

# LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM AGENDA

LIVERPOOL LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM  
MEETING

17 September 2025

Liverpool Local Transport Forum Meeting  
 17 September 2025 Liverpool City Council – MS  
 Team  
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# AGENDA

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### **REPORT BACKGROUND**

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has replaced the Local Traffic Committee (LTC) with the Local Transport Forum (LTF) to streamline processes and grant Council's more autonomy in reviewing and approving traffic infrastructure on local roads within the Local Government Area.

This report is presented to the Forum to advise of the impact of the changes and new processes going forward, as detailed in Attachment 1.

### **KEY CHANGES UNDER THE 2025 INSTRUMENT**

LTCs have been formally abolished and replaced with Local Transport Forums.

LTFs are advisory-only: they do not vote, issue approvals, or veto proposals.

Councils now have increased discretion to manage works on unclassified and regional roads without mandatory forum review.

### **WHAT STILL REQUIRES REFERRAL TO THE LTF**

Mandatory LTF referral is required if works:

- Restrict or prohibit motor vehicle access for over 6 months, or
- Disrupt or hinder safe public transport operations for more than 24 hours

Most other works can proceed without prior LTF review but should still be recorded for transparency.

## SUMMARY TABLE

Aspect	LTC (Legacy)	LTF (Current)
<b>Decision Powers</b>	Voting authority	Advisory only
<b>Mandatory Review</b>	Many works required prior approval	Only for >6 months closures or >24 h PT disruption
<b>Council Control</b>	Limited, subject to committee	Significantly greater discretion
<b>TfNSW Oversight</b>	Through voting in LTC	Via potential SoC and reference only
<b>Police Oversight</b>	Through voting in LTC	Advisory only
<b>Process Speed</b>	Often slow due to formal approvals	Faster, more efficient pathways

## PROPOSAL

Council Traffic Staff propose the following method to review and approve traffic facilities going forward.

### LTF Items

1. All items prepared in a report format will first be issued to TfNSW via e-mail for initial advice. This is intended to occur once per week, or as needed, to ensure appropriate tracking of items.
2. Subject to the outcome of the TfNSW advice, Council Staff will determine if further input is required by the Councillors, Local Member, Police and/or Bus Service provider via the LTF. If appropriate, an e-mail will be issued to all stakeholders in lieu of a formal LTF meeting. However, should a stakeholder wish to discuss further, they will have the option to request the matter be tabled to a formal LTF meeting.
3. A summary report will be prepared for inclusion to the Governance Committee Meeting (GCM) for review and endorsement of the proposed transport infrastructure, noting the LTF minutes.
4. The GCM Minutes will be tabled at the next most practicable meeting of Council for formal approval.
5. The Items approved by Council will then be included in the Capital Works Expenditure Budget for allocation, subject to a priority assessment.

**Non LTF Items**

1. Council Staff will determine if input is required by TfNSW, Councillors, Local Member, Police and/or Bus Service. A notification or consultation lead approach would then be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy with those affected stakeholders.
2. Council staff will present the items to either the GCM or Ordinary Meeting of Council for approval, including any comments received by stakeholders where appropriate.
3. The Items approved by Council will then be included in the Capital Works Expenditure Budget for allocation, subject to a priority assessment.

Note: Financial thresholds could be implemented as an option to manage endorsement/approval processes for minor items so as to avoid significant volumes of transport infrastructure requests coming through for Council/GCM discussion.

The GCM scheduled for 17 September 2025 will be used to brief Council on the changes and seek input for the preferred process of reviewing and approving Transport Infrastructure going forward.

**CONSULTATION**

The intent of this agenda item is to consult with the LTF stakeholders on the process.

**RECOMMENDATION TO LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM**

That the Forum members:

1. Consider and provide feedback on the Governance Methodology outlined above.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Presentation - Local Traffic Committee Reform

# Transition from Local Traffic Committees to Local Transport Forums

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Overview of Transport for NSW Delegation Reforms and Council Impacts

Patrick Bastawrous, Coordinator Traffic and Transport

Date: 17/09/2025



# Opening Thoughts

The evolution from LTCs to LTFs marks a transformative moment in local traffic governance. While councils now enjoy greater control and faster processes, there's a continued emphasis on coordination, transparency, and responsiveness—particularly when TfNSW raises concerns.

**We're well-positioned to leverage this reform for safer, more liveable streets in our area.**

# Context & Background

- Local Traffic Committees (LTC) included voting by TfNSW, Police, local MPs, and Council, with the ability to veto projects:
  - **Downside:** Could cause delays
  - **Upside:** Robust review and debate

## Historical setup:

## Reform impetus:

- TfNSW replaced LTCs with **Local Transport Forums (LTF)** to streamline processes and grant councils more autonomy. Council is effectively now the decision maker in most instances.





# Key Changes Under the 2025 Instrument

- LTCs have been formally **abolished** and replaced with **Local Transport Forums**.
- LTFs are **advisory-only**: they **do not vote, issue approvals, or veto** proposals.
- **Councils now have increased discretion** to undertake works on unclassified and regional roads without mandatory forum review.



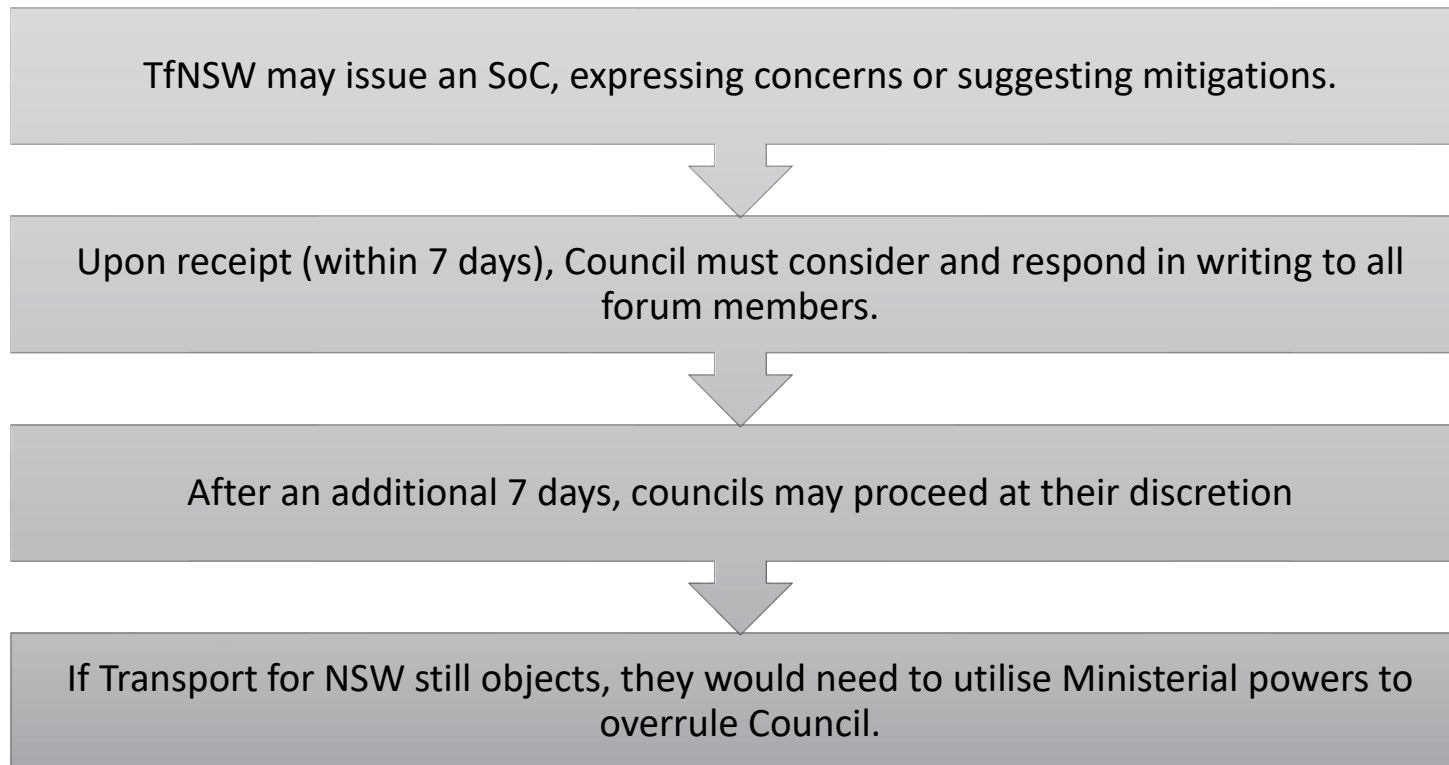
# What Still Requires Referral to the LTF?

- **Mandatory LTF referral** is required if works:
  - **Restrict or prohibit motor vehicle access for over 6 months, or**
  - **Disrupt or hinder safe public transport operations for more than 24 hours**
- Most other works can proceed without prior LTF review but should still be recorded for transparency and communicated to key stakeholders



# Statement of Concern (SoC) Process

If TfNSW objects to a decision of Council, they have the following recourse:



# MP and Police Concerns

There is no formal SoC type of recourse for MPs or the Police. However:

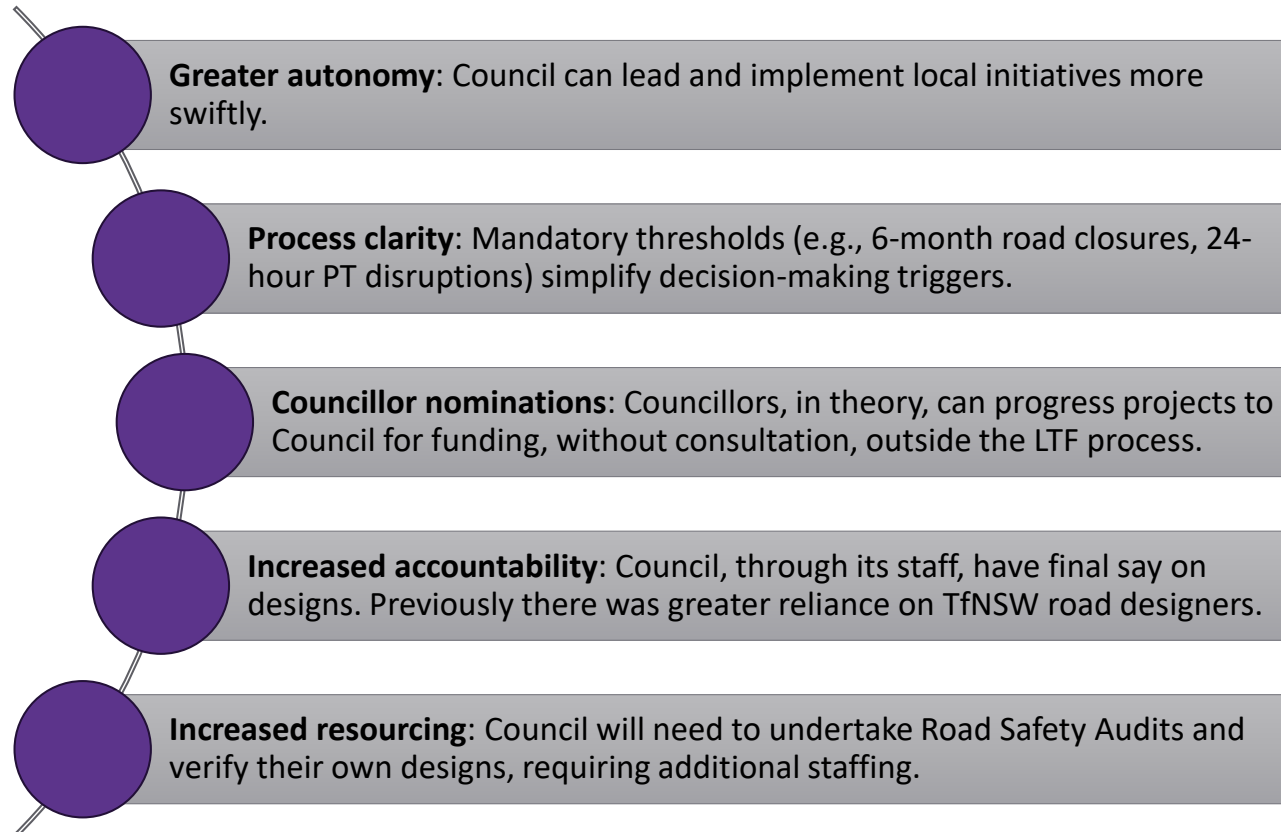
- They retain an advisory function
- The majority of issues would be addressed at the LTF or as part of direct consultation undertaken by Council.
- In practice, if MPs or the Police still object, it is likely that they would ask Transport for NSW to intervene on their behalf using the SoC process.



# LTF Summary Table

Aspect	LTC (Legacy)	LTF (Current)
Decision Powers	Voting & veto authority	Advisory only; no vetoes
Committee inclusions	Most road infrastructure	Only required for road closures
Council Control	Limited, subject to Committee	Significantly greater discretion
TfNSW Oversight	Effectively veto capability via design approval	Via potential SoC and reference only
Councillor Role	Sign off Committee Minutes at Council Meeting	Sign off Committee Minutes at Council Meeting
Police/MP Oversight	Through voting in LTC	Advisory only; no vetoes
Process Speed	Often slow due to formal approvals	Faster, more efficient pathways

# Implications for Council Operations



# Next Steps & Recommendations

- **Create new internal processes** to align with new delegation boundaries and thresholds.
- **Seek Council feedback** on approaches/options
- **Ensure documentation** pathways are in place to record works and include them in Local Transport Forum agendas.
- **Engage proactively** with TfNSW, police, and MPs through the LTF to phrase broader strategic issues.



# Councillor Endorsement Concept

- **LTC:** Council endorsed the LTC Minutes as the approving body.
- **LTF:** Council endorses the LTF Minutes as the approving body.

The issue: only major projects or events go through the LTF. So how does Council endorse all other road projects such as roundabouts, pedestrian crossings, speed humps etc?

- Step 1 (Option A): Councillors are emailed all nominated projects and can discuss with Council staff at their discretion ahead of the Council meeting
- Step 1 (Option B): Councillors are consulted on nominated projects at the GCM
- Step 2: An additional paper (non LTF items) is provided to Council for final endorsement.

Note: Council staff are working together to consider how best to put forward projects for Council endorsement in a way that considers our current CAPEX backlog.



# Questions

There is a lot to unpack as part of these changes. Please contact Dan Riley [rileyd@liverpool.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rileyd@liverpool.nsw.gov.au) for further discussion as we work through our options.