
**Port Stephens
Local Traffic Committee Minutes**

**Meeting held in the Port Stephens Council Committee room and via Zoom on
Tuesday 6th June 2023, at 9:30am**

Present:

Cr Giacomo Arnott (representing Kate Washington MP), Senior Constable Craig Shaw - NSW Police, Anthony Biscan – Port Stephens Coaches, John Maretich, Andrew Behrens, Joe Gleeson (Chairperson), Anna Brown – Port Stephens Council

Apologies:

Mayor Ryan Palmer, Steven Moore (representing Kate Washington MP), Cr Leah Anderson, Jamie Smoother – Transport for NSW, Mal Britt – Busways, CDC Hunter Valley Buses

A. Business arising from previous meetings

- 10_02/19 Roads, Nelson Bay – Request for improvements to pedestrian safety**
- 39_07/22 Roads, Nelson Bay – Installation of 40km/h HPAA signs and markings**

B. Listed matters

- 28_06/23 Kennington Drive, Tomago – Request for ‘No Stopping’ restrictions**
- 29_06/23 Avenue of the Allies, Tanilba Bay – Linemarking request**
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- 33_06/23 Roads, Medowie – Installation of intersection controls**
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A. Business arising from previous meetings

Item: 10_02/19

Roads, Nelson Bay – Request for improvements to pedestrian safety

Requested by: Port Stephens Council

File:

Background:

Council has been successful in obtaining a funding grant under the Australian Government Black Spot subprogram, for pedestrian safety improvements at Fly Point and Little Beach, Nelson Bay. The approved funding is for the installation of:

- kerb blisters,
- raised threshold and pedestrian crossings (wombat crossings),
- High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) with traffic calming,
- slow point, raised threshold / horizontal deviation at mid-block location and conflict points (intersections and pedestrian crossings)

Pedestrian /vehicle crashes have been recorded in the location proposed for the HPAA. The one-way section of Victoria Parade has seen many requests to Council for improved safety of the on-road walking and cycling, painted shoulder with moderate vehicle speed appearing to be excessive.

Physical separation and speed reduction in this confined area will benefit both cyclists and pedestrians.

Council has received numerous complaints regarding the Beach Road area to the east concerning speeding traffic and anti-social behaviour adjacent to the heavily used park and boat ramp areas.

Raised pedestrian crossings and staggered parking will change the road environment to support the reduced speed limit.

Comment:

Council has revised the proposed improvements from the initial concept, to include additional pedestrian crossings, to improve safety and connectivity for vulnerable road users.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

NSW Road Rules – Rule 81 – Giving way at a pedestrian crossing

Australian Standard AS1742.10

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Community Engagement

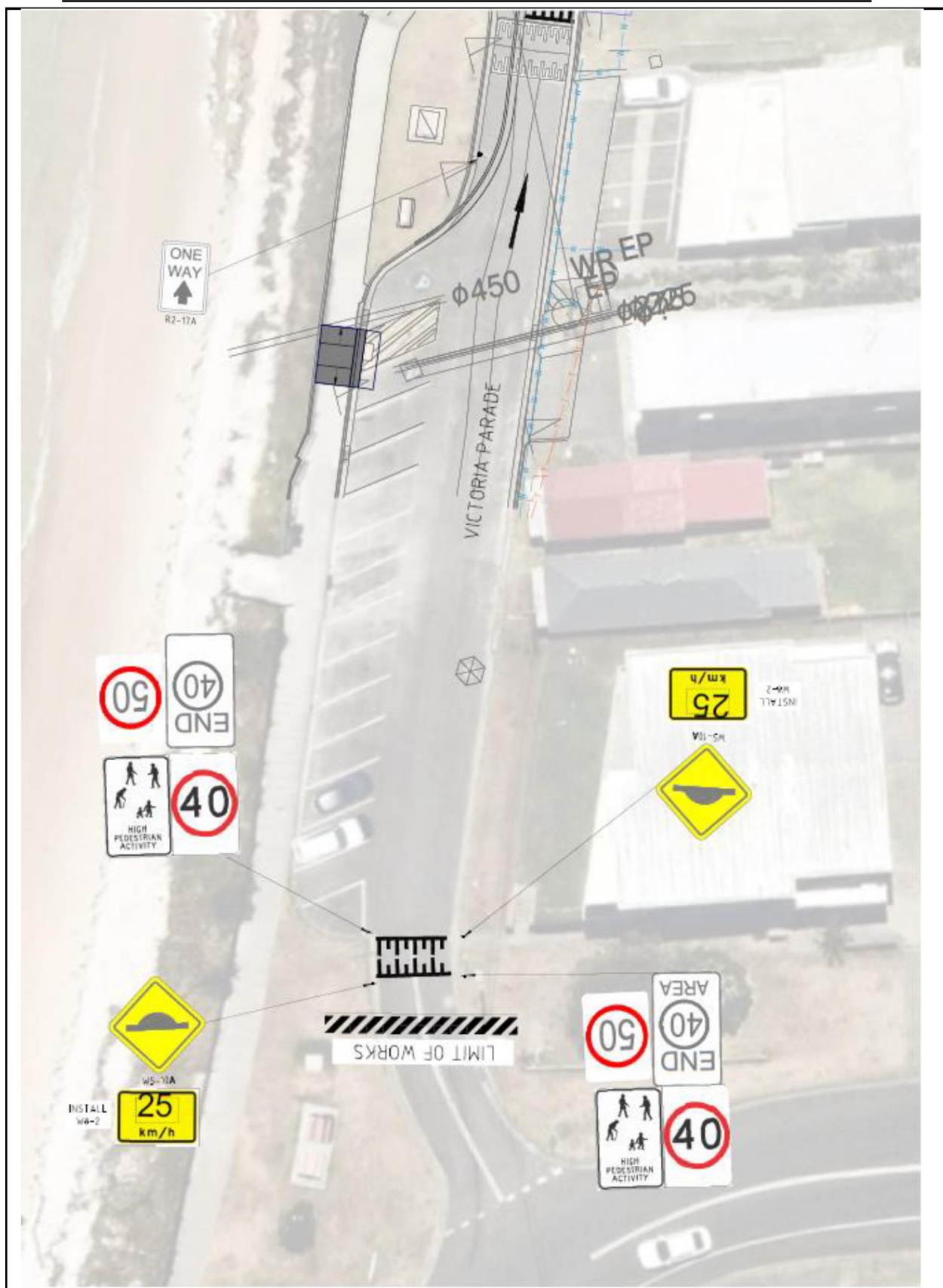
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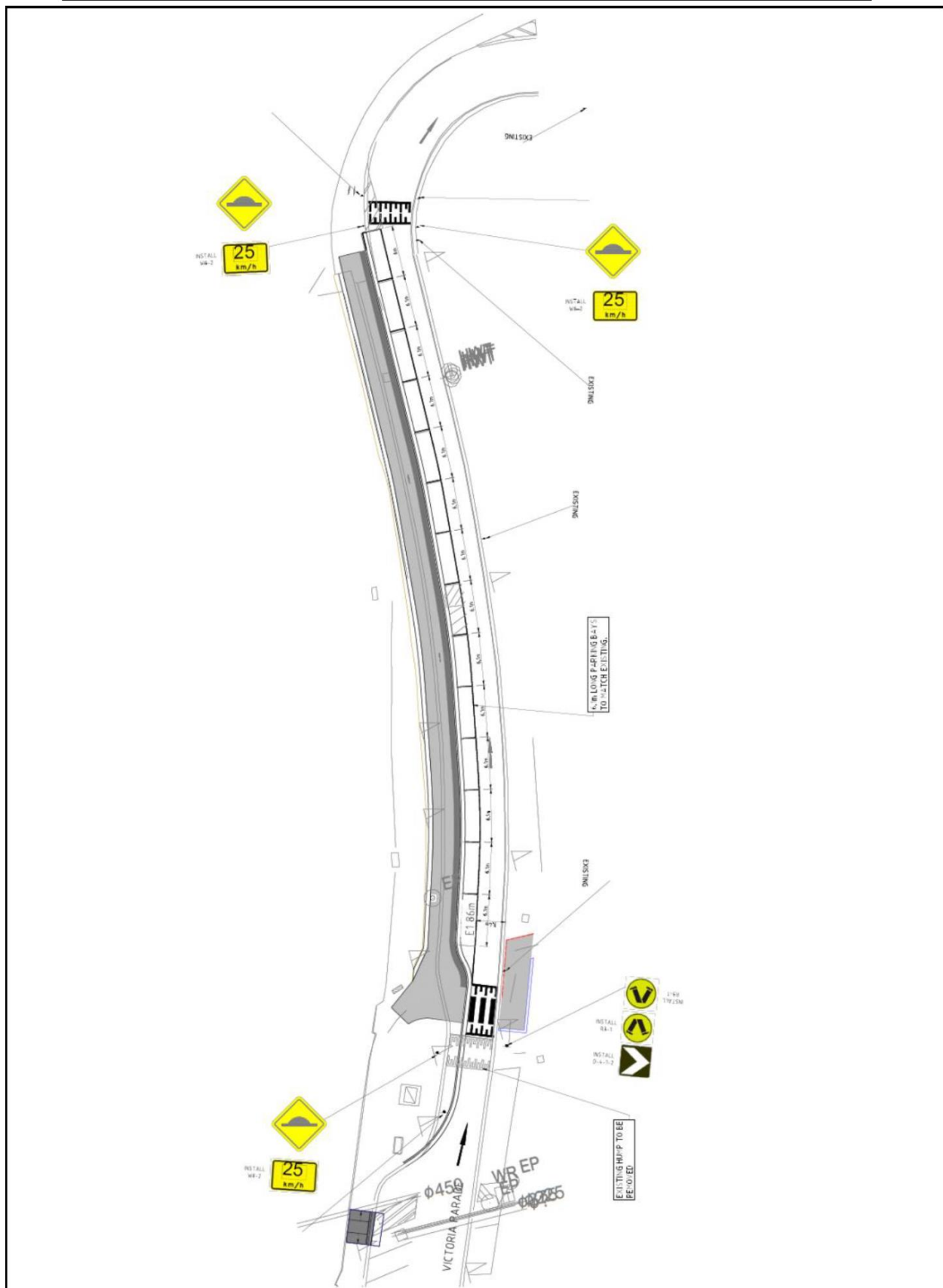
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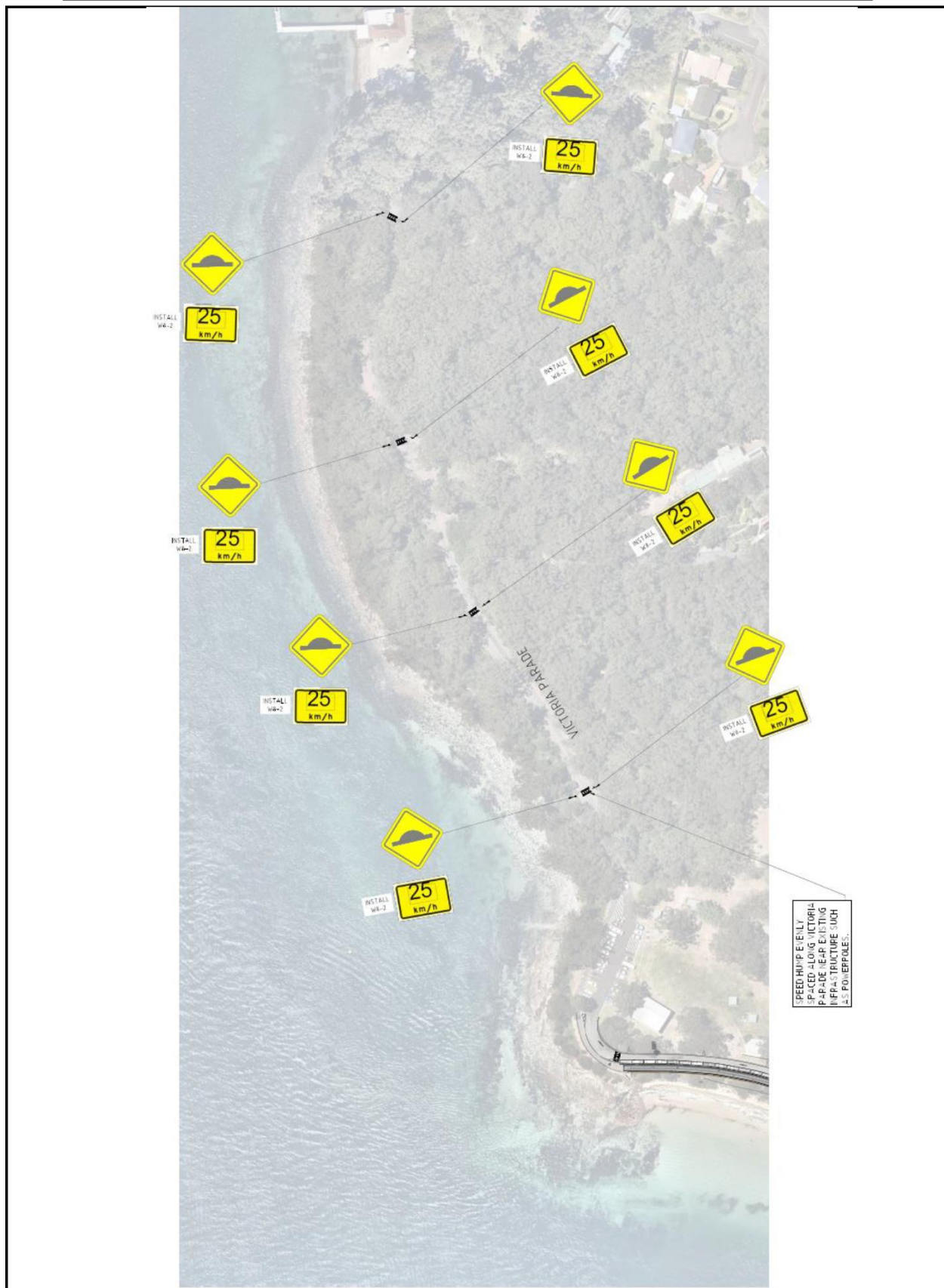
Cr Arnott requested that extensive community consultation be undertaken by Council for this project, prior to a final design being endorsed by the Local Traffic Committee.

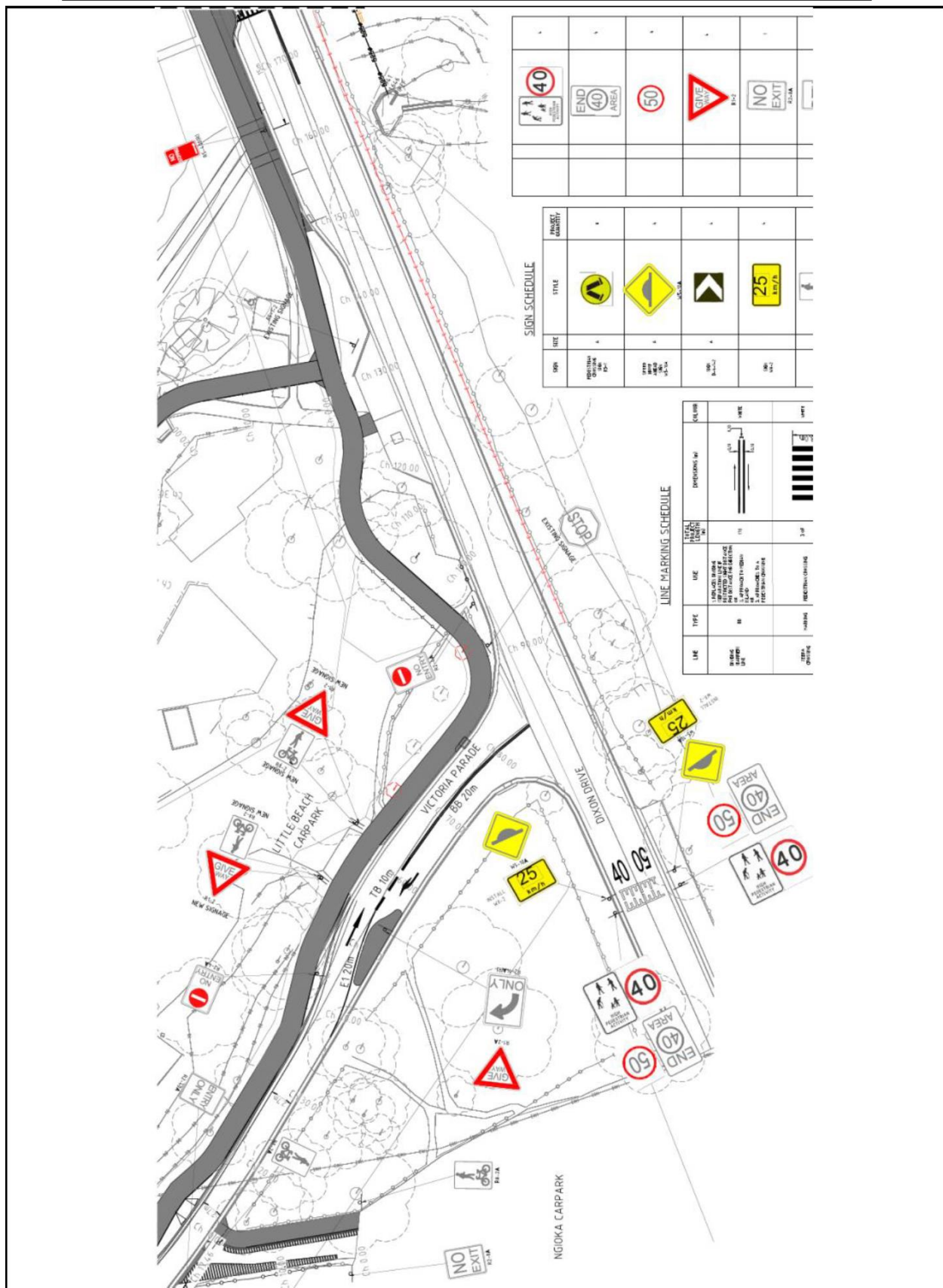
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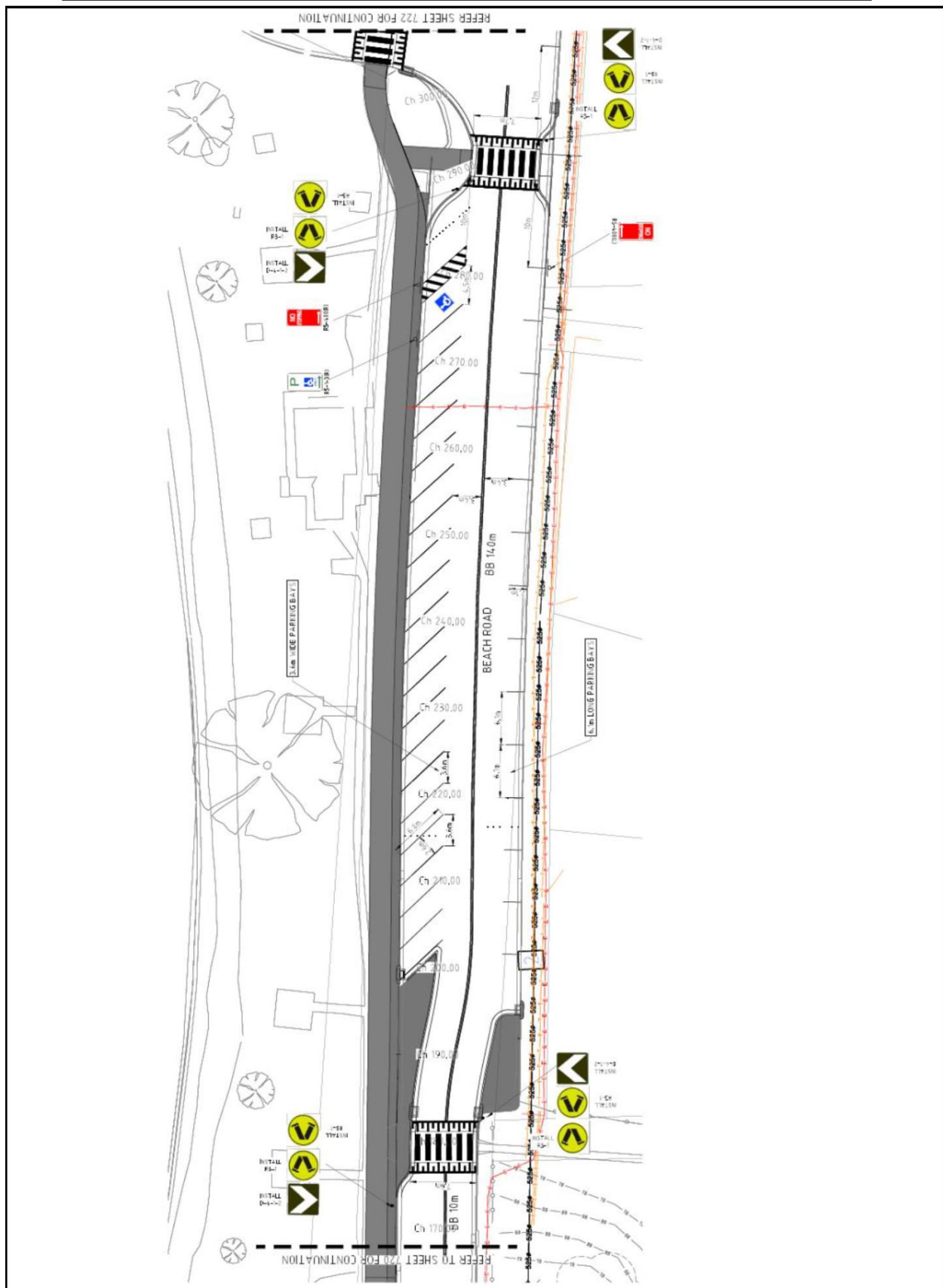
1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	

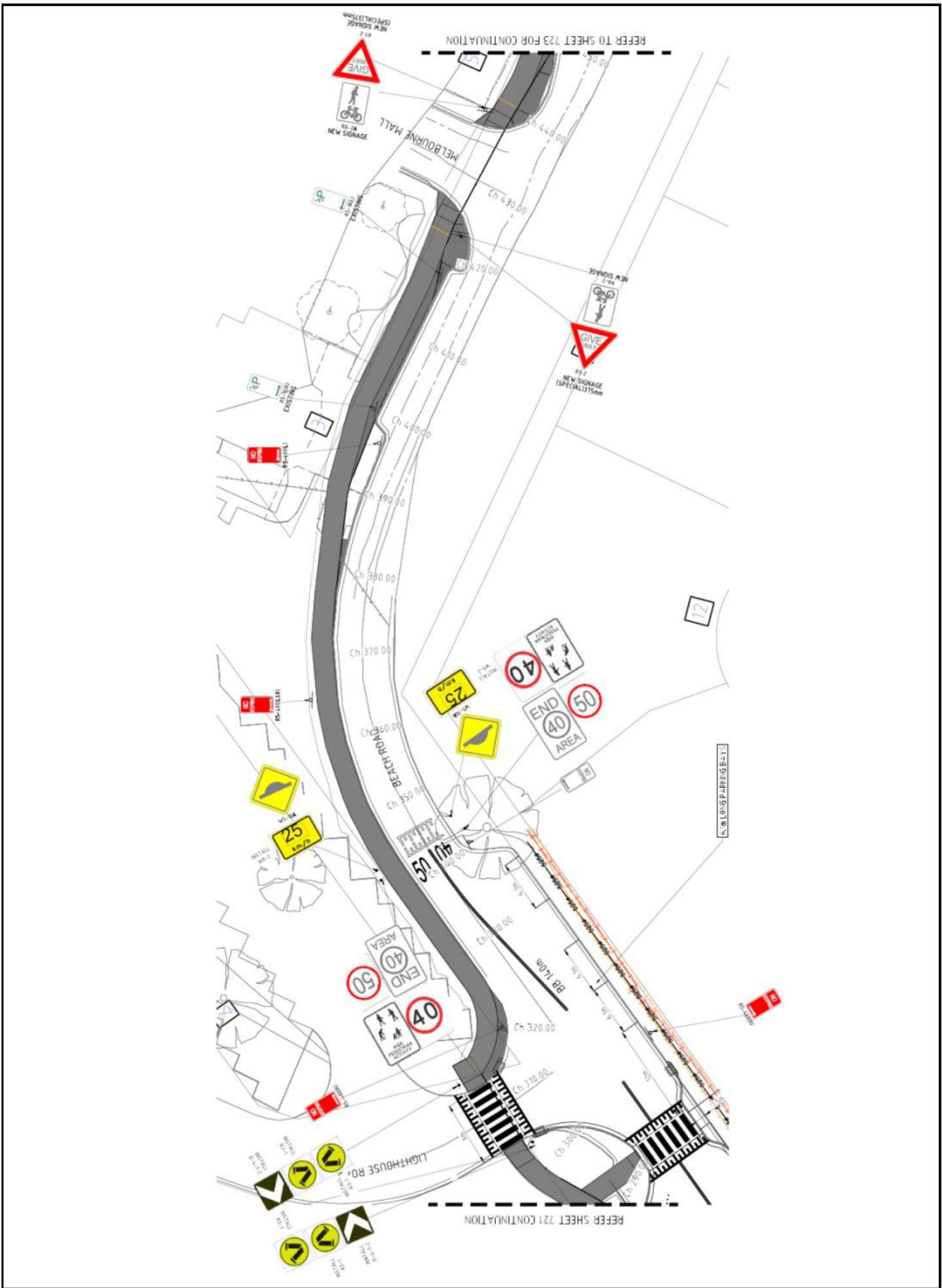












Item: 39_07/22

Roads, Nelson Bay – Installation of 40km/h HPAA signs and markings

Requested by: Port Stephens Council

File:

Background:

In July of 2022, the Local Traffic Committee recommended various road safety improvements in conjunction with the introduction of a 40km/h high pedestrian activity area (40HPAA) to cover the Nelson Bay town centre.

Detailed design of the safety improvements for the Donald Street / Stockton Street intersection has resulted in changes to the previously recommended works.

Drainage issues have resulted in the proposed raised platform at the intersection not being practical. As a result of community feedback, it is now proposed to instead relocate the existing Donald Street pedestrian crossing slightly to the west and to install an additional pedestrian crossing on the eastern side of the intersection. This will facilitate safe pedestrian movement along the eastern side of Stockton Street.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

NSW Road Rules - Rule 81 – Giving way at a pedestrian crossing

Australian Standard AS1742.10

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Community Engagement

The recommended works will improve safety for road users and it is proposed that the community be consulted regarding the Local Traffic Committee recommendation, once endorsed.

Committee's recommendation:

Approve the installation of raised pedestrian crossings and traffic control devices, as shown the attached sketch, Annexure A.

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



Listed matters

Item: 28_06/23

Kennington Drive, Tomago – Request for ‘No Stopping’ restrictions

Requested by: A business operator

File:

Background:

The business operator writes: “with the increase in the amount of businesses and cars / trucks parked in the area the street is becoming dangerous and there have been near misses - can the yellow lines be extended to give traffic a clearer view when entering the street?”

Comment:

As a heavy industrial area, a high proportion of traffic comprises heavy vehicles, including oversize and overmass vehicles. These vehicles require plenty of room to be able to safely negotiate intersections.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013
NSW Road Rules – Rule 169 – No stopping on a road with a yellow edge line
RMS Delineation Manual – Section 13

Community Engagement

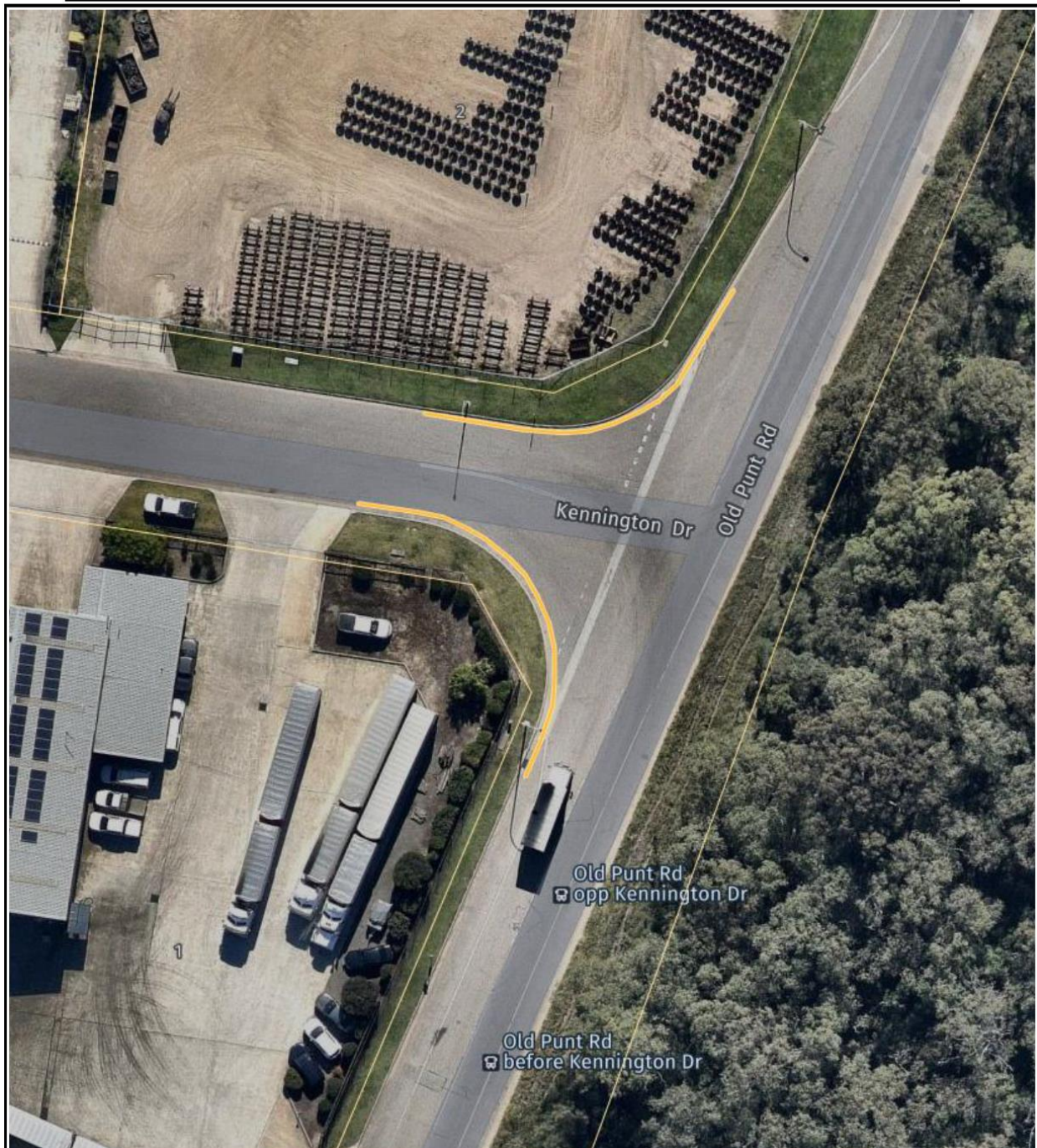
The recommended works will improve safety for road users and it is proposed that the community be informed of the Local Traffic Committee recommendation, once endorsed.

Committee’s recommendation:

Install ‘No Stopping’ line at the intersection of Kennington Drive and Old Punt Road, Tomago, as shown on the attached sketch, Annexure A.

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



Item: 29_06/23

Avenue of the Allies, Tanilba Bay – Linemarking request

Requested by: A resident

File:

Background:

Council has programmed roadwork in Avenue of the Allies, Tanilba Bay. As part of the proposed work, linemarking is to be upgraded, including barrier lines at intersections, separation line and edge lines.

Comment:

The edge line will assist in keeping traffic off the shoulders and away from the edge beam thus reducing vehicular movement off the pavement. The road is also 800m long and straight. Linemarking to reduce lane widths will help to reduce potential speed issues.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

NSW Road Rules – Rule 132 - Keeping to the left of the centre of a road or the dividing line

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Community Engagement

The recommended works will improve safety for road users and it is proposed that the community be informed of the Local Traffic Committee recommendation, once endorsed.

Discussion:

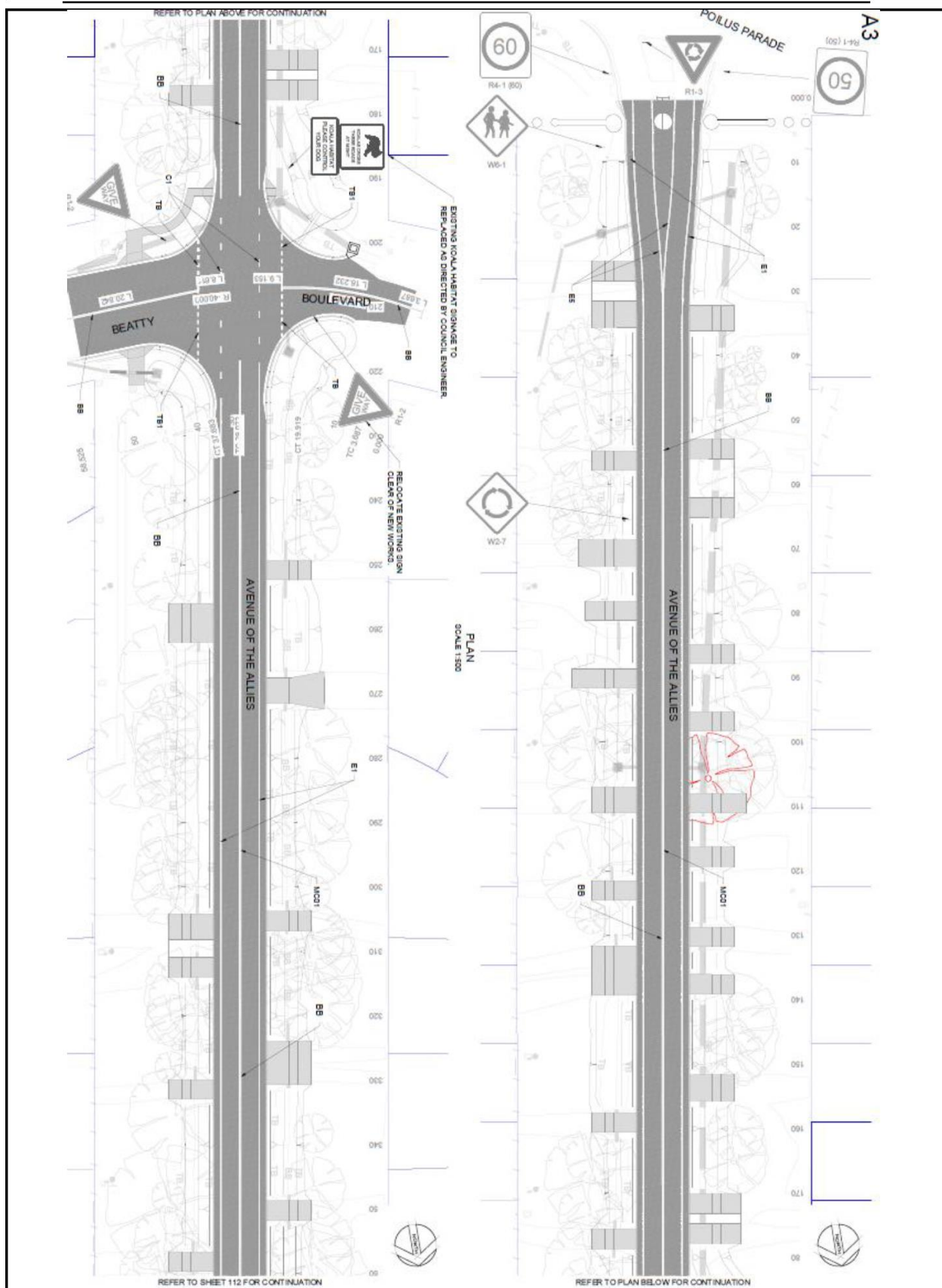
Cr Arnott raised concerns that a separation line would encourage overtaking in a '50' area. He instead requested that the separation line be changed to barrier lines.

Committee's recommendation:

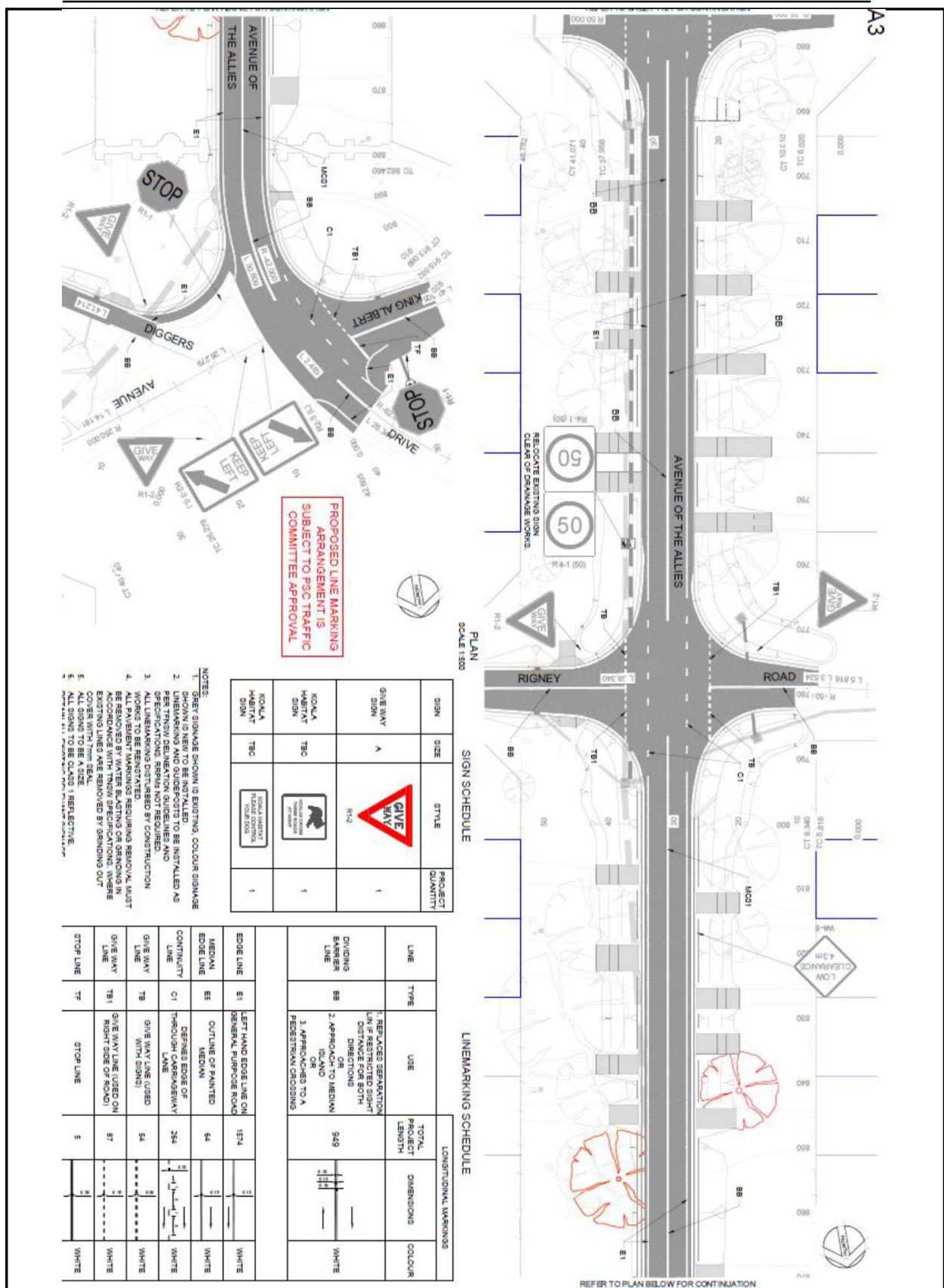
Install barrier lines and edge lines in Avenue of the Allies, Tanilba Bay, as shown on the attached sketch, Annexure A.

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	







Item: 30_06/23

Elkin Avenue, Heatherbrae – Request for installation of a pedestrian crossing

Requested by: A resident

File:

Background:

A local resident writes: “At the end of school days, students are released from the High School gates on Adelaide Street, and one teacher stands in the middle of the busy intersection on Adelaide Street / Elkin Avenue and directs 3 directions of traffic as well as buses performing u-turns from the bus bay (where cars are also often illegally parked) to try and get children safely across the road. Children often run between cars and it has been the sight of many near misses over the years.”

Comment

Council officers have been in contact with the school and it is advised that teachers are no longer permitted to direct traffic. Instead, an allocated teacher stands on the footpath where they can safely direct students and assist with crossing the road in groups.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

NSW Road Rules - Rule 81 – Giving way at a pedestrian crossing

Australian Standard AS1742.10

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Community Engagement

The recommended works will improve safety for road users and it is proposed that the community be informed of the Local Traffic Committee recommendation, once endorsed.

Discussion:

Council officers advised that an on-site meeting has been scheduled with stakeholders to discuss pedestrian safety issues in the area. A development application has been submitted by School Infrastructure NSW for work at the school which may represent an opportunity to further enhance pedestrian safety at the school.

Committee’s recommendation:

For further investigation and discussion with relevant stakeholders.

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



Item: 31_06/23

Roads, Nelson Bay – Extension of the smart parking scheme

Requested by: Port Stephens Council

File:

Background:

Council is proposing to extend the smart parking scheme at Nelson Bay, to include Laman Street and Victoria Parade at Fly Point.

Comment:

The metered parking restrictions are proposed to be 4P, similar to other waterfront parking areas, with exemptions for permit holders.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

NSW Road Rules: 204 - Meaning of certain information on or with permissive parking signs, 205 - Parking for longer than indicated, 207 - Parking where fees are payable, 317 - Information on or with traffic control devices, 318 - Limited effect of certain traffic control devices

RMS Pay parking guidelines

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Community Engagement

The recommended works will improve turnover of parking and it is proposed that the community be informed of the Local Traffic Committee recommendation, once endorsed.

Committee's recommendation:




Approve the introduction of parking restrictions in Laman Street and Victoria Parade, Nelson Bay, to reflect the introduction of 4 hour metered parking restrictions, as shown on the attached sketch, Annexure A.

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	
2	Majority	✓
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



Legend

-  = 4 Hour meter registration parking - Permit holders excepted - 7am-7pm Mon - Sun, Public holidays included
-  = 4 Hour meter registration parking - Permit holders excepted - 7am-7pm Mon - Sun, Public holidays included - 90° angle parking
-  = No Stopping



Legend

- = 4 Hour meter registration parking - Permit holders excepted - 7am-7pm Mon - Sun, Public holidays included
- = 4 Hour meter registration parking - Permit holders excepted - 7am-7pm Mon - Sun, Public holidays included - 90° angle parking - rear to kerb
- = 4 Hour meter registration parking - Permit holders excepted - 7am-7pm Mon - Sun, Public holidays included - 60° angle parking - rear to kerb
- = Accessible parking
- = No Stopping

Item: 32_06/23

Tarean Road, Karuah – Pedestrian crossing facilities

Requested by: Cr Wells

File:

Background:

Cr Wells has received a request from the Karuah Community for a pedestrian refuge on Tarean Road, adjacent to the Wattle Street intersection. Now that a pathway has been added along Wattle Street, people cross the road from Mustons Road to access the new Wattle Street path, then on to Aliceton Reserve.

Cr Wells also requests that the marking and signage of the pedestrian refuge on Tarean Road Karuah, outside the Fish and Chip shop, be reviewed. The Community requests that line marking to be added on the approach to the refuge. The Community has also made comment that the 'S' bend of the refuge seems to be in reverse,

Comment:

Inspection Committee members noted that there is plenty of road width at the Wattle Street intersection, to allow for a pedestrian refuge.

It was also noted that the town centre crossing could be upgraded to a pedestrian crossing. Both locations would be good candidates for grant funding applications

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

RMS TDT 2011-01A – Pedestrian Refuges

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Community Engagement

The recommended works will improve safety for road users and it is proposed that the community be informed of the Local Traffic Committee recommendation, once endorsed.

Committee's recommendation:

Traffic Committee members endorsed the concept of the improved pedestrian facilities and requested that Council officers further investigate the provision of improved pedestrian facilities on Tarean Road, Karuah via potential grant funding opportunities.

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



Item: 33_06/23

Roads, Medowie – Installation of intersection controls

Requested by: Port Stephens Council

File: DA-16-2017-837-3

Background:

Council has received a request from the developer of the property at 799 Medowie Road, for approval to implement give way controls at intersections within the new subdivision.

Comment:

One of the proposed intersections is a 4 way intersection and so does not meet the requirements of Council's DCP for subdivision design.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

NSW Road Rule 69 - Giving way at a give way sign or give way line at an intersection (except a roundabout)

RMS signs database – R1-2

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Community Engagement

The recommended works will improve safety for road users and it is proposed that the community be informed of the Local Traffic Committee recommendation, once endorsed.

Discussion:

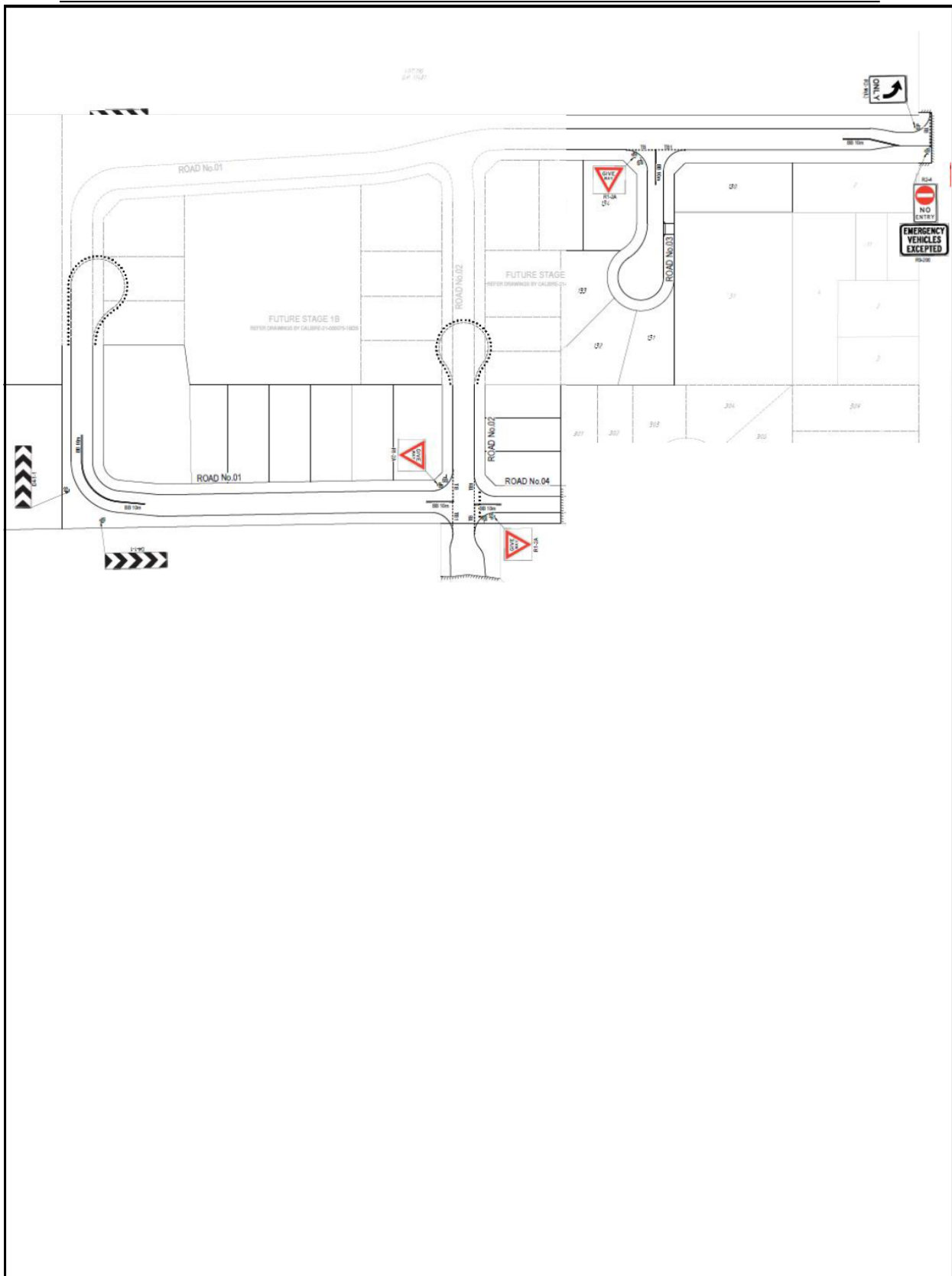
Cr Arnott raised concerns regarding the potential for drivers to access the development via the 'No Entry' driveway. He requested that this be re-designed to prevent vehicles turning in from Medowie Road.

Committee's recommendation:

Council officers to discuss intersection requirements with Council's Development team, prior to returning this item to the Local Traffic Committee.

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



Item: 34_06/23

Camfield Drive, Heatherbrae - Installation of linemarking

Requested by: Seymour Whyte

File: PSC2012-03465

Background:

Council has received a request from the contractor for the construction of the M1 Heatherbrae bypass, for the use of Camfield Drive, as an access route. The northern end of the bypass will pass behind Camfield Drive and it is proposed to access the site via Camfield Drive. There will be significant quantities of quarry materials transported by truck, to the project.

Comment:

Discussions between Council staff and the contractor have identified that the provision of centrelines and edge lines in Camfield Drive will assist with traffic movements and road safety. The contractor has also requested installation of 'No Stopping' adjacent to the access driveway

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

NSW Road Rules – Rule 167 – No stopping signs, Rule 132 - Keeping to the left of the centre of a road or the dividing line

TfNSW signs database – R5-400

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Community Engagement

The recommended works will improve safety for road users and it is proposed that the community be informed of the Local Traffic Committee recommendation, once endorsed.

Discussion:

Committee's recommendation:

Install 'No Stopping' signs in Camfield Drive, Heatherbrae, as shown on the attached sketch, Annexure A, with the construction contractor to cover all costs.

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



Item: 35_06/23

Sunset Boulevard, Soldiers Point – Request for one-way traffic flow

Requested by: A resident

File:

Background:

Council has received a request for one-way traffic flow at the northern end of Sunset Boulevard and for the eastern section of Resthaven Avenue at Soldiers Point.

Comment:

The request for one-way traffic flow is due to the narrow width of the roads. Buses, on numerous occasions cannot get through, as cars are often parked on both sides (particularly between Resthaven Ave and Ridgeway Ave). Buses end up reversing out and going up Resthaven. Resthaven Avenue is also very narrow, with parking for the reserve making it impossible for two cars to pass and vision is poor for vehicles reversing out of parking spaces. There is also overflow parking along the reserve from nearby units. Turning right, or even left, from Resthaven Avenue onto Soliders Point Road is difficult due to cars parked outside the shops making vision very poor. Cars are parked right up to corner at times.

Community Engagement

The requested changes will impact residents and visitors and it is proposed that the community be consulted as part of the Local Traffic Committee recommendation.

Discussion:

Traffic Committee members noted that one-way traffic flow would do nothing for the parking situation in Sunset Boulevard.

Committee's recommendation:

It was recommended that Council officers meet with East Ward councillors to discuss this request prior to undertaking any community consultation.

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



The meeting closed at 10.45am