



# AGENDA

## **TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group will be held in the Council Chambers, Manly Town Hall on

**THURSDAY 23 MAY 2019**

Beginning at 6:00pm for the purpose of considering matters included in this agenda.

## **Committee Members**

Cr Sarah Grattan (Chair)	
Mayor Michael Regan	
Cr Rory Amon	
Cr Kylie Ferguson	
Graeme Laughton	
Emma Tonkin	
Andrew Chivers	
Wendy Dunnet	Newport Residents Association
Keith Povah	
Richard Saunders	Manly Warringah Cycling Club
John Hawkins	Bicycle NSW
Victor Konijn	
Craig Smith	
Fiona Christianson	Transport for NSW
Mary Whalan	RMS
Susan Watshon	Easylink

## **Council Officer Contacts**

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## **Quorum**

A majority of members including the Chair or one of the elected Councillors.

**Agenda for Transport and Travel  
Strategic Reference Group Meeting  
to be held on Thursday 23 May 2019  
in the Council Chambers, Manly Town Hall  
Commencing at 6:00pm**

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**NEXT MEETING Thursday 22 August 2019**

## 1.0 APOLOGIES

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All members are expected to attend the meetings or otherwise tender their apologies to the Chair and Governance at [councilmeetings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](mailto:councilmeetings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au).

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## 2.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Members are advised of the following definitions of a "pecuniary" or "conflict" of interest for their assistance:

Section 442 of the Local Government Act, 1993 states that a "pecuniary" interest is as follows:

*"(1) [Pecuniary interest] A Pecuniary interest is an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to the person or another person with whom the person is associated.*

*(2) [Remoteness] A person does not have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as likely to influence any decision the person might make in relation to the matter."*

Members should reference the Local Government Act, 1993 for detailed provisions relating to pecuniary interests.

Council's Code of Conduct states that a "conflict of interest" exists when you could be influenced, or a reasonable person would perceive that you could be influenced by a personal interest when carrying out your public duty.

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## 3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### 3.1 MINUTES OF TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD 21 FEBRUARY 2019

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#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group meeting held 21 February 2019, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

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## 4.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

Meeting Date	Item No.	Responsible Person	Action	Due Date	Outcome / Comments
21 Feb 2019	4.1	M Carter/ P Devon	Transport Network Team to start the Community engagement in April on better management of parking issues and provide the group with engagement results.	23 May 2019	
21 Feb 2019	4.2	SRG members	Review the proposed cycling network mapping.	Ongoing	
21 Feb 2019	4.2	SRG members	Review the content of the Bike Plan document	Ongoing	
21 Feb 2019	4.2	SRG members	Assist in further development of the plan once the initial consultation period closes.	Ongoing	
21 Feb 2019	4.2	P Gray	Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group to receive an update on the final draft Bike Plan	23 May 2019	

## 5.0 AGENDA ITEMS

<b>ITEM 5.1</b>	<b>NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY PLAN</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>MANAGER, TRANSPORT NETWORK</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2019/248274</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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#### PURPOSE

The Northern Beaches Road Safety Plan is one of the seven plans under the “Move – Transport Strategy 2038.” The vision in the Transport Strategy is to provide a safe, sustainable and smart transport network.

#### REPORT

The draft of the Road Safety Plan is under development and will be presented to the 25 June Ordinary Council Meeting for endorsement to be placed on public exhibition. Behavioral changes are needed so that residents will acknowledge that road safety starts with the individual, but can affect an entire community. Road Safety education campaigns, workshops and projects will be a catalyst to change behavior for all road users.

The Northern Beaches Road Safety Plan is our first as an amalgamated Council and details the plans to improve road safety in our community. As both our wider community grows and becomes more congested with road users we require more opportunities to remind and update people with road safety rules, campaigns and advice. The population of the Northern Beaches Council is approximately 260,000 and of that approximately 191,000 have an unrestricted, P1 or P2 license. As of 31 March 2018 the Northern Beaches had 207,116 vehicles (including trailers, buses and trucks) registered in the local government which equates to over 1 vehicle per licensed driver.

According to the NRMA during 2011 – 2015, 1723 people lost their lives on NSW roads, costing the community \$12.4 billion. When considering all serious, moderate and minor injuries, the total cost of crashes equals \$35.7 billion.

The NSW Government Road Safety Plan 2021 and the Future Transport Strategy 2056 both support a “Towards Zero Vision” – to have zero fatalities by 2056. This strategy and plan includes the safe systems approach of safe roads, safe people, safe vehicles, and safe speeds. Northern Beaches Road Safety Plan supports the safe system approach and “Towards Zero Vision”

The following objectives are identified in the draft Road Safety Plan 2019 – 2024 vision.

- Aim to reduce the number of crashes that result in death or serious injury in the local government area
- Promote, educate and raise community awareness that road safety is a shared responsibility and choices and behaviors impact others on the road network
- Focus on all road users, but especially vulnerable road users with existing and new road safety campaigns, workshops and projects
- Investigate innovative road safety initiatives and undertake research and development to help change people's behaviors to reduce the risk of crashes on our network
- Work with other departments within Council to provide safe road infrastructure.

Future community engagement activities will include an independent consultancy undertaking a phone survey from a range of demographics from the Northern Beaches Local Area, with other material available at Council offices, and media notices to provide an avenue for community involvement. The consultant will collate the information and the feedback will be used to complete the Road Safety Plan. The road safety team will review the feedback to reinforce and determine the key road safety concerns and how Council communicates with the public on these issues.

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## RECOMMENDATION

That the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group:

- A. Provide feedback for the draft Road Safety Plan
    - a. Feedback be provided after the Road Safety Plan is adopted by Council in June 2019
    - b. Review the content of the draft plan document.
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<b>ITEM 5.2</b>	<b>ACTIVE TO SCHOOLS/SAFER SCHOOLS PROGRAM UPDATE</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>MANAGER, TRANSPORT NETWORK</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2019/248280</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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### PURPOSE

The report is to provide an update on both the Active to Schools and the Safer Schools projects.

### REPORT

#### Active to Schools Program

Traffic and parking congestion drains our communities of liveliness and reduces productivity. With parents and carers choosing to drive children to school, particularly with “one car, one child” the Journey to School places significant pressure on the road network. These choices directly affect productivity, sustainability and liveability.

As part of the implementation of Council's Move Northern Beaches transport strategy, the Active Travel Theme seeks to increase “active transport across all modes of transport for school-aged and young people”. A questionnaire was sent to Principals regarding ‘Travel to School’ in February 2019 to inform the delivery of this theme.

The next step is to engage with all schools as well as state government organisational stakeholders. Seeking alignment with as many of these organisations as possible, will shape the development, funding and delivery of the significant components of the holistic Transport Assessment and Travel Plan. Especially where some of these elements are outside of the Northern Beaches Council's direct control.

We will be conducting stakeholder workshops with interested schools, transport providers, state government agencies, education agencies as well as Councilors, State and Federal Members, to drive the development of the full program of delivery options. We will invite SRG members to participate in these workshops when the dates are confirmed.

#### Safer Schools Program

Council resolved on 27 November 2018 that:

- A. Staff prepare a report for Council on measures to improve pedestrian safety around our schools, including consideration of a program of traffic and pedestrian safety inspections around all the schools in the Local Government Area to identify current and future traffic safety issues, taking into account the future growth areas and changing traffic conditions of the Northern Beaches.
- B. This will be reported to Council within three months.
- C. The report focuses on prioritizing particular areas of concern based on risk for students and pedestrians.

Pedestrian safety around schools is an ongoing concern in every local government area. In the Northern Beaches LGA there are 59 primary schools, 14 high schools, and 7 special schools. Of the 80 schools in total, only 6 of the Private schools have combined primary and high schools on campus.

The first step of this project was to survey schools within the Area to determine their perception on the safety around the school.

Of the 80 surveys sent out, 56 schools responded to the survey, designed to understand how primary and secondary schools manage transport, traffic and parking, to inform us of potential transport initiatives to improve travel in the future, and to identify key infrastructure or operational issues to resolve. This information is contributing to prioritising schools for road safety audits and for infrastructure improvements.

Since the commencement of this program in December 2019, the following safety improvements have been commenced or completed around schools:

#### *Planned*

- Of the 6 improvements planned for schools by June 2019, 4 have been completed.
  - Speed cushions at Raglan Street for St. Mary's Catholic School, Manly
  - Abbott Street raised pedestrian crossing Balgowlah Heights Public School
  - Grevillea Street pedestrian safety improvements Wheeler Heights Public School
  - Maretimo Street pedestrian crossing Balgowlah Boys Campus – NBSC.
- The remaining 2 schools have plans in place for the installation of similar improvements.
  - Starkey Street raised pedestrian crossing
  - Mimosa Street parking changes to improve the kiss and drop area Davidson High School and Mimosa Public School.

#### *New*

- New requests have been received for improvements around 10 schools, to be considered during the remainder of 2019. These include zig zag markings before crossings, extending Kiss and Drop zones, pedestrian refuge, pedestrian safety fencing and pedestrian crossing reviews.

#### *Ongoing*

Various educational programs and campaigns are run on a continuous basis;

- All schools have received information on the Ride Safely to School day, via the Teachers Hub portal
- All schools have been sent information on the Walk Safely to School day
- 1 school participated in the strategic planning for the Avalon Place Plan
- Active Travel guides, slow down and park safely signs and general road safety information has been shared with 8 schools.

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group:

- A. Supports the development of the Active to Schools program by attending the relevant workshops and provides feedback to the project manager on the program development.

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- B. Notes the Safer Schools project ongoing delivery and engagement with the school communities and nearby residents to provide enhanced road safety around our schools.
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<b>ITEM 5.3</b>	<b>STRATEGIC PROJECTS UPDATE</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>MANAGER, TRANSPORT NETWORK</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2019/256321</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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### PURPOSE

Council's Transport Network Team have been continuing the development of the plans that sit under the MOVE – Transport Strategy. This report provides an update on the progress of this development.

### REPORT

The 7 plans that sit under the Transport Strategy are currently under development.

Council adopted the Walking Plan and associated delivery schedules at the April meeting, with the constructability assessments and design work now underway for the 2019/20 delivery program.

The draft Bike Plan is proposed to go to the June Council meeting for endorsement to go on Public Exhibition to allow for further public comment prior to returning for adoption in August.

The draft Road Safety Plan will go to Council for endorsement in June with a more direct engagement program planned, and is subject to a separate report to the SRG meeting.

The Parking discussion paper is currently in draft form waiting for the Manly Residents review to advance further prior to release to the public. The timeframe for release is July/August 2019.

The development of the Road Network Plan, Freight Plan and Public Transport Plan are all scheduled for 2020 with the Freight Plan to commence in January although some early work is underway now on how freight management may be undertaken in future.

Council staff will be providing a first look at the proposed Bike Network Mapping to the SRG meeting prior to inclusion in the minutes of the meeting.

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### RECOMMENDATION OF MANAGER, TRANSPORT NETWORK

For the members of the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group to:

- A. Receive the update the development to date.
  - B. Continue to support the development of overall vision for Transport on the Northern Beaches by:
    - a. Providing input into the development of the plans to make them true community documents.
    - b. Bring back to the group any ideas, and community feedback to further enhance the development of the plans.
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