4 Motorway sound barrier

Council officers indicated that information has been sought from the RMS regarding their program to extend the sound barrier.

11. Clarification of the traffic flow around the traffic island at the corner of Charlton Avenue and Thompson Avenue.

Council officer indicated that in the original traffic management plan prepared for Mirvac, 'BB' centre lines were proposed in Thompson Avenue near the intersection with Charlton Avenue to allow for right turn out of and left turn into the street in addition to the separate left turn slip lane formed by the triangular island at the corner. However, Council did not proceed with this proposal at that time as the width of Thompson Avenue is 4.8m at the intersection. Council will consider improving the intersection by either closing the slip lane or reducing the island size to provide at least 6m width of the street at the intersection. Various options were discussed briefly, however, this matter will be investigated and any action reported back to committee.

12. Other Items

1. Stella Francis raised that whether Council could consider provision of parking permits to residents in Newington. Council officers indicated that Council undertook a Special Event Parking Study in 2009 prior to the first V8 Racing event at great cost and the study concluded that a Special Event Parking Scheme did not have the support of the community and not warranted.

Council officer indicated that a copy of the Council report will be emailed to her.

2. Stella requested whether bollards could be placed at the end of Derby Street to prevent vehicles damaging the fence at the end Blue Gum Place.

Council will investigate the request.

13. Meeting concluded at 8:45 am