



MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GRIFFITH ON 11 JUNE 2013 COMMENCING AT 10.37AM

PRESENT

Councillor Doug Curran (Chair), Sergeant Mark Andrews (Police), Michael Buckley (RMS), Neale Irons (RMS), John Bonetti (representing Adrian Piccoli)

STAFF PRESENT

Engineering Design and Approvals Manager, Graham Gordon; Assistant Traffic Engineer, Mathew Vitucci; Road Safety Officer, Greg Balind; Minute Secretary, Leanne Austin
Quorum = 3

CL01 APOLOGIES

Nil

CL02 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti and Michael Buckley (RMS) that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 April 2013, having first been circulated amongst members, be confirmed.

CL03 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 S-Bends Tharbogang

RMS is waiting on Council's costing for signage. Council staff to follow up.

3.2 Benerembah Street Linemarking

Mr Vitucci advised approval has been received for Benerembah Street linemarking.

3.3 Road Works Benerembah

Mr Bonetti advised gravel roads have been attended to and thanked Mr Peter Tyrrell and Council staff for the quality of the roadworks.

3.4 Proposed Pedestrian Crossing North Avenue Yenda

This item is to be discussed at the Regional Traffic Committee meeting being held today.

3.5 Road Train Route Carrathool Shire

RMS advised they are in the process of assessing a request from Carrathool Shire relating to a Road Train route along River Road.

CL04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

CL05 INSTALLATION OF 'NO PARKING - CARAVAN AND MOTOR HOMES EXCEPTED' - JONDARYAN AVE

The Committee discussed caravan only parking signage along the western side of Jondaryan Avenue to allow parking for visitors using caravans and motor homes. It has come to the attention of Council that the parking is being used by vehicles other than caravans and motor homes therefore clearer signage is required to address this issue.

Councillor Curran requested that businesses in the vicinity be advised of the proposed change in signage.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Sgt Mark Andrews and Michael Buckley (RMS) that 'No Parking - Caravans and Motor Homes Excepted' signage (r5-40) be installed on the western side of Jondaryan Avenue between Banna Lane and Banna Avenue.

CL06 INSTALLATION OF NO STOPPING ZONE AND ROAD DELINEATION - KOOBA STREET

Mr Balind and Sgt Mark Andrews declared a non-pecuniary interest as their children attend St Patrick's Primary School.

The Committee discussed traffic congestion on Kooba Street between Konoa and Yoolooma Streets and the potential conflict between pedestrians and vehicles near the northern parking area associated with St Patrick's School. A No Stopping Zone is required to provide greater sight distance for vehicles using the car parking area.

Councillor Curran requested that Council liaise with North Griffith Primary School, St Patrick's Primary School and Riverina Chiropractic in relation to the parking arrangements.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Michael Buckley (RMS) and John Bonetti that:

(a) A 30 metre No Stopping zone be installed along the southern side of Kooba Street adjacent to the St Patrick's school northern car park.

(b) A 50 metre double unbroken centre line be installed upon the roadway in the vicinity of the proposed No Stopping zone.

CL07 INTERSECTION OF JONCONDON ROAD AND SPRY ROAD

The Committee considered a request from Councillor Thorpe regarding the installation of warning signage along Spry Road and Farrell Road in the vicinity of Joncondon Road.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti and Sgt Mark Andrews that the following signage be installed:

- (a) A Give-way sign on Spry Road at the intersection with Joncondon Road;**
- (b) A bidirectional hazard marker on Spry Road opposite Farrell Road;**
- (c) Two (2) intersection warning signs, one (1) on Farrell Road and one (1) on Spry Road, warning of the upcoming intersections.**

CL08 ROAD TRAIN ACCESS - EAST TO WEST

The Committee considered a report regarding Road Train Access between the east and west of Griffith specifically between Benerembah to Hanwood. The draft Griffith Heavy Vehicle Strategy has identified possible route options that will provide the requested road train access.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti and Michael Buckley (RMS) that Council prepare detailed design drawings and costings for the upgrade of Tyson Lane for further consideration.

CL09 ANGELO SALVESTRO DRIVE - YOOGALI

The Committee considered the priority at the intersection of Hebden Street, Edon Street and Angelo Salvestro Drive, Yoogali.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Michael Buckley (RMS) and John Bonetti that a Give-way sign be installed on Angelo Salvestro Drive at the intersection with Hebden Street and Edon Street.

CL10 GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Sidlow Road/Stafford Road Speed Zones

Councillor Curran requested that the speed signage be reviewed on Stafford Road as a result of the priority being changed from Sidlow Road to Stafford Road. RMS to assess this and advise. Councillor Curran advised traffic counters are to be placed along Stafford Road.

10.2 Pedestrian Crossings - Probert Avenue

Mr Vitucci advised Council has received a request from RSL LifeCare for pedestrian crossings across Probert Avenue, Hart Street and Gibbs Street. Mr Vitucci stated that Probert Avenue averages approximately 450 vehicles per hour at its peak which does not meet the requirements for a pedestrian crossing.

Mr Gordon advised requests have been received and assessed in the past and blisters have been installed along Probert Avenue to reduce the amount of pedestrian length of travel.

Councillor Curran advised that Marian Catholic College will be installing a new car park in the near future which may lead to increased traffic around the area.

Council are to provide a response and assess the request. Mr Vitucci advised Council will investigate options to install PAMPS along Hart Street and Gibbs Street.

Councillor Curran requested the assessment of this request to ensure correct numbers of traffic movements are recorded. Mr Vitucci advised assessment will occur over three typical one hour periods.

10.3 Truck Stopping Times

Mr Bonetti enquired how long trucks can stop on the side of the road. Sgt Andrews advised that along roads that have kerb and gutters the limit is one hour. Otherwise there is no limit as long as the truck is not obstructing traffic. Mr Bonetti advised he had been made aware of an issue along Murray Road.

CL11 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Traffic Committee is to be held on Tuesday, 9 July 2013 at the Murray Room at the Council Chambers at 10.30 am.

There being no further business the meeting closed the time being 11.06 am.

Councillor Curran advised he would be an apology for the next meeting.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Croce and Stead that the minutes of the Griffith Community Private Hospital Committee meeting held 11 June 2013, having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.