

WALKING, CYCLING AND MOBILITY REFERENCE GROUP



11 August 2020

TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST 2020
REMOTE LOCATION: SKYPE VIDEO CALL

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The Walking, Cycling and Mobility Reference Group provides advice to Council on the preparation and implementation of bicycle, pedestrian and disability access policies and strategic plans in the City of Wollongong.

MEMBERS

David Brown - Chair	Councillor Delegate
Mithra Cox	Councillor Delegate
Andrew Heaven	Council Officer (Manager Infrastructure Strategy & Planning (Acting))
Tracy Venaglia	Coordinator Community Development & Social Planning
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

INVITED

Peter Nunn	Transport & Stormwater Services Manager
Rob Gaudiosi	Traffic Engineer
David Wilson	Traffic & Transport Unit Leader
Walter Galvan	Senior Traffic Engineer

1. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

Acknowledgement of Country

“I would like to pay my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Land on which we meet, and pay my respect to Elders past, present and future. I would also like to extend my respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present here today.”

- 1.1 Apologies
- 1.2 Disclosures of Interests
- 1.3 Endorsement of 16 June 2020 Meeting Minutes

2. ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND RESPONSIBLE– 16 JUNE 2020

- 2.1 Bus and Carpark Audit Update (David Wilson)
- 2.2 Changes to Austroads Documents (David Wilson)
- 2.3 Safety Around Schools
 - Confirm if there is a Pilot Program regarding Safety Around Schools (David Wilson)
 - Has Covid-19 been considered as part of the Safety Around Schools Survey (David Wilson)
 - Safety Around Schools to remain on the agenda and feedback to be provided from meeting with Paul Scully MP (Andrew Heaven)
- 2.4 Helensburgh Town Centre (David Wilson)
 - Council to provide options near Coles supermarket and total parking spaces
 - Council to confirm accessibility features are compliant with codes
 - Council to confirm footpath treatment
- 2.5 Mt Keira Road – Council to investigate opportunities to improve signage in this area (David Wilson)
- 2.6 Cycling Strategy – When can a finalised copy be forwarded to the reference group before the Council meeting (David Wilson)
- 2.7 Working Groups – Discuss this at the next meeting (Andrew Heaven)
- 2.8 Closure of Lawrence Hargrave Drive – Council to raise issue of contractors blocking walking tracks with TfNSW. (David Wilson)

3. PEDESTRIAN PLAN – UPDATE

Person Responsible: David Wilson

David Wilson is to provide an update on the status of the Pedestrian Plan.

4. SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS – UPDATE

Person Responsible: David Wilson

David Wilson is to provide an update on Council's Safety Around Schools initiative.

5. INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PLAN (IDP)

Person Responsible: David Wilson

David Wilson is to provide an update on the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

6. CYCLING STRATEGY – UPDATE

Person Responsible: David Wilson

Exhibition closes 17 August 2020. As of 27 July 2020:

- Approximately 1,800 people have viewed the engagement website;
- Approximately 1,150 people have clicked on a link on the page or interacted with the page;
- 203 people have looked at the survey with 90 people completing the survey;
- 727 people have looked at the map with 69 people placing a pin on the map with a total of 521 pins.

Given the significant feedback and interest in an implementation, there is a need to enable adequate review and planning prior to adoption. We are looking at reporting to Council for adoption of the finalised Strategy at the earliest in late November at this stage, pending the detail needed in the implementation plan. That being said, the ball is rolling pretty fast on meeting the actions of the plan with the unprecedented funding we have allocated and received at present.

Requested Group Feedback

- Complete the feedback form to let us know your thoughts about the Draft Wollongong Cycling Strategy 2030 by **9am Monday 17 August 2020**.
- Tell us about your experience of bike riding in Wollongong by interacting with the interactive cycling map.

7. SUBMISSION FROM JON & BETH ON STREETS AS SHARED SPACES

Persons Responsible: Jon Lindley, Beth Robrahn

Jon and Beth to provide a presentation of their submission for the Streets and Shared Spaces grant application which closed 10 June 2020.

Requested Group Feedback

Feedback may be provided if requested by the presenters.

8. STREETS AS SHARED SPACES (POPUK CYCLEWAYS)

Person Responsible: Walter Galvan

The Wollongong Pilot Cycling Routes Project will enable safe cycling in Wollongong City Centre and the outer suburb coastal locations of Port Kembla, Towradg and Thirroul.

Through a number of community engagement exercises the Wollongong community has told us that they wanted:

- a sustainable and liveable city with a range of transport options;
- dedicated cycling routes, separated from high numbers of pedestrians and cars;
- new bike paths or lanes that connect to existing cycling routes, our town centres and Wollongong City Centre;
- easier ways to use a bicycle along with other types of transport;
- education, signs and line marking to encourage safer use of our shared paths and roads

This project seeks to deliver on many of those requests by installing a series of pilot, cycling routes in key locations that:

- rearrange road space to provide cycling routes that are separated from vehicles;
- slow vehicles so that drivers and cyclists can safely share the road;
- transform footpaths to shared paths.

Construction is expected to begin in October 2020 and be completed for the summer holidays. A presentation on the project will be made to the group at the meeting.

Requested Group Feedback

Council is receiving public feedback on the project until 31 August 2020. (see <https://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/pilot-cycle-routes>).

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

An opportunity for members to briefly discuss other relevant issues.

10. 2020 DRAFT MEETING SCHEDULE (AND 2020 FORWARD PLANNER)

Updates regarding changes to the meeting schedule:

The 2020 Forward planner is provided below.

3 MARCH	8 APRIL	16 JUNE	11 AUGUST	20 OCTOBER	8 DECEMBER
Cycling Strategy (DD)	Safety Around Schools (JM)	Update: Cycling Strategy (DD)	Streets and Shared Spaces submission (BR and JL)	Grand Pacific Walk (DD)	IDP review December (JM)
IDP update (JM)	Cycling Strategy (DD)	Helensburgh Town Centre Plan (JM)	Safety Around Schools (DW)	Cycling Strategy (DD)	Cycling Strategy (DD)
Community Safety (RD)		Access and movement for people (WG)	Update: Cycling Strategy (DW)	Lake Illawarra Cycling Plan (JM)	Safety Around School (DW)
Urban Design Framework (WG)		Update: Safety Around Schools (JM)	Pedestrian Plan (DW)	Towradgi Creek Corridor (JM)	
			IDP June (DW)	Safety Around Schools (JM)	
			Popup Cycleways (WG)	Keiraville and Gwynneville Study (WG)	

11. MEETING CLOSE