

**WALKING, CYCLING & MOBILITY  
REFERENCE GROUP  
MINUTES OF MEETING TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2020  
REMOTE LOCATION – SKYPE VIDEO CALL, 5:00 PM**



**Reference Group Members in attendance:**

- Cr David Brown                      Chair, Councillor Delegate
- Cr Mithra Cox                        Councillor Delegate
- Andrew Heaven                      WCC Manager Infrastructure Strategy & Planning (Acting)
- Fiona Myer                            Access Needs of People with a Disability Representative
- Jon Lindley                            Bicycle Users Representative
- Edward Birt                            Pedestrians Representative
- Chye Toole-Anstey                    Pedestrians Representative
- Beth Robrahn                        Families with Children Representative
- Trish McBride                        Access Needs for Seniors Representative

**Wollongong City Council (WCC) Staff in attendance:**

- Andrew Carfield                      Director Infrastructure and Works
- David Wilson                        Traffic & Transport Unit Leader
- Walter Galvan                        Senior Traffic Engineer
- Daniel Dunstan                       Senior Traffic Engineer
- Justin Miles                          Senior Traffic Engineer
- Rob Gaudiosi                        Traffic Engineer
- Daniela Di Lullo                      PA Infrastructure Strategy & Planning (Acting) – Minutes

**1 WELCOME & OPENING OF MEETING**

**Meeting Opened 5:10 pm**

**1.1 Acknowledgement of Country**

The Chair welcomed all and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

**1.2 Apologies**

Brian Gardner, Access Needs of People with a Disability Representative  
Peter Nunn, Transport & Stormwater Services Manager  
Tracy Venaglia, WCC Coordinator Community Development & Social Planner

**1.3 Disclosures of Interest**

No conflicts of interested declared.

**1.4 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held 11 August 2020**

The minutes of the previous meeting were moved as a true and accurate record.

**2 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - 11 AUGUST 2020**

- 2.1 Link to IDP has been sent out to Reference Group members.
- 2.2 David to follow up Facebook link for the draft Cycling Strategy 2030. **Action: David Wilson**
- 2.3 Engagement Team currently looking at the ability to drop pins from devices other than desktops for future engagement opportunities.

**3 CYCLING STRATEGY 2030 (DANIEL DUNSTAN)**

- Cr Cox commented that it would be better to build fewer cycleways with the funding and ensuring they are safe, ie separated by barriers, rather than paint on the road.
- Edward asked if the interactive map could be kept live as a tool for Council. Daniel advised it does not directly talk to systems to raise maintenance requests so will not be kept live. **Action: David to find out what is replacing the Report It app and advise.**
- Beth asked what the Reference Group's involvement will be for the next steps and how can they provide support. Daniel advised due to timing issues this will not come back to the Reference Group. Andrew C advised of the Public Access Forum. Cr Brown advised e-mails can be sent to Councillors advising of their support for the strategy.

#### 4 KEIRAVILLE GWYNNEVILLE STUDY – UPDATE (WALTER GALVAN)

- Walter provided an update on the results of the engagement and public exhibition.
- Technical report currently being finalised. Amending overview document until mid November and preparing report to Council for meeting of 7 December 2020 requesting endorsement of the document.
- Chye enquired if there were any comments received on the temporary traffic rerouting measures that are put in place at the Uni at the beginning of the year. Walter advised no comments were received.

#### 5 SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS (DAVID WILSON)

- David advised the feedback received has been collated and they are currently identifying priorities and targets with specific schools and TfNSW to improve safety. Footpath projects have been completed on approaches to schools and parking arrangements changed for increased kiss and ride areas.
- Establishing a register of all enquiries received so that we can record all issues raised.
- Letter drafted and is being reviewed to send out to all schools asking for specific feedback.
- Beth raised she was under the impression that the Reference Group would be involved. Andrew H advised there is a commitment to liaise with this Reference Group and TfNSW. At this stage they are collecting data and receiving feedback from the schools. Andrew suggested Beth and Jon to be involved in the first instance for the next stage. **Action: Cr Brown advised to keep this item on the agenda.**
- Members of the working group are Justin Miles, Senior Traffic Engineer; Melanie Lausz, Traffic Safety Officer; Rob Gaudiosi, Traffic Engineer.
- Cr Cox expressed her concern that this was removed from the Pedestrian Plan as it required more attention, however, feels this has not been the case.
- Cr Cox also expressed concern that at least 6 schools have requested pedestrian crossings and have been refused. David advised some of the schools have not necessarily been refused but delayed due to the Keiraville/Gwynneville Access Movement study, and some have been refused due to not complying with standards or for safety issues.
- Cr Cox acknowledged the work done on footpaths, however, feels there has not been a similar focus on pedestrian crossings.
- Jon raised the pop-up cycleway on Smith Street and Wollongong Public School. **Action: Walter to advise of outcome of meeting with the Principal of Wollongong PS.**
- Beth asked if Council has strategic planners involved to work in the space of transport and access related issues and prioritisation or is it all done by the technical engineers within Council? She raised that it is not just infrastructure but also behaviour change which becomes a very important element. It takes a different set of skills and expertise to build the relationships with the schools, principals and P&Cs to develop a behaviour change program. It is a two-pronged approach.

#### 6 UCI UPDATE (DANIEL DUNSTAN)

- David Wilson advised the majority of the work currently being done is confidential at this stage, particularly with regard to the route.
- Working with UCI group to carry out work and review suggestions made.
- Andrew H advised there is a strong working relationship between the stakeholders and Wollongong 2022. Recently engaged a CEO, Stu Taggart, and a countdown clock placed in Wollongong Mall. Announcements will be made approximately one year before the event. It is anticipated it will attract 300,000 people to our city and some of the world's best cyclists. Details of the course route will not be known until just before the event.

#### 7 TOWN CENTRE STUDIES (DAVID WILSON & JUSTIN MILES)

- Two projects in the Helensburgh town centre revitalisation.
- Fiona commented that it is a fabulous outcome for Helensburgh, especially the raised pedestrian crossing, and the additional crossing. She enquired about the car park on Charles Harper Park side of Park Street. David advised the car park entrance will be moved further west and will become a dual entry and exit.
- Fiona raised the connectivity of the footpath and whether it will be widened as part of the crossing facility. Justin advised that due to budget restraints this will not be done. Fiona raised concern that it is forcing people to walk behind cars to get to the crossing. **Action: Justin and Fiona to discuss outside the meeting.**
- Cr Cox thanked everyone for all the hard work.

## 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Pop Up Cycleways

Cr Brown acknowledged the e-mail received from Andrew H providing a brief update on the pilot pop up cycleway routes engagement. Public exhibition was from 29 July to 31 August 2020. Close to 3,300 residents who are directly affected have received letters from Council. Key finding was overall general support for these projects.

Beth reiterated that the idea of a pilot is a way to test the design with a view that it becomes permanent. The outcome should be a well-designed and utilised cycleway at the end.

- Cr Brown mentioned this is the last Reference Group meeting for Andrew Carfield as he is leaving Council to take up another position. Cr Brown thanked Andrew on behalf of the Committee.

## 9 2020 DRAFT MEETING SCHEDULE (AND FORWARD PLANNER)

The remaining Walking Cycling Mobility Reference Group meeting date for 2020 is as follows:

- Tuesday, 8 December 2020

## 10 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Walking Cycling and Mobility Reference Group will be held on **Tuesday, 8 December 2020 at 5:00 pm** – the type of meeting (eg, Skype) will be confirmed closer to the date.

## 11 CLOSE MEETING

**Meeting closed 7.35 pm.**