



MINUTES

WALKING, CYCLING AND MOBILITY REFERENCE GROUP

at 5.00 pm

Tuesday 5 February 2019

Present

Councillor David Brown – Chairperson, Councillor M Cox, Mike Dowd – Manager Infrastructure Strategy & Planning, Tracey Venaglia – Coordinator Community Development & Social Planning, Phil Latz – Bicycle User Representative, Jon Lindley - Bicycle User Representative, Edward Birt – Pedestrian Representative, Chye Toole- Anstey – Pedestrian Representative, Brian Gardner – Access Needs of People with a Disability, Fiona Myers – Access Needs of People with a Disability, Beth Robrahn – Families with Children Representative, Trish McBride – Access Needs for Seniors Representative

In Attendance

Peter Nunn – Transport & Stormwater Services Manager, Jen Lysle-Van Dyk – Engagement Officer representing Alison Bradford, Rob Gaudiosi – Traffic Engineer, Ellen Dreghorn – Administration Officer

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1 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

1.2 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Walter Galvan.

1.3 Disclosures of Interest

Nil

2 INTRODUCTION

2.2 Reference Group and Charter

Members were asked to review Council's Code of Conduct and Charter.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

Mike Dowd, Council's Manager Infrastructure, Strategy and Planning recommended that Council be contacted through its Customer Service Team for any emerging maintenance requests.

2.3 Meeting Dates

The dates listed in the Agenda for the group's meetings were discussed and agreed upon by group members.

2.4 Strategic Context and Supporting Documents

Council representatives provided a presentation on the context of its 4 key plans. The Group were provided with copies of the following:

- **Pedestrian Plan 2017-2021**
- **Bike Plan 2014-2018**
- **Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2016-2020**
- **Ageing Plan 2018-2022**

The Reference Group collectively discussed the information contained in the presentation.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

Mike Dowd recommended that members provide feedback on the [Draft Public Toilet Strategy](#) currently on exhibition on Council's website by 22 February 2019.

Peter Nunn, Council's Transport and Stormwater Services Manager recommended that feedback would be welcomed in relation to Footpaths linking to the toilets.

3 MAJOR PROGRAMS FOR GROUP INPUT

Council's Capital Works Program will be reviewed in September/October for the following 4 years and will be provided to Council prior to Christmas. Councillor workshops will take place in February prior to its exhibition. The Group will be asked to provide feedback on Major Programs listed.

Mike Dowd advised that the majority of funding is provided by way of grants for new infrastructure and that all programs are reflected in Council's 2018 [Infrastructure Delivery Program](#).

Group members expressed interest in the Bus Stop Audit as bus operators have limited services to passengers with accessibility requirements.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

Peter Nunn recommended that members view the [Public Spaces Public Life](#) document via Council's website.

4 FORWARD PROGRAM

The proposed Forward Planner was noted by the Committee.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Port Kembla Bike Path

- Phil Latz, representing Bicycle Users commented on the state of the bike path at Port Kembla near the Steelworks. Brian Gardner representing Access Needs of People with a Disability also agreed that the bike paths within the LGA are overgrown with weeds and it affects the visibility of pedestrians, cyclists and those persons on wheel chairs.

Action 1: Council to investigate maintenance responsibilities along the bike path at Port Kembla and provide an update at a future meeting.

Standards

- Phil Latz, also mentioned that AUSTRROADS standards for bollards are not applied consistently within the LGA. The bollards that don't comply pose as obstacles for cyclists, pedestrians and those on wheel chairs. Queries were raised by other group members regarding a review of Council Standards for certain applications such as the lack of line marking defining the change in surfaces around the trees in City Centre.

- Brian Gardner recommended that street planter boxes and plant heights within the LGA also be reviewed.

Action 2: Design standards and ideas to improve design outcomes will be discussed at a future meeting in an agenda item.

Smith and Kembla Street Cycleway Project

- Phil Latz enquired about the Smith and Kembla Street Cycleway Project. Council is still pursuing funding for this Project with Transport for NSW.

Accessibility to Schools

- Fiona Myers, representative for the Access Needs of People with a Disability raised concerns that schools do not have appropriate pick-up and set down areas as well as footpath connections to the school property for students with disabilities.

Action 3: Council to investigate this issue further and report back at a future meeting.

Social Media

- Beth Robrahn, Families with Children Representative requested if it was possible to set up a social media page to obtain feedback from the public.

Action 4: Council to provide a response at the next meeting.

Education

- Chye Toole-Anstey, Member Representing Pedestrians stated the importance of a need to promote positive behaviour of pedestrians, cyclists and drivers towards each other.

Action 5: Ways of promoting behavioural change between different types of road users will be discussed in a future agenda item.

6 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Walking Cycling and Mobility Reference Group will be held on Tuesday 2 April 2019 at 5pm in the Council Chambers on Level 10 at the Wollongong City Council Administration Building. The focus will be on the review of Council's Bike Plan and the draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

7 CLOSE MEETING

Cr David Brown

Chairperson

Meeting Concluded: 6.47pm