



MINUTES

WALKING, CYCLING AND MOBILITY REFERENCE GROUP

at 5.00 pm

Tuesday 2 April 2019

MEMBERS ATTENDED:

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| David Brown - Chair | Councillor Delegate |
| Mithra Cox | 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:

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| Megan Lowe | Engagement Officer |
| Darinka Radinovic | Community Development Worker Multicultural |
| Rob Gaudiosi | Traffic Engineer |
| Walter Galvan | Senior Traffic Engineer |

APOLOGIES:

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1 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1.1 Welcome

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed the group.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

1.3 Apologies

Nil.

1.4 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures.

1.5 Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The Minutes were confirmed from the meeting held on 5 February 2019.

2 INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PROGRAM REVIEW

2.1 Infrastructure Delivery Program Review

Mike Dowd provided an overview of the Draft Infrastructure Delivery Program 2019/20-2022/23.

Members discussed the existing road network and raised questions regarding pedestrian access and standards.

All members were urged to provide feedback through the normal council process if they wish to flag any particular points of interest on the Delivery Program.

2.2 Review and Update of Wollongong Bike Plan

Walter Galvan discussed the development of Council's proposed Bike Plan.

The group were concerned about the behaviour and responsibilities of the community, inadequate connections and road pollution:

1. Phil Latz mentioned that the previous bike plan had four key issues that needed to be revisited including the barriers to cyclists, creek strategy, stop box treatment and connections.
2. Edward Birt commented that cycling link around the university needs to be reviewed and consideration given to the increase of e-bikes. Brian Gardner also noted that the cycle link behind Beaton Park was not obvious.

The group discussed it would be useful to conduct surveys for bicycle usage.

Mike Dowd highlighted the importance of the vision statement of the Bike Plan as it will reflect the views of the community and the Reference Group and also advised that plans were in place to install survey counts on the tramway.

2.3 Helensburgh Town Centre Plan

Megan Lowe presented to the group a summary of the Helensburgh Town Centre Plan which will be a guide for business, residents, governments and community groups. It will provide strategic direction for future development, infrastructure investment, community programs and planning policy.

Fiona Myers mentioned key issues regarding accessibility including wheelchair access and camber on footpaths. Other issues that were raised were the eroding of trees and roots, flooding on roads and sandstone kerb and gutters which can be slip hazards. Megan mentioned there would be further engagement mid-year with the community.

2.4 Stormwater Works at Puckey's Estate

Megan Lowe provided an update to the group about the stormwater works proposed at that location.

2.5 Cliff Road and Bourke Street Intersection

Mike Dowd provided an update to the group on the proposed plan to re-open the intersection at Cliff Road and Bourke Street, North Wollongong.

2.6 Draft Beach and Foreshore Access Strategy (2019-2028)

Council has received feedback in the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2016-2020 requesting for improved access to beaches for people with a disability.

Tracy Venaglia provided an overview of the Draft Beach and Foreshore Access Strategy. The strategy would focus on four beaches including Thirroul, Austinmer, North Wollongong and Port Kembla as they had provided connectivity and were popular destinations.

It was agreed by group members that accessible Parking should be considered as part of the strategy.

The engagement process for this project has been extended to April 2019.

3 FORWARD PROGRAM

The Chair provided an update.

4 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Walking Cycling and Mobility Reference Group will be held on Wednesday 5 June on Level 9 in the Function Room.

5 CLOSE MEETING

Cr David Brown

Chairperson

Meeting Concluded: 7.10pm

ACTION SUMMARY

| Item | Meeting Date | Standing Agenda Items | Status |
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| 3 | 5.2.2019 | Major Programs for Group Input | |
| | | Feedback on Major Programs listed after the review of the Capital Works Program. | Completed |
| | | Bus Stop Audit Report to be finalised and provided at a future Walking, Cycling and Mobility Reference Group. | To be finalised |
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| No. | | Action | |
| 1. | 5.2.2019 | Investigate maintenance responsibilities along the bike path at Port Kembla at the next meeting. | Completed |
| 2. | 5.2.2019 | Design standards and ideas to improve design outcomes will be discussed at a future meeting in an agenda item. | Ongoing |
| 3. | 5.2.2019 | Council to investigate this issue further and report back at a future meeting. | Not Resourced. Peter to provide response |
| 4. | 5.2.2019 | A response is to be provided to Beth at the next meeting. | Completed |
| 5. | 5.2.2019 | Ways of promoting behavioural change between different types of road users will be discussed in a future agenda item. | Completed |
| 6. | 2.4.2019 | Council to liaise with the bus companies regarding the accessibility of the current bus fleet of local operations. | Completed |