

# MINUTES

## ACTIVE TRANSPORT REFERENCE GROUP

### 5PM ON WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2015

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

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

1. APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Jill Merrin and Stuart Porter
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Nil
3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5 AUGUST 2015.

**Recommendation:** The minutes of the meeting held on 5 August 2015 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – Nil
2. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### ITEM 1 – FOWLERS ROAD AND FAIRWATER DRIVE LINK

Alison Bradford of Council's engagement team gave an overview of the Fowlers Road and Fairwater Drive link project that included a 3d flyover video presentation. The project involves the construction of a 1.3km road link from the intersection of Marshall Street and Fowlers Road to Fairwater Drive. The link will include 2 bridges, one at 90m long and the other at 230m long. The link also includes a shared path for the full length.

The discussion on the proposal included the following comments:

- Bike Lanterns should be installed at the Fowlers Road and Marshall Street intersection
- A pedestrian and bicycle underpass at Marshall Street is not possible due to the proposed road level at that location.
- Alternate bicycle and pedestrian paths through green space (e.g. flood prone areas) should be planned for as the high modal shift needed in West Dapto will require more than just paths on public roads. Reed Park presents an opportunity in this regard.

**Recommendation:** Provide feedback to the group on plans for recreational routes in open space areas within West Dapto

- Fowlers Road link to the east needs to be considered as part of the wider bike plan network.
- Bridges need to account for fencing, rails etc. so that the clear width is not reduced below the minimum allowed path width
- Connectivity to adjacent pedestrian and bicycle links should be ensured along the length of the scheme
- Alison Bradford noted that the closing date for feedback is Monday 2 November 2015

**Recommendation:** Group member comments to be sent to Council by Friday 23 October for collation and submission prior to Monday 2 November 2015

## ITEM 2 – BOLLARDS AND RAILS AUDIT

Council's review of the list of south area vehicle barriers provided by Werner Steyer was discussed. One of the following four types of actions was recommended for each site:

1. No action
2. Remove existing bollard/rail
3. Replace existing bollard/rail with compliant u-rail installation
4. Write to land owner to either remove existing bollard/rail or to replace the existing bollard/rail with a compliant u-rail installation.

It was noted that Council would provide feedback on other sites submitted by members at a subsequent group meeting.

Comments raised during the discussion are provided below.

Bollards placed in the centre of standard 2.5m wide shared paths result in a path width either side of the bollard that is less than the minimum 1.4m stipulated in the Austroads Guide to Road Design. Furthermore bollards are far less conspicuous than u-rails that include a hazard board.

Timber bridges require costly maintenance and should a timber bridge be replaced with some other type in a high profile location, the surface type would need to achieve a similar aesthetic outcome.

The shared path crossing at the southbound M1 freeway on ramp at Northcliffe Drive is hazardous due to poor sight lines between vehicles and path users and high on ramp vehicle entry speeds. NSW Roads and Maritime Services is responsible for this crossing point and should be requested to modify the crossing/roundabout to improve safety.

**Recommendation:** Council to contact RMS to request a safety improvement to the Northcliffe Drive shared path crossing point at the southbound M1 freeway on ramp

## OTHER BUSINESS

A status update was given on the Smith St - Kembla St cycleway. Issues discussed included:

- Opportunities to provide additional on street car parking in Court Lane and Church St
- A shared path could be provided on the northwestern side of Harbour Street in lieu of an on-road facility.
- Separated cycleways such as those built in the City of Sydney provide a facility with greater perceived safety than the current option under consideration by Council. The greater level of perceived safety with such treatments results in greater participation (particularly by less confident riders, families and children).

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 5pm on **Wednesday 2 December 2015**.

**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
35	7.10.15	Provide feedback to the group on plans for recreational routes in open space areas within West Dapto	WG	In progress
36	7.10.15	Group member comments of Fowlers Road to Fairwater Drive link to be sent to Council by Friday 23 October for collation and submission prior to Monday 2 November 2015	ALL	Completed
37	7.10.15	Council to contact RMS to request a safety improvement to the Northcliffe Drive shared path crossing point at the southbound M1 freeway on ramp	WG	Completed