

Tempe Bunnings LATM – traffic signals at Princess Highway

Meeting Minutes

Venue: Teleconference
Date: Thursday 27 June 2021
Time: 3:00pm

Attendance:

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| Brendan Pegg | TfNSW |
| Nicolas Kocoski | TfNSW |
| Brett Morrison | TfNSW |
| Henry Newman | Bunnings |
| Philip Drew | Bunnings |
| Gary Turner | Bunnings |
| Kerry Taylor | Bunnings |
| Michael Mahrous | Bunnings |
| Manod Wickramasinghe | Inner West Council |
| Sunny Jo | Inner West Council |

Apologies:

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| | <i>Meeting commenced at 3:10pm.</i> | |
| 1 | Welcome Introductions. | |
| 2 | <p>Background Council:</p> <p>Council Officer advised that the Tempe South Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) study is nearing completion and was previously considered at Council’s Traffic Committee meeting held 19 April 2021. The LATM was subsequently deferred due to concerns raised by Councillors and the MP for Heffron. It was requested that Council officers seek to address community concern to the traffic impact of the development by further investigating traffic signals at the Bunnings exit driveway in Princes Highway.</p> <p>At the May Traffic Committee meeting, the Tempe LATM was again raised during General Business, and the representative for the Member for Heffron requested that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The implementation of the planned LATM be delayed until TfNSW makes a decision on the traffic signals on Princes Highway crossing from the Bunnings Warehouse access road.</i> | |

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. <i>Negotiations begin with Bunnings on one way traffic flow through the warehouse site, using Smith Street as the only access point and the Bunnings Warehouse laneway, with the approved traffic signals, for exits only, pending the decision on the traffic signals.</i> 3. <i>Reconsider the LATM measures in light of the change to one directional flow through the site.</i> <p>Council officers have therefore arranged this meeting to discuss the proposal for traffic signals with the relevant stakeholders.</p> | |
| 3 | <p>Comments from Organisations</p> <p>Council: Council Officers outlined the expected benefit that the proposed traffic signals would have to the potential infiltration of through traffic into the local road network by allowing access via Smith Street only and all egress movements via the proposed signals at the Bunnings exit driveway into Princes Highway. This would remove the opportunity to ‘rat run’ via Union Street, north of Princes Highway or Smith Street, south of Princes Highway.</p> <p>TfNSW: Transport for NSW advised that traffic signals are not supported at this time. TfNSW noted that the proposed location of traffic signals will have a ‘see through effect’ with the close positioning of traffic signals, and do not consider it as an appropriate location on safety grounds. Additionally, traffic signals would decrease network efficiency on Princes Highway which is a significant movement corridor. The approved access is already a compromised arrangement by allowing an unsignalized right turn from Princes Highway into the site which minimises traffic flow through Smith Street and minimises impact on network efficiency.</p> <p>Bunnings: Bunnings advised that the access arrangements into the development were discussed at great lengths with Transport for NSW and relevant parties during the DA stage prior to approval and due process has now been completed. Bunnings advised that they intend to move forward with the development as per the approval. It was noted that changes to the vehicle access arrangement would be a substantial change which may not fit the criteria of a MOD (section 4.55) to the original DA.</p> <p>Council: Council requested if Transport for NSW would consider a recommendation for a ‘Left and Right Only’ restriction for northbound traffic on Smith Street to prevent access into Union Street in the absence of the requested traffic signals.</p> <p>TfNSW: TfNSW raised enforcement issues which this arrangement and would prefer traffic calming on Union Street to be undertaken instead. TfNSW will provide further advice whether this will be supported.</p> | |

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| | <p>Council: Council officers noted that given the lack of support for the proposed traffic signals, additional consultation for the Tempe LATM is required to resolve all matters, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Left and Right restriction from Smith Street to Union Street 2. Partial road closure at Brooklyn Street 3. Union Street treatment (shared zone or raised thresholds) <p>These remaining steps for the LATM Study will include additional community consultation, followed by review and consideration at the July LTC and adoption at the August Council meeting.</p> | |
| 4 | <p>Next Meeting n/a</p> | |
| | <p><i>Meeting ended at 3:45pm</i></p> | |

