

MINUTES

ACTIVE TRANSPORT REFERENCE GROUP

5PM ON TUESDAY 4 APRIL 2017



PRESENT	
Councillor Ann Martin	Wollongong City Council
Councillor George Takacs	Wollongong City Council
Mike Dowd	Wollongong City Council
Werner Steyer	Illawarra Bicycle User Group
Phil Latz	Bicycle Community Representative
Lachlan Anderson	Pedestrian Community Representative

IN ATTENDANCE	
Walter Galvan	Wollongong City Council
Naomi Reid	Wollongong City Council

1. APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Councillor Jill Merrin. Councillor Bede Crasnich did not attend.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Nil
3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24 MARCH 2017.

Recommendation: The minutes of the meeting held on 24 MARCH 2017 be confirmed as a true and accurate record

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Phil Latz requested advice on whether the visual sleeper strips proposed as part of the tramway project surface would be raised or indented. It was noted that the surface finish will be smooth.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM 1 – SHARED PATH SAFETY

The VicRoads Shared Path Audit Guidelines document was tabled. It was suggested that Council could work together with the Illawarra Bicycle User Group on an audit of shared paths using the guidelines. Such an audit would represent a proactive approach to improving shared path safety relating to aspects which are not generally covered by Council's condition assessments.

Lachlan Anderson suggested that the audits should capture pedestrian safety aspect and not just bicycle hazards. Jill Merrin raised the importance of identifying obstructions on paths as features which impact safety.

ITEM 2 – SMITH STREET KEMBLA STREET CYCLEWAY UPDATE

The concept design plan for CBD cycleways on Harbour Street, Smith Street, Kembla Street and Bank Street were tabled. The following feedback was given on the plan set:

- The entry threshold treatment at Thomas Street should have a non-slip surface.
- Should the scheme include any tree removals, compensatory trees should be planted nearby
- The visibility around the Smith Street - Harbour Street intersection should be checked and managed if it is below standard

- Separate eastbound and westbound bicycle flows at the Smith Street crossing near Harbour Street
- An options of a cyclist priority crossing in Smith Street adjacent to the Harbour intersection Street intersection should be considered
- At Crown Street - Kembla Street intersection the linemarking and pavement symbols should alert pedestrians of the bidirectional bicycle facility
- Consider reducing the Simpson Place approach to a single left out lane to improve safety

ITEMS 3 – DRAFT CAPITAL PROGRAM FEEDBACK

A copy of the transport elements of the Draft Capital Program 2017-21 was tabled for review by the Group.

Phil Latz noted that the renewal of Squires Way to a separated cycleway a few years ago was a successful improvement to cycling safety and amenity and asked whether other renewals of the coastline cycleway would see the conversion of existing shared paths to separated paths. Mike Dowd noted that the separated cycleway treatment was not the standard for renewal of the shared path along the city's coastline but that such a treatment could be considered for high use locations.

Jill Merrin suggested that there is now a missing link of cycleway to the new shared path at Austinmer Beach south to Kennedy's Hill and that that section should be added to Council's Capital Program.

It was noted that individual members should provide their feedback on the Draft Capital Program to Council's Community Engagement Team via the Have Your Say webpage that can be reached from Council's website home page.

OTHER BUSINESS

SMART CITIES PROGRAM

George Takacs asked whether Council is participating in the "Smart Cities" program. Mike Down indicated that Council is contributing to the program and is liaising with the University on potential projects. Phil Latz and Lachlan Anderson suggested that bicycle counters at key locations on the network could be part of the linked monitoring systems that are likely to be part of the "Internet of Things" approach.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AT GIPPS STREET, WOLLONGONG OVER RAILWAY LINE

George Takacs asked whether the construction of a pedestrian bridge over railway line along the Gipps Street corridor is part of the future capital program. George Takacs suggested that the bridge would be a key piece of infrastructure linking Smith's Hill to Beaton Park. Walter Galvan indicated that Council had written to the NSW Government following a Council meeting resolution regarding the potential project. The response directed Council to make a funding submission for the project under the available walking and cycling funding programs. George Takacs suggested that the project should be discussed at the June meeting.

REVIEW OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORT REFERENCE GROUP MEETING

It was noted that the Charter states that the term of the group matches that of the Council. Accordingly the term of the current group ceases following the August 2017 meeting.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 5pm on **Tuesday 6 June 2017**.

ACTION SUMMARY

No.	Meeting Date	Action	Officer	Status
13	21.11.13	Traffic Unit to investigate development related mechanisms for the next DCP review where private developments make parking available to the general public outside trading hours	WG	To proceed as part on next DCP review
44	4.10.16	Active Transport Reference Group to be included in community engagement for all transport infrastructure projects	ML	Ongoing