

NOTES OF A MEETING

TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

held in Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why

THURSDAY 13 MAY 2021



Notes of a Meeting of the Transport and Travel
Strategic Reference Group
held on Thursday 13 May 2021
in Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why
Commencing at 6:00pm

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Sarah Grattan (Chair) Mayor Michael Regan Wendy Dunnet John Hawkins Victor Konijn

Dan Giles

Newport Residents Association

Bicycle NSW

Easylink

Council Officer Contacts

Craig Sawyer Executive Manager Transport & Civil Infrastructure

Phil Devon Manager, Transport Network
Michelle Carter Strategic Transport Coordinator
Katie Kirwan Senior Advisor - 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 Councillor Ferguson, Andrew Chivers, Keith Povah and Graeme Laughton.

Note: Due to a lack of quorum the order of business was changes to allow informal discussions on items 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3. No formal business was undertaken.

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 SMART PARKING – PHIL DEVON

DISCUSSION

Phil Devon, Manager Transport Network provided members with a brief update on the following smart parking initiatives:

PARK'nPAY

P Devon provided members with a brief overview of the app and noted the following features:

- The app allows people to pay for parking on an app instead of a meter
- It knows how many metered parking spaces there are in the LGA
- It knows the time parameters for metered parking so won't allow you to pay when free parking is in place
- You cannot top up past the restrictive time

View the PARK'nPAY app here, and the promotional video can be viewed here.

P Devon noted that the only parking locations not available to check via the app are those at Whale and Bilgola beaches due to the lack of network coverage.

There was discussion around incorporating the parking permits into the system, and what benefit this app is to someone who already holds a beach parking permit. Craig Sawyer, Executive Manager Travel and Civil Infrastructure noted that the concept is to allow people to check parking anywhere and as a result, perhaps encourage people to change their mode of transport.

Smart Parking

P Devon noted that the target date for the roll out of sensors in the following locations is July/August:

- Manly beach
- Shelly beach
- Clontarf beach
- Battle Boulevard
- Little Manly carpark



There was discussion around the preferred proprietary technology for the sensors. It was noted that cameras were not suitable as a means of monitoring due to the corrosive environment of the beachfront. Instead, Council are looking into the use of AI and embedding sensors into each space.

6.2 STREETS AS SHARED SPACES - PROJECT UPDATE - PHIL DEVON

DISCUSSION

P Devon provided members with an update on the progress of the Streets as Shared Spaces trial at The Strand, Dee Why. He provided members with an overview of the community consultation findings, noting the following:

- 700+ submissions were received
- Eight information sessions were held
- The general consensus was in support of the trial
- Some concerns were raised by residents about noise pollution and increased traffic, particularly in Clyde Avenue
- There were some concerns from business owners about the loss of passing trade
- A report will be presented to Council in May seeking endorsement of the trial.

There was broad discussion on the proposed trial, noting that the choice of traffic direction was favourable to cyclists and pedestrians, and would have less impact on the passing 'pick up and go' trade to businesses along The Strand.

Members raised the issue of suitable pick up and drop off points for those with accessibility issues and the SRG requested Council look into the possibility of allowing some short term (15 minute) allocated spaces for this purpose.

Members articulated their overall support for the trial, noting that it would open up the beach front and make it more accessible to more people.

6.3 FEDERAL STIMULUS - SCHOOL ZONE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM – PHIL DEVON

DISCUSSION

P Devon provided members with an update on the progress of the school infrastructure program provided for under the Federal Governments' stimulus package.

Consultation on Manly West Public School closed on 12 May 2021. Only five submissions were received.

P Devon briefly discussed the proposals for other schools and noted that whilst some changes require community consultation, many smaller changes (such as footpath widening) do not. He noted that where Council are creating new crossings, these will be raised wherever possible.

C Sawyer noted that staff are creating a further list of other potential sites based on feedback provided, in the event Council secures additional funding.



7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 WAKEHURST PARKWAY FLOOD MITIGATION STUDY – WENDY DUNNETT

DISCUSSION

Wendy Dunnet queried the consultation dates for the Wakehurst Parkway Flood Mitigation Study. She noted the article in Pittwater Life calling for submissions.

C Sawyer noted public exhibition of the study is planned for May.

3.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Note: The item was deferred due to a lack of quorum.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 MINUTES OF TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD 11 FEBRUARY 2021

Note: The item was deferred due to a lack of quorum.

5.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

Note: The item was deferred due to a lack of quorum.

The meeting concluded at 7:36pm

This is the final page of the Notes comprising 5 pages numbered 1 to 5 of the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group meeting held on Thursday 13 May 2021 and confirmed on Thursday 12 August 2021



Agenda

- Federal Stimulus School Zone Funding Program
- 2. Streets as Shared Spaces, Dee Why
- 3. Smart Parking RFQ



1. Federal Stimulus - School Zone Infrastructure Program



Federal Stimulus - School Zone Infrastructure Program

- \$8.57 million awarded
- The money will benefit 32 schools across the Northern Beaches, improving pedestrian safety in and around school zones
- Roll out of infrastructure over 18 months



Approach

- Body of works divided into 3
 Jan-Jun 21, July-Dec 21, Jan
- Each project is designed by the Till Team before going to community consultation/notification on tll Say page





Current status

- Two pedestrian crossing upgrades have been constructed
- Four more to be constructed before the end of the financial year
- Roll out of projects for next financial year at the end of May



Completed pedestrian crossing – Hill Street, Balgowlah



2.

Streets as Shared Spaces: The Strand, Dee Why



Engagement

- Engagement between 22 March 26 April
- 700 + submissions
- Eight information sessions



Key themes: support

- Full road closure
- Improved social space for people
- · Less vehicles and traffic in The Strand
- Improved pedestrian safety
- Improved cycle connections



Key themes: non support

- Increased traffic in Clyde Road and Oaks Avenue
- Buses in Clyde Road
- Increase in noise and pollution
- Parking
- · Business support over residents



Next steps

- Reviewing comments
- Considering alternative proposals
- Council meeting 25 May
- Review RFQ for street concept



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Smart Parking



What is the Park'nPay App

Park'nPay is a smartphone app developed by NSW Government with the intention to have a single integrated app across the state aimed to improve the parking experiences for its citizens



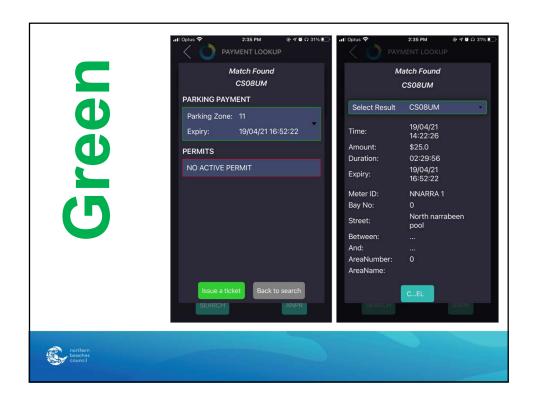


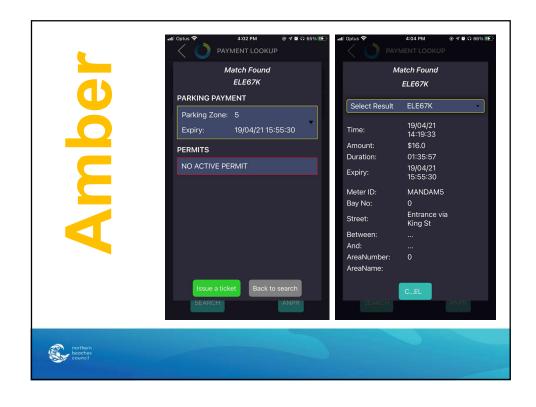


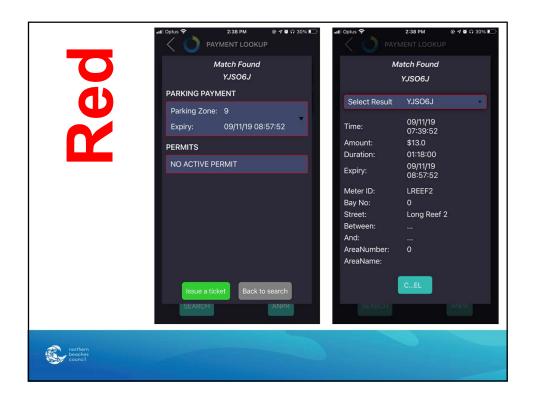
- Customer Service NSW Park'nPay app launched 1 May
- 44 carparks











Smart Parking in confidence

- RFQ released through Tenderlink
- Six respondents
- Shortlisted providers invited to present to Council



Locations

- Parking sensors to be rolled out in Many Ward:
 - Manly beach front
 - Shelly Beach
 - Clontarf beach
 - Battel Boulevard
 - Little Manly carpark



Next steps

- Rollout July/August
- Integration to:
 - NSW Park'nPay app
 - digital parking permits
 - Ticketless parking

