

**WALKING, CYCLING & MOBILITY
REFERENCE GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 2020
LEVEL 9 FUNCTION ROOM, 5:00 PM**



Reference Group Members in attendance:

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

Wollongong City Council (WCC) Staff in attendance:

- Andrew Carfield Director Infrastructure and Works
- Isabelle Ghetti Transport & Stormwater Services Manager (Acting)
- David Wilson Traffic & Transport Unit Leader
- Walter Galvan Senior Traffic Engineer
- Justin Miles Senior Traffic Engineer
- Daniel Dunstan Senior Traffic Engineer
- Rob Gaudiosi Traffic Engineer
- Gemma Farrell PA Infrastructure Strategy & Planning (Minutes)
- Radda Jordan Community Safety Officer

1 WELCOME & OPENING OF MEETING

Meeting Opened 5:08 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.

1.3 Disclosures of Interest

No conflicts of interested declared.

1.4 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held 3 December 2019

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

2 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - 3 DECEMBER 2019

Safety Around Schools update:

- David Wilson provided the group and update and discussed Paul Scully MP interest/involvement.
- The survey data Jon Lindley collected will feed into Paul Scully MP's wider survey with specifics.
- Mithra Cox raised concerns that schools are being knocked back for school crossings and zebra crossings.
- David Wilson explained that we need to do a broader survey and gather data from all Wollongong LGA schools, as some may have not spoken up. Also, some teachers had been reluctant to get on board; for example, not wanting to put signs out.
- Mithra and Jon discussed zebra crossings versus school crossings; agreed that although school crossings are safer, where that is not an option why not install zebra crossings as they also provide weekend access.
- Andrew Carfield suggested for WCC to table which crossings are currently installed we have out there, and what is missing at the 8 April meeting. Mithra asked to put a few in this year's IDP, as otherwise we need to wait a whole other year.
- Fiona asked if this includes footpaths. Fiona explained the actual critical part from her perspective, which should be priority is at Helensburgh Public School.
- **ACTION:** WCC will circulate the information note prepared that shows the facilities at each public school recently completed for the IDP review process.

3 PERSONAL SAFETY IN PUBLIC

Presentation by Radda Jordan, Community Safety Officer, WCC:

- Radda provided the group with background on WCC's commitment to community safety and how it is embedded in other areas of Council e.g. planning.
- The aim is to work out what we need to do to make Wollongong a safer place, thus we are currently creating a new 2021-25 safety plan which Council is due to adopt in December 2020.
- The plan allows Council to seek external funding from the Attorney General each year to look at a crime, or safety of an area.
- This year, March is "Community Safety Month". So, there is a survey open until 30 March.
- **ACTION:** Gemma to email out to the group. Please distribute amongst your networks. We want to hear from everyone across the LGA. Anonymous and short. Radda also handed out a few flyers.
"Have you ever had an experience where you felt unsafe in the last 12 months? Where? Time of day? What happened?"

4 UPDATE ON DRAFT INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PROGRAM (IDP) 2020/2021 - 2023/2024

Mark Roebuck explained that following the Councillor Workshop on Sunday, there are many changes to the IDP (works for the next 4 years) which are not ready to present today.

Presentation by Justin Miles, Senior Traffic Engineer, WCC:

This presentation will be emailed to the group.

- Footpaths
 - How are we tracking?
 - **New** footpaths (not upgrades to existing, as maintenance and upgrades are separate programs)
- Cycleways and shared paths
 - How are we tracking?
 - **New** cycle/shared paths
 - Jon asked if the on-road facilities will be safe enough for children to use. Mark explained this data is to get the projects prioritised and funded, then the design comes second which is when those things are considered. Also, Daniel explained the cycling strategy, once adopted, will influence that too.
 - Andrew announced that in the draft cycle/shared paths \$15 million over 4 years is allocated which is significantly higher than previous years
- Wollongong Cycling Projects Map.
- IDP will be put on public exhibition by Council before adoption in June 2020. Feedback / Public Exhibition is expected to be about April-May 2020.

5 GWYNNEVILLE / KEIRAVILLE ACCESS & MOVEMENT STUDY

Presentation by David Wilson, Traffic and Transport Unit Leader, WCC:

- Project Objectives
- Planning Context
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Transport Issues

Cr Brown asked for feedback from the group about their experiences in the area:

- Avoids the area around UOW (difficult, poor traffic flow etc.).
- Chye works in the area every day and does not feel safe when travelling behind Beaton Park (almost hit by a car every day and the tree roots are atrocious). There is parking either side so cars and buses cannot take the corner so cross over on other side. The free shuttle is great; just the other infrastructure is problematic.
- Fiona provided an example of a disability support officer who is a fulltime university student and worker (UOW to Helensburgh) driving is the only way she could make her week work. There are many more students they have to drive because they are time poor.

6 WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK

Presentation by Walter Galvan, Senior Traffic Engineer, WCC:

- The framework document is out in exhibition at the moment.
- The vision for the city centre was created in 2016 (pedestrian orientated city centre).
- Are our planning controls supporting our vision, or do things need to be changed?
- Three key findings on Land Use
- Four key findings on Built Form
- Five key findings on **Public Domain and Connections**
- Precinct Visions
- Urban Design Framework to be open until 8 April (link to be sent out to the group, already over 50 comments, WCC staff will be out in the Mall this Friday from 10am – 2pm).

Cr David Brown asked what it looks like on the ground to prioritise pedestrians. Walter Galvan explained how additional links and laneways enhance how quickly you can move through the city centre as a pedestrian. Also, creating green canopies that don't limit the footpaths, and this it doesn't mean no cars.

Discussion took place surrounding traffic lights taking too long to change, the prioritisation, effects on driver behaviour etc. TfNSW should be paying more attention to local roads, rather than just focusing on the main roads and the timing of traffic lights.

Jon Lindley asked a general question surrounding Local Councils and State Government engaging and also having creative and social benefits for putting these things in place. Does WCC have a person who looks at the creative / tree canopies etc? And designing roads? David explained a few initiatives. Andrew Carfield explained that we are One Team at Council, frameworks are a combination of many years of work from teams across Council rather than just one team or officer. Andrew also explained the issues and restrictions faced. Council is ambitious in what we want to achieve and are working in a collaborative way with many experts.

7 CYCLING STRATEGY 2030 PROGRESS UPDATE

Presentation by Daniel Dunstan, Senior Traffic Engineer, WCC:

- Understanding cycling demands
- What our community conveyed
- Key themes
- SAFE
- Convenient and Integrated
- Encouraged
- Measured
- Planned
- Implementing the plan
- Next steps
- Key dates
- Ranked on cost

Mithra Cox explained that the team is doing great work on this strategy, however asked how to ensure a bulk of the plan we are working on gets implemented? Andrew and Mark explained the issues faced and how attitudes appear to be shifting, and as attitudes shift these items will become a higher priority. A discussion took place surrounding roads, cycleways, nowhere for cyclists to go in certain situations etc.

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

9 DRAFT 2020 WCMRG MEETING SCHEDULE

The Walking Cycling Mobility Reference Group meeting dates for 2020 have been amended as follows:

- Tuesday, 3 March 2020
- Wednesday, 8 April 2020
- Tuesday, 16 June 2020
- Tuesday, 11 August 2020
- Tuesday, 20 October 2020
- Tuesday, 8 December 2020

10 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Walking Cycling and Mobility Reference Group will be held on **Wednesday, 8 April 2020 at 5:00 pm** on Level 9 in the Function Room.

11 CLOSE MEETING

Meeting closed 7:08 pm.