



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 remotely via TEAMS

THURSDAY 14 MAY 2020

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	
Tessa Knox Grant	TfNSW
Mary Whalan	RMS
Dan Giles	Easylink

Council Officer Contacts

Craig Sawyer	Executive Manager Transport & Civil Infrastructure
Phil Devon	Manager, Transport Network
Tamara Lukic	Governance Officer

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 14 May 2020
via TEAMS**

1.0	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY.....	4
2.0	APOLOGIES	4
3.0	DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST	4
4.0	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
4.1	Minutes of Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group meeting held 13 February 2020	4
5.0	UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING	
6.0	AGENDA ITEMS	6
6.1	Draft Bike Plan	6
6.2	Road Network Plans.....	18
6.3	Beaches Link Tunnel EIS	29
7.0	GENERAL BUSINESS	

NEXT MEETING Thursday 13 August 2020

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As a sign of respect, Northern Beaches Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and pays respect to Elders past and present.

APOLOGIES

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

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Members should disclose any "**pecuniary**" or "**non-pecuniary**" interests in matters included in the agenda. The [Northern Beaches Council Code of Conduct](#) (the Code) provides guidance on managing conflicts of interests.

A **pecuniary interest** is defined in Section 4 of the Code as:

A pecuniary interest is an interest that you have in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to you or a person referred to in clause 4.3.

A **non-pecuniary conflict of interest** is defined in Section 5 of the Code as:

A non-pecuniary conflict of interest exists where a reasonable and informed person would perceive that you could be influenced by a private interest when carrying out your official functions in relation to a matter.

If you required further information or guidance about disclosing an interest please contact Governance at councilmeetings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 MINUTES OF TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD 13 FEBRUARY 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group meeting held 13 February 2020, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

ITEM 5.1 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

REPORTING OFFICER GOVERNANCE OFFICER

Meeting Date	Item No.	Responsible Person	Action	Due Date
13 Feb 2020	6.1	K Menzies	Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group be provided further updated on the implementation of the Northern Beaches Road Safety Plan during 2020 once adopted by Council.	Ongoing
13 Feb 2020	6.1	The SRG group members	Group members provide feedback and suggestions on 'Your Say' page https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/council/have-your-say	Ongoing

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 6.1	DRAFT BIKE PLAN
REPORTING OFFICER	MANAGER, TRANSPORT NETWORK
TRIM FILE REF	2020/258993
ATTACHMENTS	1 ↓ Bike Plan - SRG Powerpoint Presentation - May 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To provide the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group with an update on the Community Consultation to date and the next steps in the project

REPORT

The Transport Network Team commenced the second stage of the engagement process on the draft bike plan after Council endorsed the draft to be placed on public exhibition at the meeting held on 29 February 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions placed on the usual face to face engagement drop in sessions that Council normally undertake the exhibition period was extended initially until 3 May, and then to allow the staff to run two live question and answer sessions it was extended again until the 17 May.

There have already been over 400 submissions through the your say platform and several formal written submissions.

There has been a significant increase in cycling in this period as part of the response by the community to the current COVID-19 restrictions with additional volumes noted on the existing shared path network. Staff currently have video data collection underway at key locations on the network in Manly, Balgowlah, Dee Why and Narrabeen. The information collected in these areas will be used to compare usage with previous data collection surveys at these locations, but the current surveys are also capturing all shared path usage to provide an overall assessment of the patterns and make-up of the community usage.

The next step once the submissions period closes is to finalise the review of the submissions and update the Bike Plan and engagement report accordingly prior to the final draft being reported back to a future meeting of Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION OF MANAGER, TRANSPORT NETWORK

That the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group:

1. Acknowledge the efforts of Staff developing the project to this point.
 2. Invite the SRG members to provide individual submissions on the current draft Bike Plan
 3. Support future project funding applications where possible to assist in the expedited delivery program for cycling infrastructure.
-

Northern Beaches Bike Plan

Transport & Travel SRG

Updated 04/05/2020



Stage Two Engagement

Date	Activity
29 Feb	Exhibition Period Commences Due to close 5 April
Mid March	Covid-19
Late March	Scheduled Face to Face engagement cancelled Exhibition Period extended to 3 May
Late April	Live Q&A Sessions announced to replace cancelled Face to Face engagement (to be held early May) Exhibition Period extended to 17 May
17 May	Exhibition Period to close

How did we Communicate?

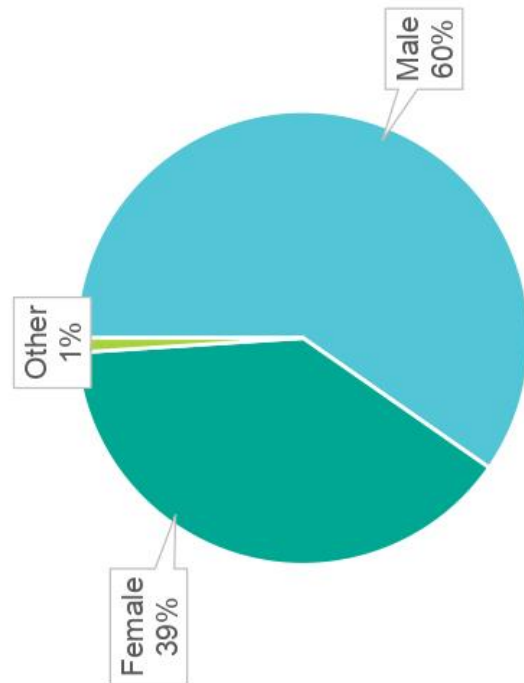
Activity	Description
Mayor's Message	14 March 2020
Facebook Video Post	9,300 Video Views 91 Reactions 18 Comments 27 Shares
Email	Council Bulk Email to +100,000 Recipients
Email	Project List Email to 40 Recipients
Manly Daily	3x Have Your Say Ads
Posters	20 Posters in various locations

Engagement Results

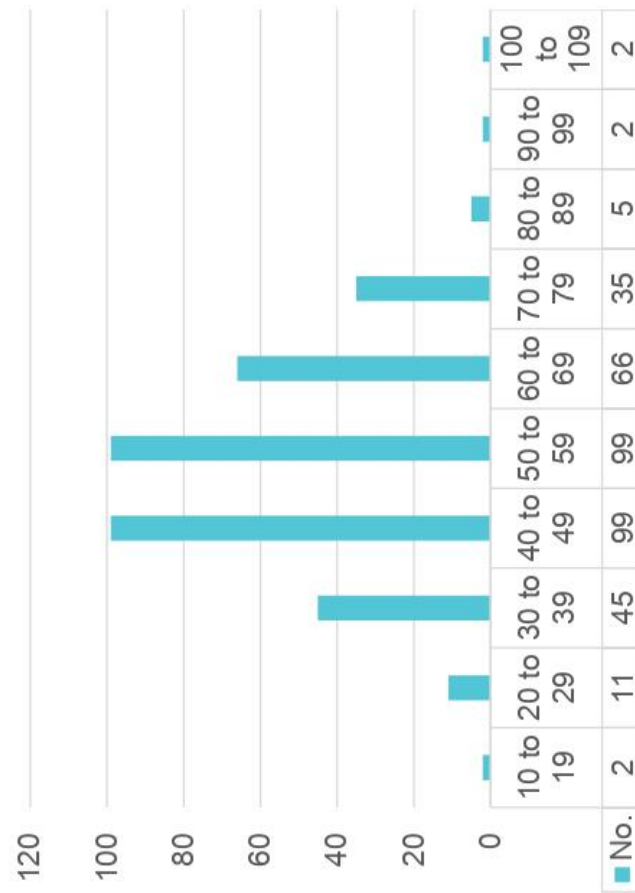
Activity	Stage One (2019)	Stage Two* (2020)
Your Say Project Website	1550 Page Views 44 Comments	6585 Page Views 4685 Unique Visitors 409 Submissions/Surveys Completed
Social Pin Point Mapping	2198 Social Pin Point Views 286 Unique Visitors 852 Comments	

*Data as of 4 May 2020

Survey Results



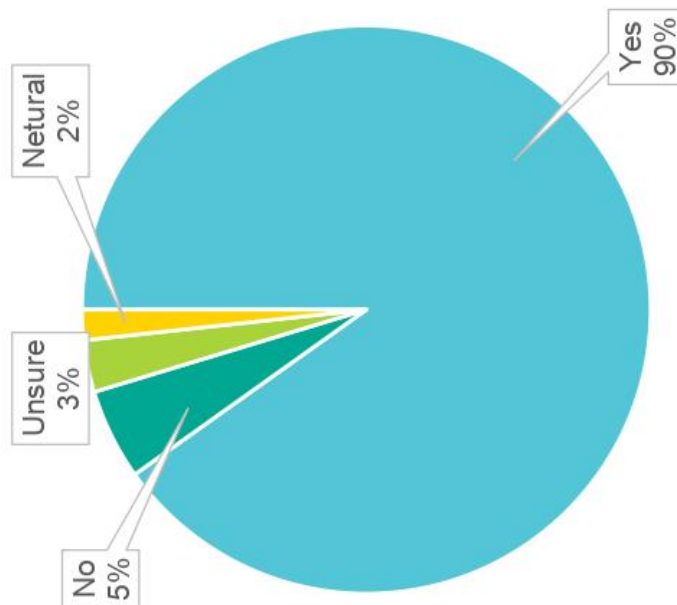
Gender



Age

Survey Results

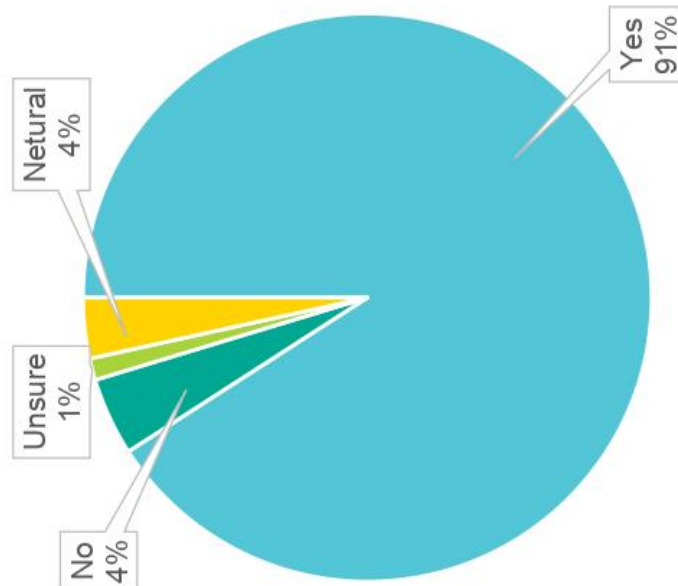
Direction 1: Do you support expanding our Safe Cycling Network?



Main themes from comments
Support for the Network Hurry up and build it!
Separation & Shared Path Conflict Large amount of support for more separation from both pedestrians and vehicles
Regional Links Better regional connections with higher quality paths
Crossings Safer crossings of roads
Path Quality Obstacles, path width, surface, etc

Survey Results

Direction 2: Do you support making our roads safer for cycling?



Main themes from comments

Support for the Network

Yes, roads should be safer

Car Door Zone

Bike lanes in the door zone are dangerous

Driver Behaviour

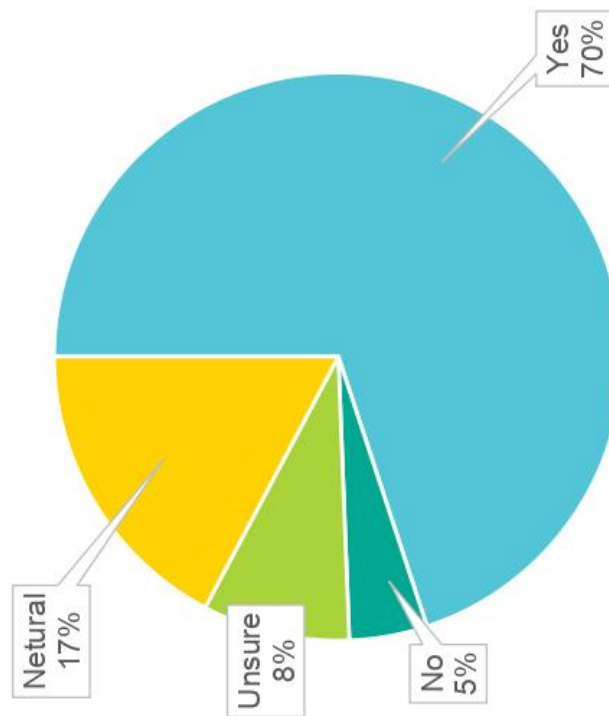
Continued negative attitudes regarding people cycling on roads

Main Roads

Need better cycling facilities and maintenance on main roads (Eg Wakehurst Parkway shoulder needs better sweeping)

Survey Results

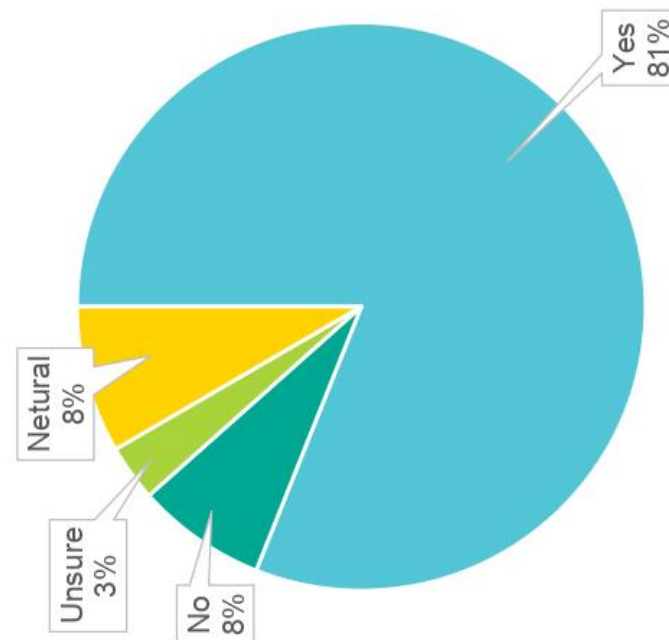
Direction 3: Would you like to see improved end-of-trip facilities?



Main themes from comments
Support General support
Priority Yes, but building the network infrastructure is more important
Better Security Provide CCTV and secure parking areas

Survey Results

Direction 4: Would you like to see better promotion of cycling for transport?



Main themes from comments

Support

General Support

Priority

Yes, but building the infrastructure is more important

Covid-19

What have we seen?

- **Cycling boom**
- **Bike shops have been booming in sales and maintenance**
- **Our shared paths are busier than ever**
- **People who don't normally ride a bicycle are out cycling**
- **Popular recreation activity for families**

Next Steps

1. Complete Exhibition period
2. Review Comments
3. Review and amend Bike Plan
4. Present to Council for Adoption (June Meeting TBC)

ITEM 6.2	ROAD NETWORK PLANS
REPORTING OFFICER	MANAGER, TRANSPORT NETWORK
TRIM FILE REF	2020/259058
ATTACHMENTS	1 ↓ RNP SRG BRIEFING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

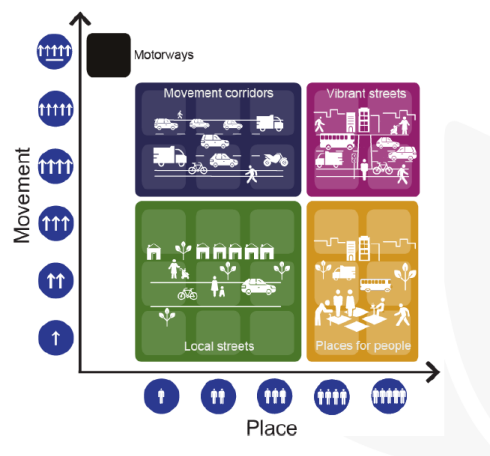
To outline to the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group the process currently under way to develop the Road Network plans for the State Road Network and the how this will be adapted to facilitate the development of Councils Road Network Plan.

REPORT

A Road Network Plan will set the vision for the road corridor for the next 20 years and will identify the strategic function of the road with consideration of the movement function and the places along the corridor. Issues for the road corridor will be identified as well as opportunities over the short, medium and long term in order to achieve the agreed vision. Stakeholder consultation will be undertaken with local and state government representatives to provide input on the vision and objectives, capture known issues, identify planned projects and defined the current and future corridor function. Following completion of the RNP, a road action plan will be undertaken to develop options to address the identified opportunities.

Transport for NSW are developing Road Network Plans for all corridors under their control in the area in consultation with key stakeholders. These plans are developed in stages and the corridors covering multiple local government areas. The next stage of the plan is to develop action plans to feed into future works programs at both a State and Local Government level to implement the key directions of the plans.

They are based on the movement and place assessment with the corridor split into segments.



The assessment of the corridor to determine the street type looks at traffic volume, speed, adjoining land uses, bus serviceability, active transport, congestion and network performance.

The attachment provides direction on how this applies to Council's road network planning process.

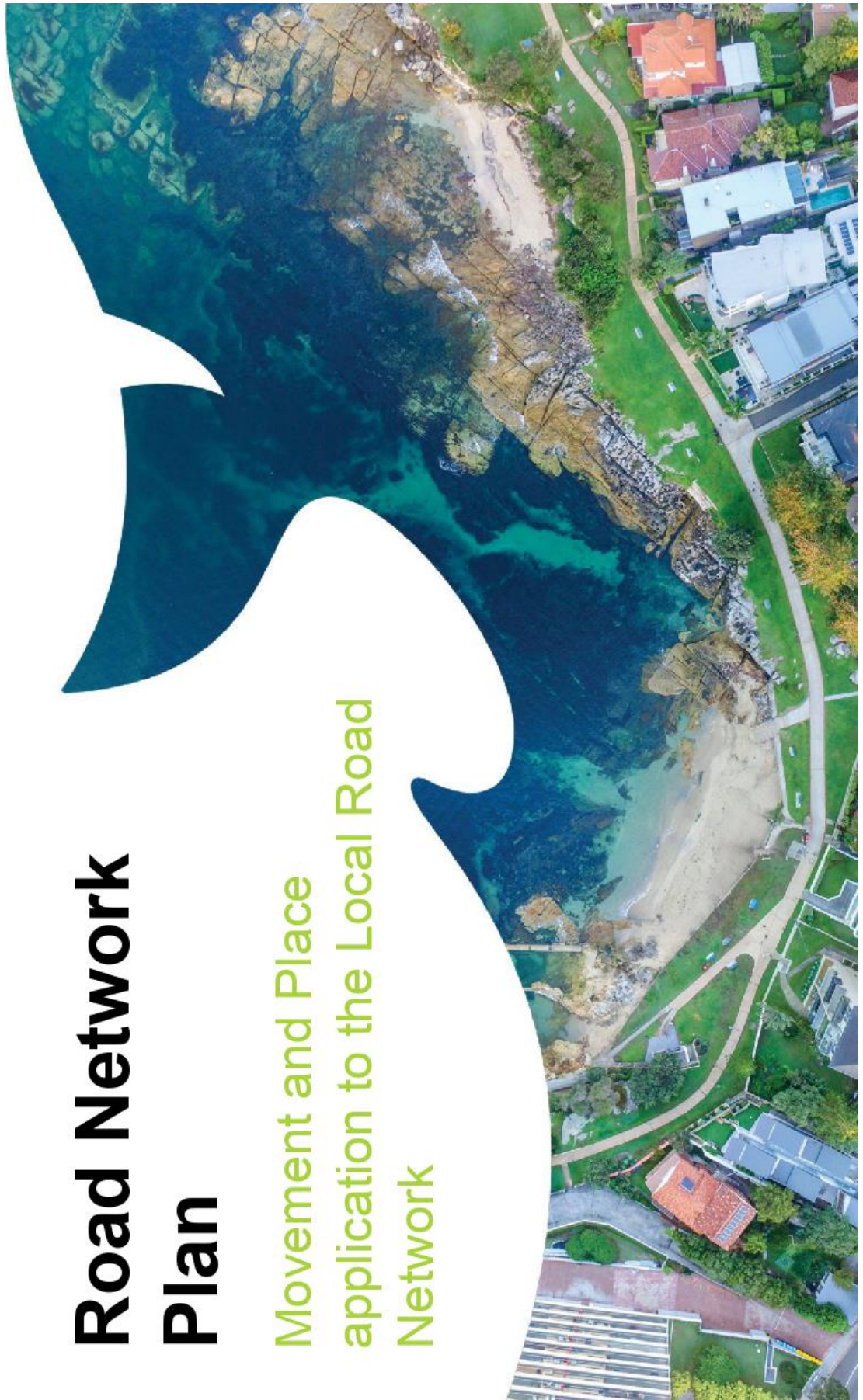
RECOMMENDATION OF MANAGER, TRANSPORT NETWORK

That the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group:

1. Receive the report on the State Road Network Plan development process.
 2. Consider how the SRG members can assist the Transport Network Team in development of the Northern Beaches Council Road Network Plan.
 3. Provide comments on the development of the Road Network Plans through a workshop at a future meeting of the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group.
-

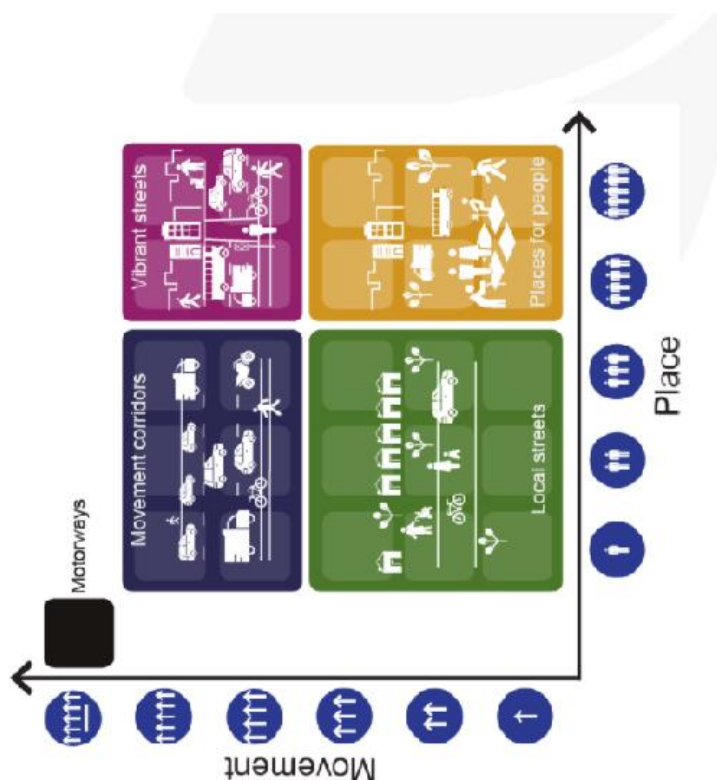
Road Network Plan

Movement and Place
application to the Local Road
Network



Movement & Place concepts

- Each corridor has a purpose
- MOVE – Themes 1,2,3 & 4
- Residential amenity
- Reduce congestion
- Places for people



Corridor Classification

- All roads have a primary classification and a NAASRA Road Classification
- Primary is State, Regional, Local.
- Council has responsibility for the regional and local road network.
- Inputs include function, speed, and volume

Place Classification

- Generally based on a combination of adjoining land use and road function.
- Can change significantly over time and through planning decisions.
- Can improve safety and amenity

Project Timeline

Big Data and Local Knowledge
coming together to provide a new
view of the local road network

Current work underway

- Traffic data updating – speed, vehicle mix, and volumes
- Asset type and condition assessments
- Links to Active Travel and Land Use
- Reassessing corridor function
- Between now and December – COVID 19 impacts.

Road function/descriptor

- Regional road – arterial connection
- Sub-arterial road
- Collector – major/minor
- Local road
- Residential road

DO THESE SUIT OUR OBJECTIVES ?

NEXT STEPS

- Finalise this phase and report back to the group.
- Data collection may be delayed so we can get accurate information post COVID-19
- Commence writing draft Road Network Plan
- Draft GIS Mapping based on the agreed Road Function parameters

Questions ?

Do we need a special workshop once
the detail investigation is done?

ITEM 6.3	BEACHES LINK TUNNEL EIS
REPORTING OFFICER	MANAGER, TRANSPORT NETWORK
TRIM FILE REF	2020/259097
ATTACHMENTS	1 ↓ CEO Northern Beaches Council Beaches Link Tunnel Reference Design tunnel submission

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To review the initial submission made by Council on the reference design and provide input on a future submission to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as part of the next phase in the approval process.

REPORT

The Beaches Link Tunnel project proposal provides a long overdue connection to the Sydney Motorway system from access portals at Seaforth and Balgowlah.

Northern Beaches Council committed to provide feedback on Roads and Maritime Services' (RMS) Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link reference design which was released to Council and community in July 2018.

As part of the submission development process Council facilitated community engagement activities to collect feedback on the reference design. The objective was to listen and collect the views of the Northern Beaches community to help inform Council's submission to RMS. Engagement activities included:

- Stakeholder meetings (6 meetings).
- Receipt of community submissions (64 submissions).
- Community forum (200+ attendees, 21 speakers).
- Public survey (217 responses).

Considered feedback, received via the engagement activities, informed the submission Council resolved to send to RMS at the meeting on 27 November 2018.

Themes identified through engagement included:

- Link Road and connectivity to the portal.
- Temporary and permanent impacts on green space at Balgowlah.
- Emission – stacks, filters and location.
- Potential impacts on flora and fauna.
- Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation.
- Wakehurst Parkway environmental considerations.
- Necessity of additional road infrastructure.
- Construction impacts on local roads.
- Construction and operational noise and vibration.

- Construction compound locations.
- Traffic modelling and predicted growth figures.

The purpose of tonight's discussion is to determine if these themes are still relevant and if there are any other issues that need to be looked at by staff when the EIS is placed on public exhibition later this year.

This will allow preliminary work to commence on investigation of the issues and actions to mitigate/address them at a local level.

RECOMMENDATION OF MANAGER, TRANSPORT NETWORK

That the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group

1. Reviews the attached Council submission from November 2018 and provides consideration of the key community themes.
 2. Provides initial feedback to Council's Transport Network Team by 30 June 2020 via the Transport@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au email, attention Phil Devon – Manager Transport Network.
 3. Considers the need to convene a special additional meeting of the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group to workshop the EIS draft design and provides input for consideration by Staff and Councillors in formulating Councils EIS submission.
-

