



REPORT: Proposed Restricted Truck Zone - Sheraton Road

DIVISION: Infrastructure
REPORT DATE: 2 December 2024
TRIM REFERENCE: ID24/2254

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose	Seek endorsement	
Issue	- Road safety issues associated with heavy haulage vehicles on Sheraton Road during peak school drop off and pick up times. - Approval required for 'Trucks Prohibited' regulatory signs on Sheraton Road to take effect during peak school drop off and pick up times.	
Reasoning	- Road safety findings associated with heavy haulage vehicles on Sheraton Road and the proposed Blueridge haulage route indicated in report to Infrastructure Planning and Environment Committee on 11 July 2024. - Council has adopted Sheraton Road as an interim haulage route for heavy vehicles generated from three heavy industry developments on Sheraton Road. - To eliminate the risks associated with heavy vehicles on Sheraton Road operating during peak school drop off and pick up times. - The installation of Trucks Prohibited Regulatory signage can be enforced by local police per Road Rules 2014 Regulation 104.	
Financial Implications	Budget Area	Infrastructure
	Funding Source	Infrastructure Strategy and Design
	Proposed Cost	\$12,000
	Ongoing Costs	Nil
Policy Implications	Policy Title	There are no policy implications arising from this report.
	Impact on Policy	N/A
Consultation	Infrastructure Strategy and Design	Local Traffic Committee Infrastructure

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The Towards 2040 Community Strategic Plan is a vision for the development of the region out to the year 2040. The Plan includes six principal themes and a number of objectives and strategies. This report is aligned to:

Theme: 2 Infrastructure

CSP Objective:	2.1 The road transportation network is safe, convenient and efficient
Delivery Program Strategy:	2.1.1 Traffic management facilities enhance the safety and efficiency of the road network
Theme:	2 Infrastructure
CSP Objective:	2.1 The road transportation network is safe, convenient and efficient
Delivery Program Strategy:	2.1.2 The road network meets the needs of the community in terms of traffic capacity, functionality and economic and social connectivity
Theme:	2 Infrastructure
CSP Objective:	2.3 Transportation systems support connections within and outside the region
Delivery Program Strategy:	2.3.5 Roadside environments and entrance statements are developed and maintained

RECOMMENDATION TO THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

That Council endorse the installation of new signage on Sheraton Road during ordinary school operating times from 8.00am – 9.30am and 2.00pm – 4.00pm, being, Trucks Prohibited signage on Sheraton Road and Advanced Trucks Prohibited signage on all approach roads in accordance with Council's Plan TM 7634.

LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

This matter was considered by the Local Traffic Committee at its meeting held on Monday 2 December 2024. The Committee had unanimous support in the adoption of the recommendation. Noting that NSW Police concurrence was received electronically.

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BACKGROUND

Council resolved at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 November 2022 to adopt Stage 1 of the Southern Distributor (also known as the Blueridge Link Road) as the primary interim haulage route for three heavy industry developments on Sheraton Road. The proposed haulage route is indicated by the 'yellow' dashed line in **Figure 1**. The construction of this road would have enabled trucks to be removed from Sheraton Road and the school precinct.

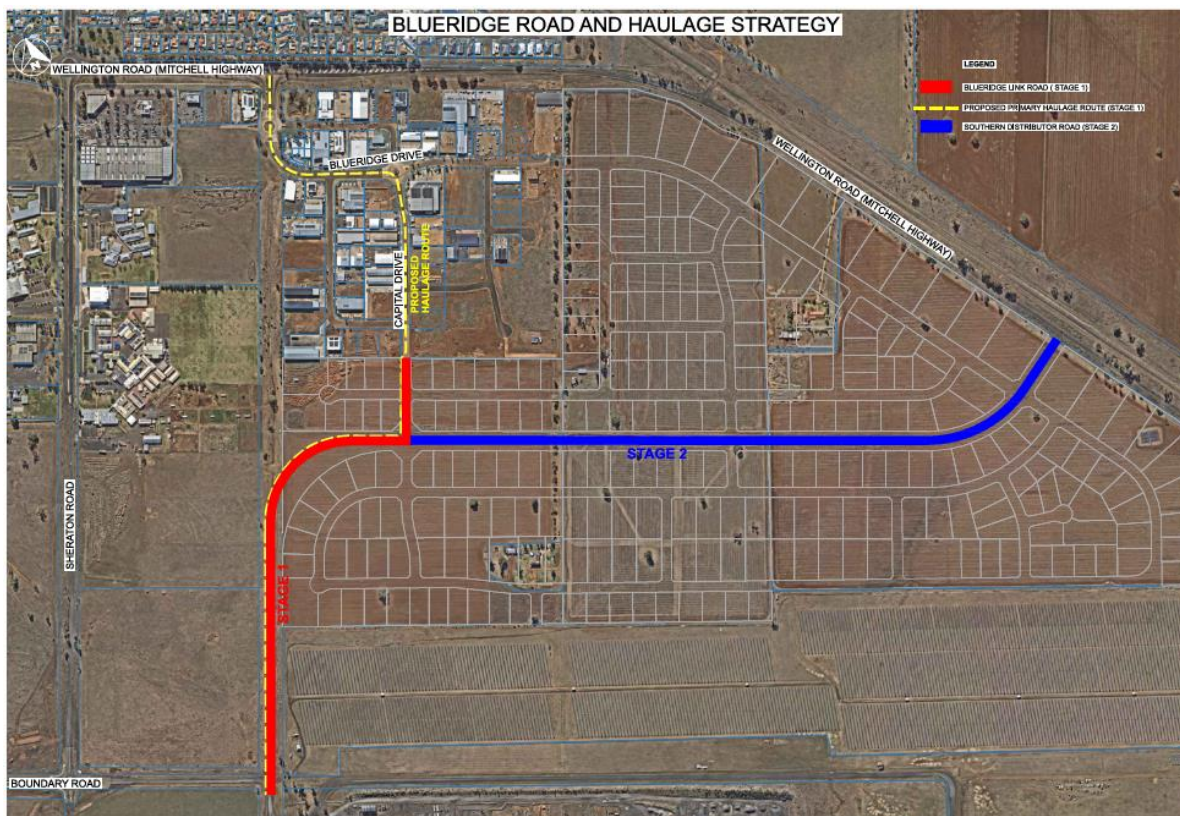


Figure 1: Southern Distributor stage 1 and 2, including the proposal of an interim haulage route.

Following the adoption of the Stage 1 alignment of the Southern Distributer, Council undertook extensive consultation with businesses at the Blueridge business park, as well as further road safety assessments of the proposed option. A report was presented to the Infrastructure Planning and Environment Committee on 11 July 2024. The report outlined the findings of a recent Road Safety Audit that considers stage 1 of the Southern Distributor as the interim primary haulage route.

Due to road safety issues outlined within the Road Safety Audit, the Committee recommended that Council instead adopt Sheraton Road (between Boundary and Wellington Road) as the primary interim haulage route provided it prohibited trucks from travelling during school zone operating times. The report dated 11 July 2024 recommended that the *“Regulatory signage scheme for Sheraton Road to be put forward to the Local Traffic Committee for endorsement”*, which forms the basis of this report. These recommendations were adopted at the July 2024 Ordinary Council meeting.

Previous Resolutions of Council

CW22/4 Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting 24 November 2022	1. <i>That Council adopt the alignment of the Blueridge Link Road as described in the body of this report.</i> 2. <i>That Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to negotiate and enter into contracts for the acquisition of land for the proposed road corridor, from Sheraton Road to the Mitchell Highway, utilising the rates contained in the body of this report.</i> 3. <i>That the information contained within this report remain confidential to the Council.</i>
IPEC24/46 Infrastructure, Planning and Environment Committee 11 July 2024 CCL24/165 Minutes of the IPEC meeting held on 11 July 2024 carried at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 25 July 2024	1. <i>That due to recent road safety findings outlined in this report, Council adopt Sheraton Road (between Boundary Road and Wellington Road) as the primary haulage route for the three heavy industry developments located on Sheraton Road, outside of peak school drop off and pick up times.</i> 2. <i>That a report be prepared for Local Traffic Committee for the installation of regulatory ‘trucks prohibited’ signage on Sheraton Road as described in the body of this report, to prohibit heavy vehicles on Sheraton Road during peak school drop off and pick up times.</i> 3. <i>That should Council successfully receive funding under stream two of the Regional Precincts and Partnership Program for the construction of stages 1 and 2 of the Southern Distributor Road, Council restrict haulage on Boundary Road/Wheelers Lane and adopt the Blueridge Haulage Route (as described in the body of this report) for haulage trucks during school peak times when trucks are prohibited on Sheraton Road.</i> 4. <i>That Council adopt the Southern Distributor alignment from Sheraton Road to the Mitchell Highway (as described in the body of this report) as the long term haulage route for the heavy industry developments located on Sheraton Road.</i>

REPORT

The proposed regulatory signage scheme for Sheraton Road, as indicated in **Appendix 1**, aims to reduce the risks associated with heavy vehicles operating on Sheraton Road during peak school drop off and pick up times. It is proposed to install trucks prohibited signs with supplementary times of operation (two periods) plates to restrict the area between the Mitchell Highway and Boundary Road. The proposed time periods to be detailed on the times of operation plates align with the existing school zone times on Sheraton Road, 8 am to 9.30 am and 2 pm to 4 pm.

To provide heavy vehicle operators with advance notice of the trucks prohibited zone on Sheraton Road, it is proposed to install advance trucks prohibited signs on all approaching roads.

Consultation

- Local Traffic Committee, including representatives from NSW Police, the Local State Member of Parliament, and Transport for NSW.
- Representatives from St Johns College, St Johns Primary, Dubbo Christian School and Skillset Senior College
- Dubbo community via Council's YourSay page
- Council's Infrastructure Division

Resourcing Implications

- The implementation of regulatory signage on Sheraton Road will be managed internally by the Infrastructure Strategy and Design Team. Cost to implement signage on Sheraton Road will be approximately \$12,000 and will be installed by Council signage crews.

Total Financial Implications	Current year (\$)	Current year + 1 (\$)	Current year + 2 (\$)	Current year + 3 (\$)	Current year + 4 (\$)	Ongoing (\$)
a. Operating revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Operating expenses	12,000	0	0	0	0	0
c. Operating budget impact (a – b)	-12,000	0	0	0	0	0
d. Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0
e. Total net impact (c – d)	-12,000	0	0	0	0	0
Does the proposal require ongoing funding?		No				
What is the source of this funding?		Infrastructure Strategy and Design – Traffic Improvements – Signs and Markings				

Table 1. Ongoing Financial Implications

Planned Communications

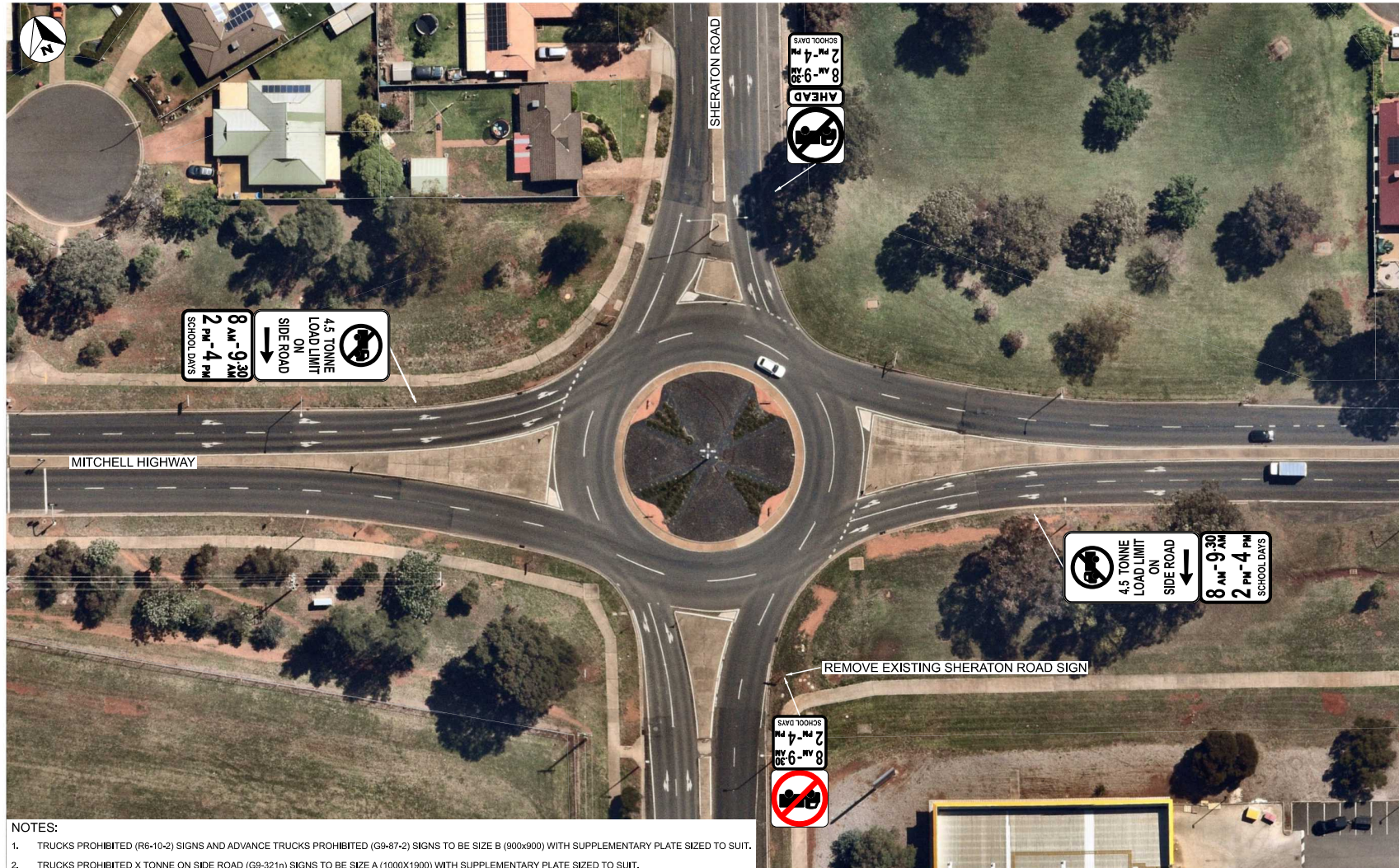
- Council to provide notice to heavy haulage operators on Sheraton Road prior to regulatory signage coming into effect.
- Council to erect VMS boards on approach roads prior to the implementation of the trucks prohibited signage scheme and publish media release to inform community of the upcoming change.
- Council to inform schools on Sheraton Road prior to regulatory signage coming into effect.

Timeframe

Key Date	Explanation
31 January 2025	Signage installed prior to school Term 1 2025 commencing.

APPENDICES:

- 1 [↓](#) TM 7634 - Revision A - Proposed Trucks Prohibited Zone - Sheraton Road

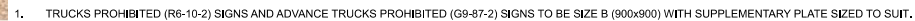


NOTES:

1. TRUCKS PROHIBITED (R6-10-2) SIGNS AND ADVANCE TRUCKS PROHIBITED (G9-87-2) SIGNS TO BE SIZE B (900x900) WITH SUPPLEMENTARY PLATE SIZED TO SUIT.
2. TRUCKS PROHIBITED X TONNE ON SIDE ROAD (G9-321n) SIGNS TO BE SIZE A (1000x1900) WITH SUPPLEMENTARY PLATE SIZED TO SUIT.

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APPROVED -MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY 	PRINT DATE: 26/11/2024 12:12:51 PM	PERMANENT MARK: N/A	RL: N/A	DATUM: AHD71 & GDA2020/MGA ZONE 55	STATUS	APPROVED	 DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY & DESIGN G: City Centre & Baking St, Dubbo NSW 2880 P: 02 939 1233 E: info@dubbo.nsw.gov.au W: www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au	PROJECT TITLE PROPOSED TRUCKS PROHIBITED ZONE - SHERATON ROAD	SHEET NO. 1 OF 2
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