

# City of Ryde

## TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

# AGENDA

THURSDAY, 24 June 2010

## LATE ITEMS



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**ITEM 14 (REFERS)**

**BUFFALO ROAD, RYDE**

**Request for disabled parking space**

File No: D09/27852

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**Council's Traffic Engineer – Access reports 22 June 2010.**

**Report**

Anthony Roberts MP, Member for Lane Cove has received representations from a resident of Buffalo Road for a disabled parking space along their property frontage in Buffalo Road.

The key issues raised in the correspondence as follows:

- Resident has advised Council staff that due to the gradient of the driveway he can not use off-street parking to assist with loading/unloading of his wheel chair bound mother from a parked vehicle.
- The resident has also requested via a phone conversation with Council staff for a disabled parking space in Tucker Street near Blaxland Road (to be considered in a future report).
- The resident indicated to the Member for Lane Cove that he is suffering from cancer and can not walk long distances.
- The resident has valid disabled parking permit (confirmed by phone call on 22 June 2010).

**Consideration**

Buffalo Road is a collector road under Council's road hierarchy with a carriageway width of 12 metres (kerb to kerb) and has un-restricted parking on both sides of the road. The property does have its own driveway which can be used for pick up and drop off purposes by a resident or visitor, for up to two (2) cars.

It has been observed that parking demand in Buffalo Road has dropped off recently which is attributed to the new car park within the STA Bus Depot in Buffalo Road, that was opened in November 2009.

To ascertain whether on-street parking along the frontage of No.103 Buffalo Road is fully utilised a 'snap-shot' survey has been undertaken and the results of the survey are summarised in the table below (location plan, please refer to the following page):

<b>Date of survey</b>	<b>Time of survey</b>	<b>Parking availability outside No 103 Buffalo Road</b>
14 June 2010	12.30 pm	One (1) space
16 June 2010	9.30 am	Two (2) spaces
21 June 2010	3.30 pm	Two (2) spaces
22 June 2010	11.00 am	Two (2) spaces
22 June 2010	2.30pm	One space

Location Plan



The results of the survey confirm that on-street parking is available along the frontage of No.103 Buffalo Road covering both AM and PM periods, on a weekday.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council take no action to convert part of the existing unrestricted parking along the frontage of No. 103 Buffalo Road to a disabled parking space.

**Submitted for the consideration of the Committee.**

**Ramesh Desai**  
Traffic Engineer

**Paul Davidson**  
Traffic and Transport Engineer

**Harry Muker**  
A/Manager - Access

**Kim Woodbury**  
Group Manager – Public Works

**INFORMAL ITEM 25**

**DEVLIN STREET, PARKES AND BLAXLAND ROAD, RYDE  
Operation of Existing Traffic Control Signal – TCS 99**

File No: D10/43841

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**Council's Traffic & Transport Engineer reports 21 June 2010**

**Report**

Council has received correspondence via fax on the 21 June 2010 (**ATTACHED**) from a resident in Hinkler Avenue who has made representations to Mr Victor Dominello MP, Member for Ryde requesting that informed consideration be given to changing the lane configuration on the eastern approach to the Devlin Street and Blaxland Road TCS to dual right, through and left (R/R/T/L). The resident explains that the allocation of three (3) right turning lanes on the eastern approach is causing unnecessary delays and inconvenience to westbound through traffic accessing Parkes Street.

**Background**

- The resident on the 19 February 2010 wrote to Victor Dominello MP describing the inherent inefficiency with the eastern approach current traffic lane configuration. The resident explained at present right-turn traffic tends to favour the right and through (R/T) lane, while the dual right-turn lanes are consistently under utilised. As a consequence the westbound through traffic is often held up in the queue and has to wait 2 or 3 cycles to cross-over into Parkes Street. Due to the split phasing a considerable amount of time is wasted.
- The resident's concerns were referred to the Minister of Roads ( David Campbell) and the RTA on 15 March 2010. (**ATTACHED**)
- The RTA on 20 May 2010 through Minister of Roads responded to the resident stating *"The current three right-turning lanes are required on Blaxland Road to cater for the current high volume of traffic turning right into Delvin Street. Adding a 'straight through' arrow on the outer left turning lane from Blaxland Road into Delvin Street is not possible due to road width and traffic lane arrangements. In Particular, the RTA advises me that there is only one lane westbound in Parkes Street, and merging two through lanes together at this busy and complex intersection is not appropriate."* (**ATTACHED**)

**Consideration**

The resident recently contacted Council 22 June 2010 amazed at the RTA's response to her request which is simply, make the existing eastern approach right-through (RT) lane a dedicated through (T) Lane.

The operational and functional aspect of traffic control signals is the responsibility of the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA). Therefore this matter is referred to the RTA requesting that they review the eastern approach lane configuration to minimise the delay to westbound local through traffic who use the intersection of Blaxland Road and Devlin Street regularly to access Parkes Street from the eastern side of Devlin Street.

**Submitted for information only.**

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**This matter has been referred directly to the RTA for investigation and reply.**

**Ramesh Desai  
Traffic Engineer**

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Traffic & Transport Engineer**

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**Victor Dominello MP**  
State Member for Ryde



15 March 2010

The Hon. David Campbell MP  
Minister for Transport and Roads  
Level 35, Governor Macquarie Tower  
1 Farrer Place  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

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Dear Minister

I bring to your attention representations on behalf of Mrs Diane Erickson of 27 Hinkler Avenue, RYDE NSW 2112.

Mrs Erickson is requesting the RTA investigate the suitability of the traffic lane layout approaching the intersection of Devlin Street on Blaxland Road, Top Ryde. At present, Mrs Erickson is concerned that the current layout is unsuitable for local residents who use the road regularly, to access Hinkler street.

I have enclosed a copy of correspondence I received from Mrs Erickson which details the situation.

I request that you liaise directly with Mrs Erickson in relation to this matter. I would appreciate if you could copy any correspondence with Mrs Erickson to my office for my records.

Yours sincerely

Victor Dominello MP  
Member for Ryde

*emailed 7/5/10*

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**David Campbell**

Minister for Transport and Roads

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Mrs Diane Erickson  
27 Hinkler Avenue  
RYDE NSW 2112

20 MAY 2010

Dear Mrs Erickson

Thank you for your letter to Mr Victor Dominello MP, Member for Ryde, which was referred to me, concerning the intersection of Devlin Street and Blaxland Road at Ryde. I have taken careful note of your comments. I apologise for the delay in responding.

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) advises me that the current three right turning lanes are required on Blaxland Road to cater for the current high volume of traffic turning right into Devlin Street. Adding a 'straight through' arrow on the outer left turning lane from Blaxland Road into Devlin Street is not possible due to road width and traffic lane arrangements. In particular, the RTA advises me that there is only one lane westbound in Parkes Street, and merging two through lanes together at this busy and complex intersection is not appropriate.

I am also advised that alternative access to Devlin Street is available via Tucker Street, Smith Street and Buffalo Road.

Again, thank you for writing with your perspective on this issue. The action officer for this matter in the RTA is Mr Sithiravelu Devendra, Project-Contract Manager, who can be contacted on (02) 8849 2149.

Yours sincerely

*FAX*

David Campbell MP  
Minister for Transport and Roads

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27 Hinkler Avenue  
RYDE NSW 2112  
~~24 May 2010~~

Action officer for the RTA  
Mr Sithiravelu Devendra  
Project-Contract Manager,  
GPO Box 5341  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Mr Devendra,

I am in receipt of a letter Ref: M10/2103 from the Office of David Campbell Minister for Transport and Roads advising your contact details.

I am amazed at this response to my letter.

- I did not request an extra outer lane
- There are currently 5 lanes at the intersection of Blaxland Rd and Devlin St two dedicated turning right, one turning right/straight through and one dedicated left turn.
- I requested investigation to maintaining 2 dedicated right turns, 1 dedicated through lane and one dedicated left turn lane. (5 lanes as at present)
- We appreciate there is only one lane west bound lane down Parkes Street -our suggestion still only requires one lane west bound. (no change)

To state that the high volume of traffic requires three right turn lanes is incorrect. No matter what time of the day/night most traffic fills the 2<sup>nd</sup> lane from kerb (the through or right hand turn) and very rarely do the other two dedicated right hand turn lanes have more than a few cars lined up to make the right hand turn.

Most of the right hand turn traffic fills the 2<sup>nd</sup> from the kerb lane (right /through lane) and often banks right back to Tucker Street, yet the other lanes easily proceed with their few cars.

Can someone in your department please come and view the situation. Then respond with an informed assessment.

To state alternative access to Devlin Street is available via Tucker St, Smith St and Buffalo Rd is no assistance at all, access is available via many ways - but for the residents who live off Parkes Street and to West Ryde, such statement is of little comfort for us.

Prior to the shopping centre there was never any right hand turn from Parkes St to Devlin St but we are aware that this was put in to accommodate the Ryde City Council. Residents in our area deserve a similar consideration. I await your response.

Yours faithfully,

Diane Erickson

CC Mr Victor Dominello MP, Member for Ryde.

ATTENTION

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