

**WALKING, CYCLING & MOBILITY
REFERENCE GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING WEDNESDAY, 8 APRIL 2020
LEVEL 9 FUNCTION ROOM, 5:00 PM**



Reference Group Members in attendance:

- Cr David Brown Chair, 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 – from 5.42pm
- Beth Robrahn Families with Children Representative
- Brian Gardner Access Needs of People with a Disability Representative

Wollongong City Council (WCC) Staff in attendance:

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

1 WELCOME & OPENING OF MEETING

Meeting Opened 5:06 pm

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

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

1.2 Apologies

Cr Mithra Cox, Councillor Delegate.
Isabelle Ghetti, Transport & Stormwater Services Manager (Acting).

1.3 Disclosures of Interest

No conflicts of interested declared.

1.4 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held 3 March 2020

Amendment to the agenda – date of previous meeting should be 3 March 2020. The minutes of the previous meeting were moved as a true and accurate record.

2 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - 3 MARCH 2020

2.1 Bus Stop Audit and Car Park Audit

- David advised the Car Park audit is now complete. Waiting on report from consultant for Bus Stop Audit. Will report on both audits and distribute report before the next meeting.
- **ACTION:** WCC will circulate report on of both audits before the next meeting.

2.2 Safety Around Schools Update

To be discussed under item 3.

3 SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS UPDATE

- David advised report on crossing around schools has been distributed. Currently waiting on feedback from the community survey conducted by Paul Scully's office.
- **ACTION:** WCC to follow up with Paul Scully's office in order to identify high priority schools and work with them on their desired safety improvements.

4 CYCLING STRATEGY 2030 UPDATE

- Daniel invited questions and comments from the Reference Group on the draft prior to exhibition. The preference was to work through any comments in the order of the Cycling Strategy Document subtitles:
- **2. Strategic Context (page 5)**
 - Cr Brown asked regarding the Pedestrian Plan. David advised will be reviewed in late 2021.

- Beth advised that the Strategic Framework page 5 could be made easier to understand from the end user's point of view.
 - Beth - climate emergency issues need to be incorporated in this section and NSW Future Transport 2056 needs to be referenced here, not just what the documents are but why they are important and link these to the Cycling Strategy.
 - David advised the Climate Emergency document is still being finalised by Council. Mark advised that Council is working on a Mitigation and Adoption Plan which are on a similar trajectory and may go out with similar timing to ensure that they align.
 - David to get the documents he has commented on and give to Daniel.
 - Beth - Benefits and Barriers of Cycling (page 9) very is text heavy. Perhaps try to communicate the benefits through infographics. There is no need to justify the reason for cycling as this has been adopted by Council previously.
- **4. Strategic Objectives – Priorities (page 10)**
 - Beth - are all the sections titled Strategy meant to be actions as it is hard to follow. The headline Actions would be a more intuitive.
 - Beth – use of better description for regional cycling routes, perhaps direct or high impact as has been used later in the document. Daniel agreed to simplify. Brian commented that the word regional sounded like remote.
 - Strategy 2.6 (page 11) - Chye asked for clarification of cycling district. Beth suggested adding a section explaining the terms used throughout the document.
 - Priority 4 - Measured (page 12) – Beth commented that it is good to collect data but needs to be analysed. David mentioned that the data might be presented in infographics.
 - Edward - some strategies are measurable others not, are they intended to be measurable or more general in nature?
 - Page 13 – cycling street – provide definition or include a definition of what this means.
 - Strategy 5.3 (page 3) – Beth asked why 500m? NSW cycling guidelines has 250m. Daniel advised Wollongong's infrastructure is behind greater Sydney so this is more achievable based on the current funding available. Andrew suggested that the criteria can be adjusted to 250 and 500 metres and introduce a percentage for both numbers. Beth suggested to tie to geographical location.
 - **5. Implementing the Wollongong Cycling Strategy 2030 (page 14)**
 - Page 14, 2nd and 3rd bullet points – Beth commented that there may be opportunities where you want to do this where parking demand is high. Perhaps word more diplomatic without limiting what opportunities may be available in different streets.
 - 5th bullet point - “Upgrading signals ... “, perhaps this should be done when there are cycleways?
 - Page 15 – Chye - what are the targets and how do they connect with what people have asked for already in the Cycling Strategy survey? The targets should accurately reflect residents' views.
 - Mark advised when Council builds new infrastructure it is built to current safety standards, but we need to clarify what we are doing to make people feel safe.
 - Fiona – Could cycling streets be referenced in priorities?
 - **General Comments:**
 - Jon – will maps be included in the plan? Daniel intends to clearly separate the strategy in the city to get the intent out first, then go into implementation plan and detail at a later date, when the maps will be included.
 - Beth commented on entirety of the document, as much as possible, use more inclusive language, such as instead of using word cyclist maybe use words to encourage people to be more involved. community members who ride bikes/people sets a different tone. Mark advised they will speak to Engagement Team and will look at this throughout the document.
 - Edward suggested that photos in the document should reflect the priorities, i.e., riding for women and youth, riding to work, courteous road behaviour, etc. Daniel advised they are working with Council's photographer, however, has been delayed by the COVID19 situation.
 - Andrew commented that there is currently high use of our cycleways on the weekend which would provide good photo opportunities.
 - Beth commented on the quality of the document which covers the essential aspects and applauded everyone for all the work.
 - Edward commented that there is not much reference to electric bikes, not sure what the research says. Referenced on page 8 and page 10, section 1.6. Daniel advised under Priority 2: Convenient, can build upon e-bikes here.
 - Beth suggested that movement and place should be included in the policy context (from item 5).

David thanked everyone for their comments. Any further comments or feedback to be sent to Robert Gaudiosi via e-mail rgaudiosi@wollongong.nsw.gov.au. Mark asked that expressions of interested to be involved in the photo shoots be included with feedback.

Once all comments and feedback have been received, we will update the document and send out a revised draft. A Councillors Information Note has gone to the Councillors outlining the plans for this strategy. Graphics will be added to the document and will aim to go to public exhibition early May 2020, then to Council later in the year.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

David advised he has attended webinars recently on movement and place run by NSW Government Architect and Austroads, as well as strategic business case TfNSW is working on. Would like to provide an update on where the state and country is moving in this area in relation to pedestrian and cycling facilities in cities.

Beth suggested that movement and place should be included in the policy context (Item 4).

6 2020 DRAFT MEETING SCHEDULE (AND FORWARD PLANNER)

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

- Tuesday, 16 June 2020
- Tuesday, 11 August 2020
- Tuesday, 20 October 2020
- Tuesday, 8 December 2020

7 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Walking Cycling and Mobility Reference Group will be held on **Tuesday, 16 June 2020 at 5:00 pm** – the type of meeting (e.g. Skype) will be confirmed closer to the date.

8 CLOSE MEETING

Meeting closed 6:25 pm.