

**WALKING, CYCLING & MOBILITY  
REFERENCE GROUP  
MINUTES OF MEETING TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST 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)
- Tracy Venaglia                        WCC Coordinator Community Development & Social Planning
- 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
- Brian Gardner                        Access Needs of People with a Disability Representative

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

- Andrew Carfield                      Director Infrastructure and Works
- Peter Nunn                            Transport & Stormwater Services Manager
- David Wilson                         Traffic & Transport Unit Leader
- Walter Galvan                        Senior Traffic Engineer
- Rob Gaudiosi                         Traffic Engineer
- Daniela Di Lullo                       PA Infrastructure Strategy & Planning (Acting) – Minutes

**1 WELCOME & OPENING OF MEETING**

**Meeting Opened 5:05 pm**

**1.1 Acknowledgement of Country**

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

**1.2 Apologies**

Trish McBride, Access Needs for Seniors Representative

**1.3 Disclosures of Interest**

No conflicts of interested declared.

**1.4 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held 16 June 2020**

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

**2 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - 16 JUNE 2020**

2.1 Bus and Car Park 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) – see Item 4.

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 – Council to confirm when a finalised copy can be forwarded to this Reference Group before the Council meeting (David Wilson)

2.7 Working Groups – Discuss at 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 (DAVID WILSON)

- David advised current Pedestrian Plan is effective until 2021 and Council is preparing to review the plan.
- Considerable number of new footpath projects planned around the city based on priorities, started delivering on some of the projects.
- Aim is to have it ready for public exhibition when the current plan ends.
- Cr Cox asked when it will come to this Group for comment. David advised this Group will be consulted during the engagement period so that comments from the group can be incorporated.

### 4 SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS – UPDATE (DAVID WILSON)

- David advised Council received data from Paul Scully MP for the Wollongong electorate and from Ryan Park MP for the Keira electorate.
- A working group has been formed and has met and reviewed the data provided. Working group consists of Mel Lausz, Road Safety Officer; Justin Miles, Design Engineer; and Rob Gaudiosi, Senior Traffic Engineer.
- Working on a risk-based approach to identify the schools with the highest risk and least facilities so that we can work on an information based approach, rather than reactive.
- Identify projects for the IDP for next financial year, but if there is capacity for this financial year will see what can be done.
- Andrew H advised he and Andrew C met with Paul Scully MP and TfNSW to discuss the outcomes of the survey. TfNSW has indicated it is interested in being part of the project. This Group will also be consulted.
- Cr Cox asked if the new Austroads Guidelines are likely to make it easier to install pedestrian crossings around schools. David advised that TfNSW hasn't yet finalised its response so it is still not clear.
- Cr Brown asked if a priority list is being created and if works will be funded from Council's budget or sought from state government. David advised they will be funded by Council and they are also working with TfNSW for projects that could be externally funded.
- Cr Brown and Edward asked regarding establishing a budget for these works. Andrew C advised some of these items overlap with the Pedestrian Plan and City Centre Access and Movement improvements. Council will look at our priorities and determine these based on resources available.

### 5 INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PLAN (IDP) (DAVID WILSON)

- David advised the IDP was approved by Council and effective from 1 July 2020. There is an ambitious program in the Traffic area with the same number of footpath projects and some extra 40 projects for shared paths and cycleways.  
**ACTION:** Council to send a copy of the IDP to the Reference Group members which shows what Council is planning to design and construct this year. **David Wilson**

### 6 CYCLING STRATEGY UPDATE

- Brian asked if the Facebook link could be forwarded to this Reference Group once it is available.  
**ACTION: David Wilson**
- It was noted that pins can only be dropped when viewing from a desktop. Cr Cox commented that a considerable number of people would be viewing the strategy from an i-pad or mobile who would like to drop pins.  
**ACTION: Council to follow up. David Wilson**

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

Beth clarified that the presentation is not a submission for the Streets and Shared Spaced grant, but rather she and Jon will be presenting the evolution of an idea for an Active School Travel (Safe Routes to School) pilot program.

Beth and Jon presented their pilot program.

- Andrew H thanked Beth and Jon for their presentation. He mentioned that this needs to be looked at as part of the work already commenced.
- Cr Brown mentioned that site selection is important so that it picks up some demographic and socio economic differences. Actual counts from before and after would be useful.
- Cr Cox asked how realistic is it for Council to begin doing this? Andrew H advised the IDP is locked in for this year. David advised they would look at trying to deliver some small projects in the next 12 months, resources allowing. This will occur with consultation from the Group and TfNSW.
- Beth reiterated that all the work that has been done with the existing budget that already has improvements around schools can be packaged into a pilot and can then be used to propose more funding for improvements and work that we want.
- Andrew C asked the type of works Council should be prioritising – schools with large numbers of children, or where they are large numbers using the roads and footpaths, or should it be schools where there is low participation and works may encourage greater use. Jon suggested to commence the pilot in a location with safety issues and then be pushed across the LGA to encourage greater engagement.

Beth suggested from a behaviour change perspective there is value in starting in a location where they can see people are already doing the behaviour that you want to encourage. This is where the survey work that Jon has taken the lead on is useful. If there is a willingness to do this and find out the concerns then these can be addressed. This is an important element to getting the behaviour change.

## 8 STREETS AS SHARED SPACES (POPUK CYCLEWAYS) (WALTER GALVAN)

- Presentation by Walter Galvan on the Wollongong Pilot Cycling Routes Project which will enable safe cycling in the Wollongong City Centre and outer suburb coastal locations of Port Kembla, Towradgi and Thirroul.
- Community Engagement open until 31 August 2020, design finalisation during September/October 2020, Implementation anticipated October to November 2020 and 12 month trial commencement in December 2020.
- Chye suggested the use of blisters that allow cyclists to move to the left out of the path of cars.
- Cr Cox raised concerns with the design of the Thirroul cycleway where there is no separation and cyclists are riding on the road in the path of opening car doors.
- Chye acknowledged the amount of work put into the project, but agreed with Cr Cox, that cycling on the road with cars is not ideal.
- Beth raised, as part of her presentation, Lismore Street, Bellambi, as a way to trial a different configuration where cyclists and pedestrians have protected space and keep the parking as well. Beth to e-mail again to everyone for reference.
- Andrew H mentioned it is worth exploring a range of different options, however, need to deliver in a timely manner to satisfy the funding requirements.
- Andrew C mentioned that Station Street, Thirroul, is heavily used by commuters and sporting clubs. It is a narrow street and we will need to look through the alternatives to determine if it is the right location and treatment. We will use this to inform future adjustments.
- Rob suggested there might be some benefit in having cyclists share the road with cars in terms of getting used to being courteous to cyclists.

## **9 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

## **10 2020 DRAFT MEETING SCHEDULE (AND FORWARD PLANNER)**

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

- Tuesday, 20 October 2020
- Tuesday, 8 December 2020

## **11 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Walking Cycling and Mobility Reference Group will be held on **Tuesday, 20 October 2020 at 5:00 pm** – the type of meeting (eg, Skype) will be confirmed closer to the date.

## **12 CLOSE MEETING**

**Meeting closed 6:50 pm.**