

Minutes

Penkivil Precinct General Meeting

Held on Monday 5th December, 2011 at Waverley Council Chambers
Corner Bondi Road and Paul Street, Bondi Junction.

NOTE:

Due to the high interest in the matters being discussed, this document contains greater detail over what would otherwise be recorded in the minutes. This document has been formatted into 4 sections –

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Meeting commenced at: 7.30pm

In Attendance:

Precinct Convenor – Bill Mouroukas
Minutes – Dyanne Gourlay
Secretary & Traffic Representative – Keith Bryars
Councillors – Tony Kay, Prue Cancian and Mayor John Wakefield.
Peter Brennan – Waverley Council's Director of Planning and Environmental Services.
Lee Kosnetter – Land and Environment Officer Waverley Council.
Bruce Notley-Smith MP – State Member for Coogee.
25 persons in attendance. 19 persons eligible to vote.

Apologies:

Steve Latta, Mitchell Reid, Julia Varga, Bart Mangioni.

DA Processes – Lee Kosnetter with additional comment from Peter Brennan:

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Bruce Notley-Smith MP – State Member for the Seat of Coogee:

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Development Applications:

Motion 1:

That this meeting endorses the tabled submission to Council lodged by Keith Bryars on 28th November 2011 on behalf of the Penkivil Precinct Executive, which expresses concern about the proposed rezoning of the Scarba House site in Ocean St/Wellington St from Special Purposes 5a to R4 High Density Residential.

Mover: Olga Grigorchuk

Seconder: Eva Varga

Carried

Traffic Report:

Keith Bryars stated that the meeting had already covered any current issues.

Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC):

The Convenor reminded attendees the next CSPC meeting will be held at the Waverley police Station, Bronte Road at 5pm on 21st December.

Resolution - Adoption of Previous Meetings Minutes: -

By mutual consent the meeting resolved that the tabled minutes of the Penkivil Precinct Committee meeting which was held on 10th October 2011, are adopted as being a true record of that meeting.

Matters Arising from Previous Meetings:

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General Business:

The Convenor read the following letter from concerned Bon Accord Avenue residents:

"We are unable to attend the next meeting but would like to raise the serious lack of street lighting in Bon Accord Avenue, Bondi Junction, where we live. Any lighting in the street is very dim and the lights are few and far between and in some cases, hidden by trees. We are reluctant to go out after dark as parking is limited and it is often necessary to walk some distance from car to home along the ill-lit and uneven footpaths. Overhanging branches make this even more hazardous.

This is a serious safety issue as Bon Accord Avenue is a thoroughfare much used by people walking to and from Bondi Junction.

We would be grateful if this concern could be put before the Community Safety Officer at Waverley Council."

The Mayor stated he would immediately seek a report from staff and provide a response to the precinct.

CONVENOR'S NOTE: The Mayor wrote to me confirming some dim lights were found and reported for servicing. Trees were not considered an issue.

Comment from the floor relating to the potential to make Park Parade, One-Way:

It would have been a good idea to test it while [Ausgrid] road works were going on.

Comment from the floor relating to Cylindrical Advertising Bill Board Installations:

Every time I ask for better facilities in our local parks the Council keeps saying it doesn't have money. Why then is it wasting money on these ugly things which will have no reducing effect on posters going on poles?

Cr. Kay stated that there are a number on trial. "I did not support the trial, I do not believe they will work but I hope they do work."

Comment from the floor relating to the E-Waste collection Zoned Household Rubbish and Your-Call Household Rubbish Collection services:

Compliments to Council for the E-Waste and the Zoned Household rubbish collection services which are so well used.

The Your-Call Service is an incredibly frustrating experience, waiting on the phone for over half an hour writing a list of everything that had to be picked up. Why can't we simply Email it? Also, rubbish dumping in lanes remains a huge problem.

The Mayor stated that during the afternoon [preceding the precinct meeting] he had a meeting with the manager in charge of this area. He asked the manager to report back in the next week or two on how improvements in processes may be achieved.

Comments from the floor relating to a suggested rezoning [in the Draft LEP] of the site at the corner of Bondi and old South Head Roads:

- Has an environmental impact study been done?
- This will increase traffic.
- This will increase the risk to pedestrians at the Paul Street, Old South Head Road crossing where there is also a bike path.

Cr. Kay stated that these were good points and residents needed to make submissions before the newly extended closing deadline being just before Christmas.

The Mayor stated that this is a Draft LEP and he had already received submissions over this. Concerned residents should continue to lobby their Councillors who will then make a decision. Council will then lobby the State Government.

Meeting Closed at 9:45pm.

Next Meeting: The Annual General Meeting of the Penkivil Precinct will be held at 7.30pm, Monday 2nd April, 2012 at Waverley Council Chambers. Elections for precinct officers will be conducted. If you are interested in getting involved or lending a hand in supporting our precinct, consider joining the precinct executive.

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DA Processes – Lee Kosnetter with additional comment from Peter Brennan:

Not all development requires the consent of Waverley Council. There is a set of exempt provisions which allow people to complete a prescribed list of 'reasonable' things like replace their letterbox, repaint their house, build a fence etc. This type of work is called 'Exempt Development' and the criteria is set by the State Government in the '*State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008*'.

Also in these codes are 'Complying Development' provisions requiring a Complying Development Certificate rather than a DA. Again these codes are prescribed to allow with certification, 'reasonable' development predetermined by the State Government. Complying Development Certificates (CDCs) allow for more significant development types and include:

- Change of use
- Alterations inside units
- Erection of new buildings
- Swimming Pools

If work commences through a CDC, it does not require Council approval nor the notification of neighbours during the assessment/certification process. Just before work commences there should always be a sign at the front of the property indicating the certifying authority 2 days before work commences.

Certifiers are selected by the property owner/developer and can be an authorised private certifier or they may elect Council to be the certifier. There is currently an increasing preference for privately certified CDCs.

If work is outside the parameters of the CDC provisions, a person will require a Development Application (DA). Council officers may deal with DAs with up to 5 submissions under delegation.

DAs with 6 objections or more will be dealt with by the Development Control Committee (DCC).

Applications with 7 objections (or more), in addition to being dealt with by the DCC, will first be assessed by an Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP) to provide an independent assessment in addition to the Council officer's assessment.

The IHAP is a panel of experts such as planners, architects, landscapers, lawyers and members of the Waverley and surrounding community. 3 non-resident or rate payer experts and (1) community representative typically make up a panel and

Waverley has a number of people on the eligibility list to call upon depending on the expertise required.

There is a need for more community representatives to be available to IHAP (currently only 4) and Council is likely to be seeking to expand the number of community representatives during 2012.

Applicants who put in a DA have a right to appeal a decision (such as a refusal or a condition of consent) to the Land and Environment Court. In addition to this, if a decision has not been finalised after 40 days following lodgement of a DA, the application is deemed to be refused and can also be appealed to the Court.

An objector has no appeal rights to a decision of Council, whether it is by the staff or the DCC against the merits of the decision itself.

Q&A

Q-Cr. Tony Kay:

How much notice is required to appeal?

A-Peter Brennan:

- The applicant can appeal a deemed refusal after 40 days or an actual refusal or condition of consent within 6 months of the Council's decision.
- The Land and Environment Court inform the Council that an appeal application has been received.
- A third party does not have the right to appeal.
- Zoning requires zoning review/heritage review.
- The Council may engage a planner or external Planner who would represent the Council in the appeal and the applicant would have their own town planner. A Statement of facts and contention is prepared dictating what contentions the Council says deem it appropriate for the Court to issue a refusal or require amendment.
- The Court requires the representatives to be competent with procedure in Court and the purpose of the planner assisting the Council is not to 'side' with Council, but to contest those matters they professionally believe are contentions that cause the application to be refused or amended.
- The Commissioner is the final decision maker after hearing both sides.

Q-Cr. Tony Kay:

How are objectors brought into the process so only the person/s who have put in applications can engage in this process?

Do the objectors get an opportunity to speak and at what Stage?

A-Lee Kosnetter:

- As soon as Council is informed of an appeal, administrative staff seeks to notify all those parties who made submissions to the application originally.

- Those people are invited to attend and/or speak at the appeal to reaffirm their position and can invite the Commissioner and experts into their property to assist the Court in realising an impact.
- If a person does not wish to speak or attend the appeal, the objections are still noted in the Statement of Facts and Conditions and where reasonable, will become a stated contention to be determined by the Commissioner.
- An appeal will typically commence with an onsite meeting and then proceed into the Court Rooms (in the City) after there is no additional benefit in seeing the application site and neighbouring properties, to then hear the experts discuss the conditions. Objectors are invited to participate at the on-site component of the appeal.

Q-Convenor:

What action does Council take when a demolition occurs without formal approval from Council?

A-Lee Kosnetter:

- Council typically finds out this has occurred after receiving a complaint.
- The complaint is lodged with Council and staff would check plans and see if there is a CDC issued or DA determined because demolition may be already approved.
- It is noted that if a demolition occurs as part of a CDC, the Council is notified only 2 days before commencement of demolition work and so often the demolition starts on about the same day as Councils receives confirmation it can occur.
- As noted before, during the demolition phase there should be a sign on the front of the property indicating who the Principal Certifying Authority (PCA) is. The PCA should be contacted for information.
- If demolition occurs that shouldn't have (without a CDC or DA), the Council's Compliance Unit takes appropriate action.

Q-Convenor:

If there is something illegal such as asbestos or lead dust not being handled safely what happens then? Does the ranger tell them to cease work?

A-Lee Kosnetter:

- Yes, if it is not legal, a notice of intent is issued and infringement penalties can be issued. Council will prosecute accordingly.
- A concerned person should also contact Work Cover NSW if there are believed to be hazardous materials on site.

Q-Convenor:

What is the action & process of identifying asbestos etc?

A-Peter Brennan:

- There are professionals available that deal with Asbestos and other building site hazards. If illegal handling of hazardous materials is observed, Work Cover NSW can be called in. Work Cover NSW would then rule on safety

measures and work cover would instruct. Under a certain size asbestos can be removed wearing masks etc.

Q-Convenor:

Should people report suspected hazardous activity to Council or Work Cover NSW?

A-Peter Brennan:

- They should ring Council and can also report to Work Cover NSW.

Q-Cr.Prue Cancian:

Does Council lodge complaints to the Certifiers Board?

A-Peter Brennan:

- If we are concerned with the behaviour of the private certifier we will talk with the certifier. This usually resolves any issues however Council is able to take the matter further by lodging a complaint with the Certifier Board.

Q from the floor:

What happens if the development is told to stop work immediately and they do not?

A-Peter Brennan:

- Council has to make a decision as to whether they would enforce an injunction or Work Cover NSW would.

Q from the floor:

If there is an objection to Council over a proposal, how long does an objection take to process?

A-Lee Kosnetter:

- Soon after you lodge your letter you will receive a reply from Council. Applications can take time.
- A Planning officer will be allocated the file and works through applications chronologically. Some issues (overshadowing, lack of parking for example) can be assessed without directly contacting objectors to discuss.
- Other issues (view loss for example) may require a specific inspection through the affected property and objectors may be contacted.
- Not all objectors are contacted by Council staff as part of the process, however all objections are considered as part of the DA process and are specifically reported upon in a planning report prior to recommending or making a decision.
- Development Applications can take anywhere from 2-6 months and longer if there are complex issues.

Q-Cr. Tony Kay:

What are the 2 processes of complaint?

A-Lee Kosnetter:

- The application goes through the normal process and is either determined by Council officers under delegated authority or dealt with by the DCC.
- The application is not determined by Council in the 40 days after lodgement and thus may be appealed in Court as a deemed refusal.

- An application is either reasonable or unreasonable thus changes have been considered and then you will be invited to the Appeal and you can make recommendations. You will be invited in writing of the Appeal if the Council is concerned about height they will say so.

Q from the floor:

What protections are there when Council has a vested interest in the process e.g. re zoning?

A-Peter Brennan:

- Council has to go through a process to get zoning approved i.e. the Department of Planning, not just Council alone, makes the decision the Department of Planning and the Minister have the final say.

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Bruce Notley-Smith MP – State Member for the Seat of Coogee:

The new Member for Coogee introduced himself inviting constituents to contact him through his Electorate Office at 80 Bronte Road, Bondi Junction, (Ph) 9389-6669 (Fax) 9387-8845 or (Email) coogee@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Following the precinct discussion on DA processes Bruce Notley-Smith reported that the new State Government had undertaken public meeting across the state to hear what the community had to say about the Planning Act. Feedback from these meeting will be included in a discussion paper which is due to be released very soon. A copy may be requested directly from Bruce Notley-Smith's office or by contacting the Precinct Convenor. It's been 30 years (1979) since a review of NSW Planning System has been undertaken and the Government wants feedback on such topics as:

1. What should be the philosophy of a Planning Act?
2. Development concerns.
3. Should be Tribunals and what form should they take?
4. Any other relevant aspects the community wishes to raise.

CONVENORS NOTE: The issues paper is available to view on the Internet at:

<http://planningreview.nsw.gov.au/>.

The State Government will be accepting submissions on the issues paper until midnight Friday 17th February 2012.

Bruce Notley-Smith said he was aware of certain issues of interest to the Penkivil precinct including the new LEP, the one way proposal at Park Parade and the unresolved Wellington/Bondi Road intersection problem. He will be meeting with Duncan Gay before Christmas to raise our long standing concerns, recently proven by the accident at the newsagency, and will report back to the Precinct.

Convenor's Note:

Bruce Notley-Smith has written to me to advise the following: -

"In December I met onsite with the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and a representative from the office of Gabrielle Upton MP to discuss possible changes to the intersection of Bondi Road and Wellington Street, Bondi. RMS advises that due to the particular configuration of the intersection, traffic lights are deemed inappropriate due to the distance between Wellington Street and Watson Street, and the impact that queuing on Bondi Road would have on the accessibility of these two streets. RMS concurs that the current arrangement at this intersection is potentially unsafe.

Therefore, RMS has suggested the option of installing a left-in, left-out arrangement into and from Wellington Street, as well as the possibility of restricting right hand turns from Bondi Road into Wellington Street.

Wellington St is a local road, so it will fall to the Waverley Traffic Committee to discuss these options and offer any amendments or alternate arrangements.

I am interested to hear the Precinct's response to these options and how the committee would suggest I proceed." BN-S January 2012

At this point the meeting was opened to questions for Bruce Notley-Smith MP.

Q&A

Q-Cr. Tony Kay:

What is the Government doing about full Buses on Bondi Road and how is the Government dealing with an unresponsive Roads and Maritime Services Agency (RMS - previously known as the RTA)?

A-BNS:

- The Government is determined to break down bureaucratic "Silos" serving transport needs for NSW e.g. RTA, Sydney Buses, trains, ferries, etc. The new Government has formed Transport for NSW which is a unit that will set the policy for every transport and roads related matter in NSW. It will be a policy and planning overarching department, it will not be the service provider. In the same room will be: Sydney Buses, the ferries, people designing bike lanes, roads and freeways, all will be in the same room together and work it out. The appropriate department will then carry out the decision of this overarching, integrated transport department for NSW. If there are problems that are not being rectified call your local member.

CONVENOR'S NOTE:

*In Penkivil Precinct North of Bondi Road the member for the State seat of Vaucluse is Gabrielle Upton 9369-3017.
South of Bondi Road the member for the State seat of Coogee is Bruce Notley-Smith 9389-6669.*

A new express service between the beach and the train station has been introduced.

Comments from the floor:

Our problem is that we can't get on a bus because they're full.

Adding salt to the wound are the number of empty Out Of Service buses from the beach that drive past frustrated Penkivil Precinct bus users.

A-BNS:

- Even bus drivers have reported difficulties; a lot can be attributed to multiple layers of management at the STA and many years of neglect which the Government is addressing. We're not going to solve every problem overnight but changes are happening.

Q-Convenor:

In regard to the general lack of response from the STA over matters the Penkivil Precinct has raised with the assistance of Council, what is different now?

(The Convenor read Motion 2 from the June 2010 Penkivil Precinct meeting:

“Council request Sydney Buses consider routing an express between Bondi Beach and the City that by passes Bondi Junction by travelling along Syd Enfield Drive.”)

How will we get a response to this question?

A-BNS:

- That’s an old request and the letter may be lost. I will follow this up and seek a response be provided to the Council and Penkivil Precinct.

Convenor’s Note:

Bruce Notley-Smith has written to me to advise the following: -

“With regards to Motion 2 of the meeting of June 2010, I have requested Waverley Council to provide me with all the relevant correspondence to and from the State Transit Authority so I can expedite a response for the Precinct Committee.” BN-S January 2012

Comments from the floor:

Peak hour traffic is banking up the full length of Ocean Street South when a vehicle can halt traffic flow if making a right hand turn into Bondi Road from Ocean Street South. Resident suggested that during peak hours (2 hours morning and 2 hours evening), a ‘No Standing’ or ‘No Stopping’ area should apply.

CONVENOR’S NOTE:

I reproduce here as relevant information an excerpt from the June 2010 Minutes of the Penkivil Precinct:

Items (from October 2009 meeting)

MOTION 1

It is understood RTA have a regulatory requirement that there be a minimum stopping (queue) distance of 20 meters on the approach to signalised crossings. The meeting requests Council consider at its next Traffic Committee Meeting the removal of at least 1 parking space from the western side of Ocean St South urgently to increase the queue length on the approach to the signalised intersection with Bondi Rd, to make the situation safer. – Adopted unanimously by the meeting

Response

*Motion was referred to the Divisional Manager-Technical Services for consideration and action in conjunction with **Motion 2 (from April meeting)** listed above.*

MOTION 1 (from Nov 09). This supersedes motions above

Council be requested to take this matter back to the Traffic Committee for consideration to be given to restricting parking times as an alternative to providing for 20m no stopping restriction just prior to the traffic signals – Adopted unanimously by the meeting.

Response at February 2010

Council advises that with regard to the traffic signals at Bondi Rd and Ocean St South it is a statutory (Australian Road Rules) requirement that the length of the “No Stopping” zone in Ocean St on the approach to the signals have a minimum length of 20m measured from the kerb line on Bondi Rd.

Timed parking restrictions as suggested cannot be approved in any part of that 20m zone.

If a proposal to install timed parking restrictions in the 20m zone was to be referred to the Waverley Traffic Committee for consideration, the Committee could not recommend approval of same as it is contrary to the Australian Road Rules.

The Committee would have no option other than to recommend the existing 7m long “No Stopping” zone be extended to the statutory 20m.

Note that Council when considering the recommendation from the Traffic Committee can approve something that is contrary to the Australian Road Rules.

However, this could be overturned by the RTA on appeal and the statutory 20m may then be imposed 24/7 with the full time removal of around three parking spaces.

Update at April 2010

Report being prepared for submission to the April meeting of the Waverley Traffic Committee for 13 m of “No Stopping 7am-9am Mon-Fri” south of the existing full time “No Stopping”

Update at June 2010

Timed extension voted down by Council

5m full time extension voted down.

For the record; The Penkivil Precinct Committee states that this Committee's only concern in this matter has always been one of safety. At no time was the Penkivil Precinct Committee motivated by any desire in pursuing this issue with the view to free traffic flow through the intersection. This committee hopes it will not take a serious accident at this location for Council to realise this.

Comment from Cr. Tony Kay:

So what we have here is an RTA restriction and [the RTA] not willing to accept anything else.

A-BNS:

- I will look into this matter.

Comment from the Convenor:

I will send you [BNS] relevant background information from the precinct minutes.

Convenor's Note:

Bruce Notley-Smith has written to me to advise:

"I have reviewed the minutes of the Waverley Traffic Committee and am seeking advice from RMS as to the options available to improve the safety at this intersection and facilitate better conditions for all road users." BN-S January 2012

Comment from the floor:

Residents have signed a petition objecting to the potential Re-zoning of property at the Cnr Bondi Rd and Old South Head Rd. [Indicated in the Draft LEP.]

A-BNS:

- That site is in the Vaucluse Electorate and you would be best advised to send it to the Member for Vaucluse, Gabrielle Upton.

Follow-up question from the floor:

Who has responsibility for the wording of the letter? [Informing residents of the Draft LEP].

A-Peter Brennan:

- My Department is responsible. We wrote to every property owner of Waverley advising them of the Draft LEP, the public exhibition. George Bramis presented a comprehensive report to the Penkivil Precinct in October. It was in the newspaper, it was on the Council Website.

Q-Cr. Prue Cancian:

What is the Governments position on Council amalgamations?

A-BNS:

- There will be no forced amalgamations of Councils. If neighbouring Councils agree to amalgamate, the Department of Local Government and the Minister will consider it. Councillors would need to demonstrate that the community supports any such amalgamation.

Q-from the floor:

Draft LEP states all special purpose sites have to be rezoned. Some have been for community use. The new legislation will change an important site such as Scarba House [Special uses School] to residential use.

A-BNS:

- These sorts of issues will fall under the umbrella of the Planning Review but until the new Planning Act is enacted there still has to be a planning system in place. If there's a particularly obnoxious decision that has been made The Minister can have the Planning Assessment Commission look at that.

Q-Convenor:

What is the outlook with regard to Light Rail for the Coogee Electorate?

A-BNS:

- The State Government is working on a Strategic Plan for Light Rail for Sydney, due to be completed by June for public comment and on top of the list is a Light Rail route through the centre of Sydney. The route hasn't been determined yet but it will go to Barangaroo and/or Circular Quay and the extension of the existing Light Rail line to Dulwich Hill. It's examining getting Light Rail to the University of NSW from Central Station and also to the University of Sydney - Prince of Wales Hospital. The feasibility study is about to be undertaken on getting it to the University of NSW. About 16,000-20,000 students get on the bus from Central every day to go to the University of NSW. The working party has been formed in the Department of Transport. My priority in this first term is to get it to the University of NSW. Getting it into Maroubra or up into Waverley is for a latter discussion.

Comment by Mayor Wakefield:

Waverley Council has been denied a seat at the table on discussions on the route to the University of NSW and Council believes we should have a seat at the table at least as an observer to have a full understanding on what's progressing and to have our small say on the potential, eventual looping inclusion in the system.

A-BNS:

- I'll take that matter up with the Minister.

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Ausgrid Electricity Network Infrastructure Upgrade Works:

Ausgrid is carrying out work on amplifying their underground electricity supply. Initially they will be constructing 2 x 132 kV cables generally in the middle of the road. The trench is about 2 metres wide and 2 metres deep. After this they will commence local upgrades of feeder cables.

Delays in Councils works will result. Martins Avenue/Ocean Street speed platform and storm water drainage repairs and Wellington Street at Bondi Road pedestrian refuge will now not commence until Ausgrid have completed these projects. It is understood that Ausgrid is unable to provide Council with a definitive timetable for their works.

Motion 7 (from November 2009 meeting)

Council is requested to take traffic counts in Martins Ave before and after removal of the triangular island at the intersection with Ocean St.

Update at December 2011

Work by Ausgrid will delay any new works such as removal of the splitter.

Motion 2 (from June 2010 meeting)

Council request Sydney Buses consider routing an express between Bondi Beach and the City that by passes Bondi Junction by travelling along Syd Enfield Drive.

Response

Motion was referred to the STA for consideration and reply.

Update December 2011

No response as yet from STA. The Member for Coogee, Bruce Notely-Smith, is seeking a response from STA

Also raised at June 2010 meeting

Crossing Lights at Ocean and Watson Street. Service Desk Request 111696

Julia Varga complained the time is too short. She described the difficulty she has in crossing within the set time with two very young children in hand.

The Convenor advised he would submit a Service Desk request to have the Green Light Pedestrian Crossing times extended at these intersections.

Response

Council will write to the RTA regarding the green pedestrian phase of the signals at Bondi and Watson and Bondi and Ocean requesting they review the timing with a

view to increasing the green phase because of the large elderly population using the signals.

Please note Service Desk #111696 also relates to the matter of Green Walk Light Crossing time settings at Watson and Ocean Streets.

Update December 2011

Awaiting advice from RMS (formerly RTA). Also see additional and related comment from Cr Kay for SDR 116121 below.

Raised at August 2010 meeting

RTA review Traffic and Pedestrian signal operations; Bondi Road/Watson St intersection Service Desk Request 116121

Concerns:

- 1) Timing of yellow to red change for traffic in relation to green walk. Drivers frequently running yellow while pedestrians are focused on walk signal experiencing near hits. Suggestion: All yellow traffic times be slightly extended and the green walk triggered slightly after traffic red switches on.
- 2) Drivers turning right from Watson into Bondi not observing red arrow on north eastern signal pole. Apparently full green light on same pole is confusing drivers who immediately proceed on full green change, even though red arrow east bound is illuminated. At this point in cycle pedestrians crossing Bondi Road (eastern side crossing) are confronted with drivers attempting to get through the intersection. This is a dangerous situation and an urgent review of this aspect by Council and RTA is requested.

Response at October 2010

Letter to be written to RTA requesting pedestrian signal phase timing be checked.

Update August 2011

Cr Kay stated that the Bondi Public School petition has recorded approximately 180 signatures for the pedestrian safety problem at the Bondi Road and Watson Street traffic lights.

He further reported that RTA's initial comments include:

- Trees need trimming to improve visibility of lights; [Cr Kay reported that this was completed by Council within days of the RTA request.]
- No Stopping setback from traffic lights on eastern side of Watson Street should be increased to the regulatory 20m, as it is considered that vehicles block the view of traffic lights. The RTA also believes that this would greatly increase the visibility of pedestrians crossing Bondi Road. [Cr Kay reported that this would remove parking spaces.]
- Fruitologist Bondi Road Grocers awning should be removed as it obstructs visibility of traffic lights.
- The RTA will monitor the intersection and if warranted will install lights on a mast arm in Bondi Road for west bound traffic.
- The RTA has reported red running of traffic lights to the Police for enforcement.
- The RTA to investigate additional signage advising motorists to give way to pedestrians in Bondi Road.

- Have referred pedestrian crossing timing to the RTA Network Operations Section.

(See SDR 111696 and SDR 116121).

Update December 2011

Awaiting advice from RMS (formerly RTA).

Raised at November 2010 meeting

It was requested a safety island be considered at the Wellington St / Bondi Rd intersection to provide refuge for pedestrians crossing Wellington St.

Update June, 2011

Council at its meeting on 19 April 2011 approved the installation of an island in Wellington Street at the Bondi Road intersection to slow vehicle turn movements from Bondi Road, improve safety conditions for pedestrians and allow separate left turn and right turn lanes from Wellington Street. Construction will depend on availability of funds. Cr Tony Kay said a detailed design is to go back to Traffic Committee for endorsement.

Update August 2011

Cr Kay indicated that the design has now been finalised but that installation of the traffic control island is currently on hold until Ausgrid completes excavation works for installation of new cables in Wellington Street.

Update October & December 2011

Work by Ausgrid continues to delay any new works.

Also raised at November 2010 meeting

Safety Pedestrian Island Botany St: Service Desk Request 118403 Would Council consider a safety pedestrian island on the corner of Botany Street [North]. This is a T intersection and at this point Botany Street becomes wider. The Penkivil Precinct Committee supports the installation of a safety pedestrian island such as the one at Park Parade [Bondi Road end]. Submitted by Convenor following discussion of the matter at Penkivil Precinct meeting 11/10/10.

Update December, 2011

Concept drawings of a pedestrian refuge/island proposed for Botany Street submitted to the Waverley Traffic Committee for engineering advice at its meeting on 1st December, 2011. Detailed drawings of the facility to be submitted to the Committee in 2012.

Raised at June 2011 meeting

Traffic Bennett St/King St

Mary-Anne Johnstone said there should be double white lines the full length of Bennett Street due to drivers overtaking and vehicles entering King Street. Convenor to lodge complaint (to avoid delay by going through the Traffic Committee process) this matter is urgent as a young boy from Waverley College was injured 7 days ago. Convenor to lodge SDR and write to Divisional Manager Technical Services Waverley Council for follow-up.

Response

Cr Kay lodged a SDR (#139653) on 19 June. The matter remains open.

Update December 2011

This matter is being investigated by the Senior Traffic Engineer. Investigations not yet complete.

Motion 1(from October 2011 meeting)

That, following critical traffic issues that occurred in Bon Accord Avenue on 1st of August 2011, which were of a safety and emergency nature and directly related to the HSC Trial Examinations at Central Synagogue, the Penkivil Precinct calls upon Council and the Police to take appropriate action to ensure all traffic regulations are upheld and enforced for the duration of the upcoming HSC and SC Exams.

Response

Motion was forwarded to the divisional Manager, Technical Services for noting and action.

Motion 2(from October 2011 meeting)

That Council in order to continue ensuring traffic flow and the safety of residents and road uses, approach the Synagogue requesting provision of details of all events to be held at the Synagogue which would increase the flow of traffic in Bon Accord Avenue.

Response

Motion was forwarded to the divisional Manager, Technical Services for noting and action.

Also raised at December 2011 meeting

Eva Varga suggested the road marking for rear to curb parking in King Street need to be re painted. Convenor to lodge Service Desk Request.

Update December 2011

SDR 147832 was lodged on 10/10/11 by the Convenor:

“Could Council please paint lines on the road surface marking out the angle parking bays?

Submitted by Convenor following a request mad at the Penkivil Precinct meeting held 10th October 2011.”

The SDR remains open.