

**WALKING, CYCLING & MOBILITY  
REFERENCE GROUP  
MINUTES OF MEETING TUESDAY 10 AUGUST 2021  
REMOTE LOCATION: SKYPE VIDEO CALL, 5:00 PM**



**Reference Group Members in attendance:**

- Cr David Brown                      Chair, Councillor Delegate
- Cr Mithra Cox                        Councillor Delegate
- Fiona Myer                            Access Needs of People with a Disability Representative (Skype)
- Jon Lindley                            Bicycle Users Representative
- Chye Toole-Anstey                  Pedestrians Representative (Skype)
- Beth Robrahn                        Families with Children Representative
- Edward Birt (after 6pm)          Pedestrian Representative (Skype)

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

- Isabelle Ghetti                      Transport and Stormwater Services Manager (Acting)
- Nathan McBriarty                  Traffic and Transport Unit Leader
- Walter Galvan                        Senior Traffic and Transport Planner/Engineer ISP
- Daniel Dunstan                      Senior Traffic and Transport Planner/Engineer ISP
- Melanie Lausz                        Road Safety Officer ISP
- Tracy Venaglia                        Coordinator Community Development + Planning CCED
- Andy Goldie                            Senior Landscape Architect – Project delivery

**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**

No apologies

**1.3 Disclosures of Interest**

No conflicts of interest declared.

**1.4 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meetings held 13 April 2021 and 8 June 2021**

The minutes of the previous meetings were accepted.

**2 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – 8 JUNE 2021**

- NIL

**3 PRESENTATION BY COUNCIL'S LANDSCAPE TEAM**

**Presentation by Andy Goldie, Senior Landscape Architect (WCC)**

- Andy Goldie senior landscape architect presented the City public domain technical manual and standard drawings that inform the design of walking and cycleway infrastructure. A link to the City Centre Public Domain manual is provided.  
[https://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0026/8837/City-Centre-Public-Domain-Technical-Manual.PDF](https://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0026/8837/City-Centre-Public-Domain-Technical-Manual.PDF)
- The group raised concern about how access and mobility requirements are considered and integrated in designs and delivery in a consistent way.
- The group raised concerns related with some features on the Blue Mile as an example. Andy Goldie explained that some features were incorporated as historic (tramway) elements.
- The group is willing to have an opportunity to review policy, technical manuals and standards designs to ensure access and mobility requirements are considered.

- Daniel mentioned staff attended Universal Design and Access in the Built Environment in June 2021.
- Isabelle mentioned that mobility and access requirements and related Australian Standards are part of our designs quality management systems.
- Andy mentioned that the group comments would be welcomed on the City Centre Public Domain manual to inform its future review.
- Tracy mentioned the DIAP has a number of actions related to access and mobility.
- Fiona was invited to send examples of where she had noticed some issues so that it could inform future standards, policies, manuals reviews.

#### **4 SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS (STANDING ITEM)**

##### **Presentation by Melanie Lausz, Road Safety Officer (WCC)**

- Cr Cox declared an interest in Corrimal East Public School as her children attend the school and with the coke works development, she indicated she will not be providing comments on this item.
- Isabelle informed the group of Justin Miles resignation and new job at Transport for NSW, she also introduced Nathan McBriarty new traffic and transport unit leader to the group.
- Beth expressed the difficulty she is having in providing quality comments and questions without seeing the content of the presentation ahead of time. She requested the slides be sent afterward so members can submit comments and that a copy of the information presented at reference group meetings be posted with the meeting minutes on the Reference Group Business Papers webpage.
- Mel was congratulated for her presentation and the good work done by the Safer Routes to School group was acknowledged.
- Beth raised concerns regarding Railway Street and the Corrimal Coke Works rezoning and redevelopment and expressed concerns over the proposed shared path and stated an on-road separated cycleway is preferred. Beth also raised concerns over the proposed roundabout at Railway and Harbinger St as she thinks it will be a very poor outcome for people walking and riding bicycles.
- Council's proactive role in providing submissions to the NSW Parliament's StaySafe Committee and how they inform the final report on 'reducing trauma on local roads in NSW' was noted.

#### **5 CYCLING STRATEGY (STANDING ITEM)**

##### **Presentation by Walter Galvan, Senior Traffic Transport Engineer/Planner (WCC)**

- Walter presented an update on implementation of the pop-ups cycleways.
- Walter presented the information on the formal audit report and safety report provided by IBUG and actions taken to improve safety. The pilot/innovative nature of the popups cycleways was highlighted as well as Council's commitment for ongoing monitoring, review and improvement works.
- Walter confirmed a detailed response to their safety report will be provided to IBUG.
- Walter was thanked for removing the blisters as a response to safety concerns.
- Daniel informed the reference group that a \$20k grant had been secured from the Wollongong 2022 Legacy Partnership Program and the NSW Government for way finding signage.

## **6 PRIORITISING WALKING AND CYCLING ROUTES**

### **Presentation by Daniel Dunstan, Senior Traffic Engineer/Planner (WCC)**

- Daniel presented the criteria and ranking tool to prioritise cycleway and footpath projects.
- Beth raised concerns that the approach lacked a consideration of network routes.
- Daniel displayed maps of existing and future desired networks and acknowledged further work was needed to identify priority projects over the next 5 to 10 years.

## **7 CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT ON PROJECTS**

### **Presentation by Isabelle Ghetti, acting Transport and Stormwater Services Manager (WCC)**

- Isabelle presented the cycle of project development from the community strategic plan to supporting documents/strategies to the development of the IDP and operational program through to the design and delivery of projects. Isabelle highlighted opportunities for the group and community to be engaged and consulted throughout the cycle.
- Isabelle emphasized the importance and opportunities for the group to be providing input on the upcoming CSP review.
- Isabelle noted that the project delivery team is requested to consult with individual members of this group on new project designs, it will be up to each individual to provide input. It is a process that sits outside of the committee as individual projects and details cannot be discussed at the meeting.

## **8 GENERAL BUSINESS**

- The group is looking forward to the workshop in October on the role of the reference group and how it could be reviewed to add further value to Council.
- Isabelle advised that a survey will be issued ahead of the next reference group meeting.

**Meeting closed 7.30pm. Next meeting – Tuesday 12 October 2021**