

# MINUTES

## ACTIVE TRANSPORT REFERENCE GROUP 5PM ON TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2017



PRESENT	
Councillor Ann Martin	Wollongong City Council
Councillor George Takacs	Wollongong City Council
Mike Dowd	Wollongong City Council
Werner Steyer	Illawarra Bicycle User Group
Lachlan Anderson	Pedestrian Community Representative

IN ATTENDANCE	
Walter Galvan	Wollongong City Council
Naomi Reid	Wollongong City Council

1. APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Councillor Jill Merrin and Phil Latz.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Nil
3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2016.

**Recommendation:** The minutes of the meeting held on 6 DECEMBER 2016 be confirmed as a true and accurate record

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

NIL

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

### ITEM 1 – REGIONAL BICYCLE LINEMARKING

An overview of the key aspects of the regional bicycle network linemarking project was given to the group.

The following feedback was given with respect to the standard linemarking treatments tabled:

- Reflective tape should be installed around power poles or other obstructions which are located in the centre of paths
- Construction joints on bridges should be marked to highlight the hazard to path users
- Education messages can be marked in key locations
- Add an edgeline approaching bridges and other narrowings to guide riders
- Increase the bicycle and pedestrian symbol frequency in areas of high pedestrian demand
- Where paths are renewed or new paths are installed consider coloured concrete at potential conflict points
- The need for a centreline in high pedestrian areas should be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Check sight lines when determining the need for centreline markings
- Linemarking should not create slip hazards around curves

## ITEM 2 – DRAFT DAPTO TOWN CENTRE PLAN

Hard copies of the draft Dapto Town Centre Plan were distributed to members. It was noted that the public exhibition of the draft plan is underway until 3 April 2017. Group members wishing to provide feedback on the plan were directed to do so via Council's engagement website for the project.

## ITEMS 3 & 4 – TRAMWAY PROJECT UPDATE

Mike Dowd provided an overview of the feedback received from the concept design engagement exercise for the tramway shared path project. It was noted that comments were received from a range of user groups and that design outcomes desired by these groups did not entirely align in a number of respects. As such it was acknowledged that a single design solution could not satisfy all user group requests. The design solution chosen was considered to have the highest level of safety and amenity for key users in this precinct.

The feedback received on temporary measures for Cliff Road during the 18 month tramway construction period was also summarised. Concept design plans of an alternative treatment were tabled and commentary provided on unsafe aspects of this treatment which contributed to Council's decision to proceed with the scheme canvassed with the community. It was noted that two modifications to the scheme were made. The first was to exclude the provision of additional speed cushions. The second was to exclude the prohibition of cyclists under 12 and their supervisors from the east side footpath.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### BICYCLE USER EDUCATION

Naomi Reid, Council Road Safety Officer, informed the group of outcomes from the recent free family cyclist workshop provided by Council. Additional promotional methods were employed for the last session resulting in a significant increase in participation.

Ann Martin suggested that street theatre could be employed to deliver key education messages around key sites. The importance of major events in this respect was also mentioned.

### BIKE RACKS ON BUSES

George Takacs requested information on the possibility of bike racks on buses to be used in Wollongong given their successful use in other Australian cities.

**Recommendation:** Council contact Transport for NSW to formally request information of their investigations of installing bike racks on buses in NSW.

### NORTHFIELDS AVE, KIERAVILLE

George Takacs suggested that pedestrian safety improvements are required on Northfields Avenue to address the speeds of vehicles particularly exiting roundabouts past pedestrian refuges. It was noted that an upcoming Access and Movement Strategy to be prepared for Keiraville – Gwynneville by Council with support from RMS and UOW would consider such aspects. It was also noted that an RMS Variable Message Sign would be installed at the site shortly to alert drivers of their travel speed. The sign will record speed and volume data that can be analysed and used for planning of safety improvements.

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Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 5pm on **Tuesday 4 April 2017**.

## ACTION SUMMARY

No.	Meeting Date	Action	Officer	Status
13	21.11.13	Traffic Unit to investigate development related mechanisms for the next DCP review where private developments make parking available to the general public outside trading hours	WG	To proceed as part on next DCP review
44	4.10.16	Active Transport Reference Group to be included in community engagement for all transport infrastructure projects	ML	Ongoing
45	14.3.17	Council contact Transport for NSW to formally request information of their investigations of installing bike racks on buses in NSW	WG	Underway