



## MINUTES

# WALKING, CYCLING AND MOBILITY REFERENCE GROUP

at 5.00 pm

Wednesday 5 June 2019

### **MEMBERS ATTENDED:**

David Brown - Chair Councillor Delegate, Mike Dowd - Council Officer (Infrastructure Strategy & Planning)  
Tracy Venaglia - Coordinator Community Development & Social Planning, Phil Latz - Representing bicycle users,  
Jon Lindley - Representing bicycle users, Edward Birt - Representing Pedestrians, Chye Toole-Anstey -  
Representing Pedestrians, 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

### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Megan Lowe - Engagement Officer, David Wilson - Traffic and Transport Unit Leader, Rob Gaudiosi - Traffic  
Engineer, Ellen Dregghorn - 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 by on behalf of Cr Mithra Cox.

### 1.3 Disclosures of Interest

Nil

## 2 PRESENTATIONS

### 2.1 Environmental Sustainability Policy and Strategy

Council's Engagement Officer provided an overview of the Environmental Sustainability Review that is currently on [Council's Webpage](#). It was suggested that the group consider the sustainability for the City and were invited to provide feedback until the end of the exhibition period on 24 June 2019. Edward Birt stated the importance of providing feedback on this strategy as it relates to the economy as well as environmental issues.

#### **Committee Note:**

The committee would be provided with an update of the review once the engagement period for the strategy has concluded and the next stage of consultation advised.

## 3 BRIOMETRIX WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY RESEARCH

Council's Infrastructure Strategy & Planning Manager, Mike Dowd, advised the group that the Council staff were assisting in the research and development of the mapping of the CBD to identify the hazards and challenges for wheelchair accessibility.

Brian Gardner talked about his experience with this type of project. Fiona Myers and Brian Gardner said that the technology could be beneficial for people with mobility issues and their carers.

The members questioned how the technology would be made available and if Council would be interested in pursuing the research. The progress of this project was of great interest to the committee members and as this project is in its early development stage opportunities to learn about the research benefits will present itself as the project progresses.

#### **Committee Note:**

The Committee members were encouraged to provide feedback for mapping. Wollongong City Council staff are to provide an update regarding the mapping and present progress of the research back to the Committee at the next meeting.

#### 4 BUS STOP ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT

The Traffic and Transport Unit Leader, David Wilson, provided the group with an update on the Bus Stop Accessibility Audit. The Audit covered all bus stops in the LGA with the aim of determining which stops were compliant according to relevant standards.

Members of the group expressed concerns on how the data was determined and in particular the accessibility for those with mobility issues. It was recommended that members assist Council with investigations from their prospectus.

David Wilson noted the issues mentioned by the reference group members that they believed were important to prioritise the bus stops. Some of those issues included:

- Usage and audit data
- Bus numbers
- Heat mapping
- Link into disabled community
- Locations to be considered where buses are the only form of transport
- Proximity to services ie hospital, community centres, train station
- Proximity to compliant and non-compliant stops
- Social equity of improvements

#### **Committee Note:**

The group was requested to provide feedback on the how to prioritise all the bus stops.

An example of a bus stop audit is to be provided to the group for their review. Once the Bus Stop Accessibility Audit data has been reviewed by Council, another update will be provided to the group.

Beth requested that Council engage disability groups regarding their needs and views for more accessible bus stops.

#### 5 FORWARD PROGRAM

Future agendas will include an action item at the bottom of each item for the group. Additionally any relevant material will also be forwarded prior to the meeting.

## 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Phil Latz forwarded an example of a design concept to members via email prior to the meeting and suggested at the meeting that council may benefit from this information for any designs regarding future ride/share projects.

The Chair requested that information regarding bicycle user groups be forwarded to the group to keep them advised of current projects.

Chye mentioned that some parks in her area lacked adequate footpaths. The chair stated that the developer is required or provide these under Section 24.

### **Committee Note:**

David Wilson encouraged members of the group and the community to forward any issues related to active transport to Council for review by the traffic and transport team.

## 7 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Walking Cycling and Mobility Reference Group will be held on 6 August 2019 on Level 9 in the Function Room.

## 8 CLOSE MEETING

Cr David Brown

### **Chairperson**

Meeting Concluded:6.44pm

## ACTION SUMMARY

AGENDA ACTION ITEMS			
AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	MEETING DATE	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
3	5.2.2019	<b>Major Programs for Group Input</b>	
??		Feedback on Major Programs listed after the review of the Capital Works Program.	Ongoing
4	5.6.2019	Bus Stop Audit Report to be finalised and provided at a future Walking, Cycling and Mobility Reference Group.	Ongoing
OTHER ACTION ITEMS			
MEETING DATE	DESCRIPTION		STATUS
5.2.2019	Investigate maintenance responsibilities along the bike path at Port Kembla at the next meeting.		Completed
5.2.2019	Design standards and ideas to improve design outcomes will be discussed at a future meeting in an agenda item.		Ongoing
5.2.2019	<del>Council to investigate this issue further and report back at a future meeting.</del>		<del>Not Resourced.</del>
5.2.2019	A response is to be provided to Beth regarding a Facebook group at the next meeting.		Completed
5.2.2019	Investigate behavioural change between different types of road users will be discussed in a future agenda item.		Ongoing
2.4.2019	<del>Cycling surveys to be done</del>		Ongoing
5.6.2019	Updates are to be provided on the Briometrix Wheelchair Accessibility Research.		Ongoing
5.6.2019	Members are encouraged to provide feedback for mapping on Briometrix Research.		
5.6.2019	Members were encouraged to provide feedback to the Environmental Sustainability Policy and Strategy.		
5.6.2019	Members were asked to email Council with inaccessible site information. -Bus Stop Audit Report to be finalised and provided at a future Walking, Cycling and Mobility Reference Group.		Complete before next agenda sent/

	A spreadsheet be forwarded members as an example of the bus audit.	
5.6.2019	The Forward Program is to include an action item at the bottom of each item so that community members can provide feedback prior to the next meeting. Committee members are to receive updated emails on projects out of session as they progress	Ongoing
5.6.2019	Committee members are to email the traffic and transport team leader with active transport matters.	Ongoing
5.6.2019	Council to report to Chye regarding the footpaths for Karrara and Huxley Parks, Dapto	Complete before next agenda