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Transport & Travel
Strategic Reference Group

MINUTES

TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

held remotely via TEAMS on

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2020

Minutes of the Transport and Travel

Strategic Reference Group

held remotely via TEAMS on Thursday 12 November 2020

Commencing at 6:00pm

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Sarah Grattan (Chair)	
Mayor Michael Regan	
Cr Kylie Ferguson	
Emma Tonkin	
Andrew Chivers	
Glenn Moore for Wendy Dunnet	Newport Residents Association
Keith Povah	
John Hawkins	Bicycle NSW
Victor Konijn	
Craig Smith	
Colin Langford	Transport for NSW
Mary Whalan	Roads and Maritime Services
Dan Giles	Easylink

Council Officer Contacts

Craig Sawyer	Executive Manager Transport & Civil Infrastructure
Phillip Devon	Acting Executive Manager Transport & Civil Infrastructure
Michelle Carter	Acting Manager, Transport Network
Briana Davis	Social Planning & Strategy Coordinator
Tamara Lukic	Governance

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.

2.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Graeme Laughton, Richard Sounders .Glenn Moore attended instead of Wendy Dunnet.

3.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflicts of interest.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group meeting held 13 August 2020 are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Cr K Ferguson/V Konijn

5.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

Meeting Date	Item No.	Responsible Person	Action	Due Date	Status / Comment
13/2 2020	6.1	K Menzies	Transport & Travel SRG be provided further update on implementation of the Northern Beaches Road Safety Plan during 2020 once adopted by Council.	Ongoing	Work in progress.
14/5/2020	6.1	SRG members	Members provide project ideas for funding from State Government to Michelle Carter.	Ongoing	Ongoing
14/5/2020	6.1	C Sawyer	C Sawyer to review bike storage and report back to the next meeting.	13 Aug 2020	C Sawyer still looking at bike storage opportunities
14/5/2020	6.3	SRG members	Provide 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.	30 June 2020	P Devon to provide the SRG members with an easier explanation of different types of roads
14/5/2020	6.3	P Devon	Schedule an additional Transport & Travel SRG meeting to workshop the EIS draft design and provide input for consideration by staff and councillors in formulating Council's EIS submission.	Pending	No update at this stage.
13/8/2020	6.1	C Sawyer	Invite Hyundai hydrogen team to present on hydrogen vehicles at a Transport & Travel Strategic Reference Group meetings. •	Ongoing	Waiting for a response from Hyundai, possibly for Feb 2021
13/8/2020	6.3	C Langford	C Langford to provide briefing on State Government projects on shared paths and temporary footpaths for the SRG members.	Ongoing	Still waiting

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

OVERVIEW OF UPDATE

Briana Davis, Social Planning & Strategy Coordinator, provided an update on this item. A copy of the presentation was distributed with the agenda.

Council is in the process of developing the Better Together, Social Sustainability Strategy 2041. This strategy will set a long-term social direction for building skills and knowledge in the community that enable wellbeing and resilience.

The proposed approach to developing the strategy will provide Council and the community with:

- A long term social direction that builds upon existing services, social resources and skills in the community
- A framework for building the skills and knowledge in the community to respond to social challenges through strong partnerships
- Strengthen the ability of the community recover from unexpected social, political, environmental and financial impacts.

Briana advised the committee of the following:

- Why have a social sustainability strategy?
- Where are we headed?
- What does social sustainability mean for the Beaches?
- Planning framework
- Common goals
- Timeframe
- Suggested approaches to Phase 2 Engagement
- Draft strategic framework
- Our community strengths
- Key Issues Intersection Transport + Social Sustainability.

DISCUSSION

Following the presentation, the group discussed the following:

- Community vision - pillars of the strategy
- Suggestion to include the fourth pillar 'Resilience'
 - Further exploration with the group around if resilience is more of a pillar or an overall outcome of achieving the vision of a safe, inclusive and connected community.
- How to test strengths and challenges of the strategy
- The involvement of youth to have a sense of engagement and be heard.

Briana informed that they are looking at working closely with youth teams and looking at ways to make it interesting and engage them.

Cr Grattan advised that there are a number of ways to engage - youth *Keep a Look Out For* and the *Youth Working Group* – to allow them opportunities to provide their input on the agenda.

Question – How do you make sure that those who usually don't have a voice in this are engaged, such as indigenous communities and those with disability?

Answer – Social Planning is working closely with Community Development to leverage Council's existing working relationship with the broader social services sector. Through partnership with these agencies our hope is that they will deliver a small workshop format activity to gather lived experience input from traditionally hard to access groups such as people with disability, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) groups. Engagement has been developed to allow both face to face and virtual facilitation, as well as allowing for lived experience to be incorporated into a broader engagement program. We also have a pool of registrations from interested members of the community, who will be engaged throughout.

ACTION

That the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group:

1. Attend the next Strategic Reference Group Engagement activity proposed for February 2021.
 2. Visit and provide feedback on [Have Your Say](#) page.
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6.2 AUSGRID/JOLT ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVE

OVERVIEW OF UPDATE

M Carter and P Devon provided an update on the progress of the development of the delivery of electric vehicle charging infrastructure using existing Ausgrid infrastructure, in conjunction with JOLT.

To assist the transition to electric vehicles (EV) in the Northern Beaches Council area, Ausgrid has engaged JOLT to deploy free 15 minute public charging in selected locations across the Northern Beaches Local Government Area (LGA).

Six locations have been selected under the Ausgrid/JOLT initiative:

1. Park Street, Mona Vale (within the existing council car park)
2. Bungan Street, Mona Vale
3. Rowe Street, North Manly (corner Pittwater Road and Oliver Street)
4. Oaks Avenue, Dee Why
5. Darley Street, Forestville (within the existing council car park)
6. 30 Dowling Street, Freshwater.

DISCUSSION

The group discussed the following:

- Use of the distribution kiosk for charging and improved exterior look to the existing kiosk ? *Is it one existing kiosk or many?*

- An option for emergency advertising from Ausgrid
- Paid advertising to cover the cost of free 15 minute charging
- Payments for the 15 minute charging will be made through the JOLT application directly to Ausgrid
- Ensuring there is a time limit for charging to restrict overuse
- The initial consultation will be around parking spaces
- General agreement and support for this item to be taken to the community and Council consultation for more feedback
- Potentially review the EOI from last year.

In response to reviewing the EOI, M Carter agreed to discuss the contents of the EOI but needs to check if the information can be shared.

Question - Is there going to be appropriate space and signage for electric vehicles?

Answer – There will be an engagement process in relation to all the identified sites. Because parking spaces will be lost (mostly one charging space but this may increase), consultation will have to be conducted with local business owners and chambers.

Question – What happened to the previous Expressions of Interest (EOIs)?

Answer – The EOIs were submitted a year ago but at the time Council did not have the budget. The proposal through Ausgrid was not known to Council back then.

Councillor Regan noted that during the process all the approaches should have been considered, councillors should have been involved. M Carter advised that another Ausgrid proposal comprising charging infrastructure in an underground pole may be considered further down the track.

In conclusion, M Carter noted that the next step in the process is to prepare content for the engagement to go to the Traffic Committee and then through the DA process which will take it to early 2021.

ACTION

That the Transport & Travel Strategic Reference Group:

1. Support the Ausgrid and JOLT proposal to go to community consultation and seek further information.
 2. Receive updates on the outcome of the community engagement and Traffic Committee approvals.
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6.3 STREETS AS SHARED SPACES UPDATE

OVERVIEW OF UPDATE

M Carter and P Devon provided an update on progress relating to the Streets as Shared Spaces projects that Council was successful in receiving grant funding for both Category One and Category Two opportunities.

Streets as Shared Spaces are temporary interventions which provide an opportunity to innovate our streets and spaces to support active and safe travel and exercise during COVID-19.

- **Category One**

Tania Park, Balgowlah Heights - full day closure to vehicles between 6am - 4pm.

- 3000 letters were sent to residents to inform them of the closure.
- Mixed reactions and residents' concerns over parking
- Community members who participated in the car free event provided positive feedback
- Mixed feedback from residents in the area relating to access for vehicles for recreation, access to the dog park and suspected parking impacts
- Suggestion to do it more often and in less contentious locations
- A QR code was used in the park.

Question - How will the data on the success of these projects be assessed?

Answer - A survey will be undertaken via the local Facebook page using carefully worded questions to capture relevant data.

The Strand, Dee Why - four-day closure to vehicles

- Quite positive feedback with restaurants enjoying having their outdoor seating areas extended.
- 80% enjoyed the road closure.
- This has potential for a long-term option, but occasional may not be the best option due to costs involved such as: barriers, security and traffic control.
- Questions were raised about the cost of conducting this during the summer from Friday evening to Sunday night? What needs to be done to trial this? Is there opportunity to keep at least one lane open if the whole area doesn't get a full proposal?
- It was suggested that it be trialed over three months.

Question – Have the community/local members with low mobility been considered?

Answer – Different areas were looked at/reviewed to consider any potential impact. For this area it was minimal, and there are portable curb ramps to make it more accessible.

M Carter and P Devon advised that Newport and Mona Vale are the next areas to be trialed. Restaurants and business have been approached and informed of the trial.

Question - How will the success of this trial be measured?

Answer – Participants and businesses will be approached to provide their feedback on how they enjoyed the use of the place/space.

Question - How do you survey something that has not been advertised and people are not aware of it?

Answer - Word of mouth, Council's EDM and survey are conducted on people who attend the event, those who were actually there.

- **Category Two**

Funding for Local Government – semi permanent project. The concept is to provide a safe link between the two existing cycle ways. Council is currently engaging with the community of two proposals relating to a 12-month trial in Manly and Bilgola.

Manly

The Manly project seeks to improve the active travel connection from the intersection of Darley Road with Wentworth Street, all the way to Kangaroo Lane to the north via Sydney Road and Belgrave Street.

The proposed changes include:

- more space for safe cycling with dedicated cycle ways
- a 10 km/h posted speed limit in nominated areas of Darley Road, The Corso and Whistler Street
- more space for businesses with additional outdoor seating on Darley Road, The Corso and Whistler Street •
- a safer space for walking
- overall 20 car spaces will be lost in total.
- a semi-permanent arrangement that can be changed and adjusted.

This item will go to the December Council meeting allowing more time to accommodate any potential concerns.

A question was raised on potentially allowing the cycleways to intermix with traffic? P Devon noted this is not a safe option for children and leaving the controlled cycleways would be safer. He also expressed concern from local businesses in relation to loading.

Question – If some of the projects fail/don't reach the expected support, is it possible to stop or alter those projects and use money in other locations?

Answer – It is important that the project is in place for a specific timeframe. it needs to be in place for three months to test it, to give Council and residents enough time to measure the success of the project.





Bilgola

The Bilgola project seeks to provide a safer space for local residents and visitors using The Serpentine.

The proposed changes include:

- more space for cycling with cycle lanes on the uphill sections of The Serpentine
- a 10 km/h posted speed limit
- planter boxes, pavement paintings and marked parking bays
- regular check-ins with the community to monitor how the trial is going
- public have agreed that 10km/h is too slow and now waiting for the Senate of Road Safety to come back with a decision if 20km/ is acceptable
- The Serpentine project proposal will go to December Council meeting due to usage during the summer making it a priority.

Question - Will there be flexible barriers?

Answer - Clean flex with bollards.

Question - Is parking on The Serpentine to be on one side or both?

Answer - It will be alternated.



ACTION

That:

1. The members of the SRG support the remaining interventions for Category One.
 2. The members of the SRG consider the Category Two projects and provide a submission to Council as part of the engagement currently underway.
 3. Submission to be made as a group or individually through [Have Your Say](#).
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SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
6.1	Briana Davis to provide contact details in minutes to be contacted	B Davis	Current

The meeting concluded at 8:03pm

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 11 pages numbered 1 to 11 of the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group meeting held on Thursday 12 November 2020 and confirmed on