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Transport & Travel
Strategic Reference Group

NOTES OF A MEETING

TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

held online via remote audio visual link on

THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2021

**Notes of a Meeting of the Transport and Travel
Strategic Reference Group
held on Thursday 11 November 2021
online via remote audio visual link
commencing at 6:03pm.**

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Sarah Grattan (Chair)	
Andrew Chivers	
Wendy Dunnet	Newport Residents Association
Keith Povah	
Dan Giles	Easylink

Council Officer Contacts

Emily Carson	Acting Executive Manager Transport & Civil Infrastructure
Phil Devon	Manager, Transport Network
Michelle Carter	Strategic Transport Coordinator
Tamara Lukic	Governance Officer

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 Mayor Regan, Councillor Ferguson and Victor Konijn.

Note: Due to a lack of quorum the order of business was changes to allow informal discussions on items 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4. No formal business was undertaken.

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 & TRAVEL STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD 12 AUGUST 2021

As no quorum was achieved the Minutes of the Transport & Travel Strategic Reference Group meeting held 12 August 2021 were not confirmed.

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 SRG SUMMARY OF TERM - COUNCILLOR GRATTAN

Councillor Grattan discussed the input from the Strategic Reference Group (SRG) over their term and expressed appreciation for members' time and contribution. She noted that this meeting was the last of the councillors and members tenure due to the postponement of the Local Government Elections, and it will be up to the incoming council will determine their committee framework.

Phil Devon thanked the group for their participation and noted that the group had been instrumental in providing Council with a strategic direction.

6.2 LOCAL SPEED LIMITS - HOW WE CAN IMPROVE SAFETY

DISCUSSION

P Devon updated the group on the future of speed limits on Local Roads across the Northern Beaches in line with the guiding principles of the Transport Strategy and Road Safety Plan and as a flow on action from the 30km/h trial in Manly. P Devon informed the group on the following:

- Current Speed Limits.
- Process to implement Speed Limits
- The Movement and Place Framework
- Proposed Speed Limits Neighbourhood Speed Limits
- Neighbourhood Speed Limits
- Issues for Consideration

P Devon concluded that the next steps are to trial the 20km/h Local Safe Street concept and continue to work with TfNSW to establish safe places for people across the Northern Beaches.

6.3 UPDATE ON BEACHES LINK EIS RESPONSE

DISCUSSION

P Devon provided an update on the progress of the Beaches Link project, including the Public Works Committee inquiry and the next steps from Council's perspective. A copy of the presentation is at Attachment 1.

He advised the group of the following:

- Response to Council's Submissions
- Upper House Inquiry
- Issues that are being worked through
- Next Steps

The group acknowledged the sheer size of the project. They discussed the proposed change to the access and getting rid of the traffic lights at the Burnt Bridge deviation and commitment to public transport rather than just a private car toll road.

6.4 SAFER SCHOOLS - PROGRAM UPDATE

DISCUSSION

P Devon provided an update on successful grant funding through the NSW Government Federal Stimulus - School Zone Infrastructure Program. A copy of the presentation is at Attachment 2. He updated the group on the following:

- That as part of the program, Council has secured funding for pedestrian improvement around 32 local schools.
- Work will be carried out in three key stages over the 18 months.
- Program Progress and already completed 16 Projects across the LGA
- Projects Underway and Planned
- Access to Schools Active Transport
- Something Different – a project to raise the road in Carawa Road in Cromer around Cromer Public School, one of the two crossing paths that are being installed.

Members queried how this is being shared amongst the school community, which will be done via the Road Safety Authority.

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

M Carter and P Devon provided updates on the following:

EV Charging Station – Mona Vale

First onstreet public charging station installed in Mona Vale as part of the group Ausgrid/JOLT Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Initiative. 100% green power through Snowy Hydro, it is the highest utilised charging station in Australia, Two more charging stations are planned for Mona Vale and three new sites are out on public exhibition at the moment, in Forestville, Dee Why and Freshwater.

Manly Parking Sensors

The tender documentation is being prepared

Wakehurst Parkway:

Based on the environment requirements it is going to be a program that works in three separate projects for three different sections of work.

Infrastructure Australia

Council working with Infrastructure Australia on a corridor assessment as part of Pittwater Road, Condamine Road and Barrenjoey Road, 5th most constraint corridor in Australia; and trying to work out what the locations for solution.

The meeting concluded at 7:50pm.

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 6 pages
numbered 1 to 6 of the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group meeting
held on Thursday 11 November 2021 and confirmed on

Beaches Link EIS Update



Where is the project up to:

- Response to Submissions and Preferred Infrastructure report released this week.
- The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment will, on behalf of the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, review the environmental impact statement, the preferred infrastructure report and this submissions report for the project.
- Department of Planning, Industry and Environment upon completion of the assessment will prepare a draft Environmental Assessment Report for the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.
- The assessment report will be provided to the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, who will then make a determination on the project.
- If the determination is to approve the project, the determination is anticipated to include conditions of approval considered appropriate.
- The determination will be in first quarter 2022.
- The project will need to be approved for funding by the government prior to proceeding to construction.

Response to Council's Submission

- The response to Council's submission attempts to address the issues raised in over 180 pages.
- Additional meetings have been held between staff and the project team to assist in this process.
- Ongoing dialogue and review is underway

Upper House Inquiry

- Staff appeared via video link to answer questions from the Public Works Committee
- Additional questions were answered via written statement.
- Report for the committee is pending

Issues that we working through

- Construction staff and worker parking
- Construction intersection performance
- Operational traffic metrics for tunnel and non-tunnel users
- Operational impact on local roads
- Wakehurst Parkway shared user path barrier
- Noise Insulation Program and Construction Noise Strategy
- Aboriginal cultural heritage sites mapping
- Clarification on groundwater baseflow
- Effect of COVID-19 on traffic modelling

Our next steps

- Based on the review of the responses council staff (transport and natural environment teams) will need to resolve several outstanding matters.
- Impact on the local road network is an outstanding matter that will be an ongoing discussion to resolve without undue stress on the community.
- Several outstanding items also need to be resolve relating to bio-diversity and stormwater management.
- These discussions as well as the future use of the open space at Balgowlah will be the subject of detailed discussion with both the project team and the local communities during detailed design, construction, and operational phases of the project.

Questions?

Thank you

Safer Schools Program delivery



Program Outline

- As part of the Federal Stimulus - School Infrastructure Program, we have secured funding for pedestrian improvements around 32 local schools.
- This important work to improve safety for school children and their families will be carried out in three key stages over the 18 months.
- Program includes crossing upgrades, footpath construction, shared user paths, kerb ramps, and raised pedestrian crossings.

Program progress - Pedestrians

Projects completed

- Telopea Street Collaroy Plateau
- Plateau Road Bilgola
- Ryrie Avenue and Alfred Street Cromer
- **Waratah Street Narraweena (upgrade)**
- South Creek Road Dee Why
- Pitt Road North Curl Curl
- **Playfair Avenue Curl Curl (additional)**
- Hill Street Balgowlah
- Griffiths Street Balgowlah
- Raglan Street Manly
- Victoria Parade Manly
- Darley Road Manly
- Violet Lane Forestville
- Garden Street North Narrabeen
- Loquat Valley Road Bayview
- Pittwater Road Bayview

Projects underway and planned

- Benelong Street Seaforth
- Tristram Road Beacon Hill
- Blackbutts Road Frenchs Forest
- Lillihina Avenue Cromer
- White Street Balgowlah
- Brook Road Seaforth
- Oliver Street Freshwater
- Alfred Road Brookvale
- Elanora Road Elanora Heights
- Anana Road Elanora Heights
- Namona Street North Narrabeen
- Beaconsfield Street Newport
- Keenan Street Mona Vale
- Old Barrenjoey Road Avalon Beach

Examples of upgrades



Access to Schools

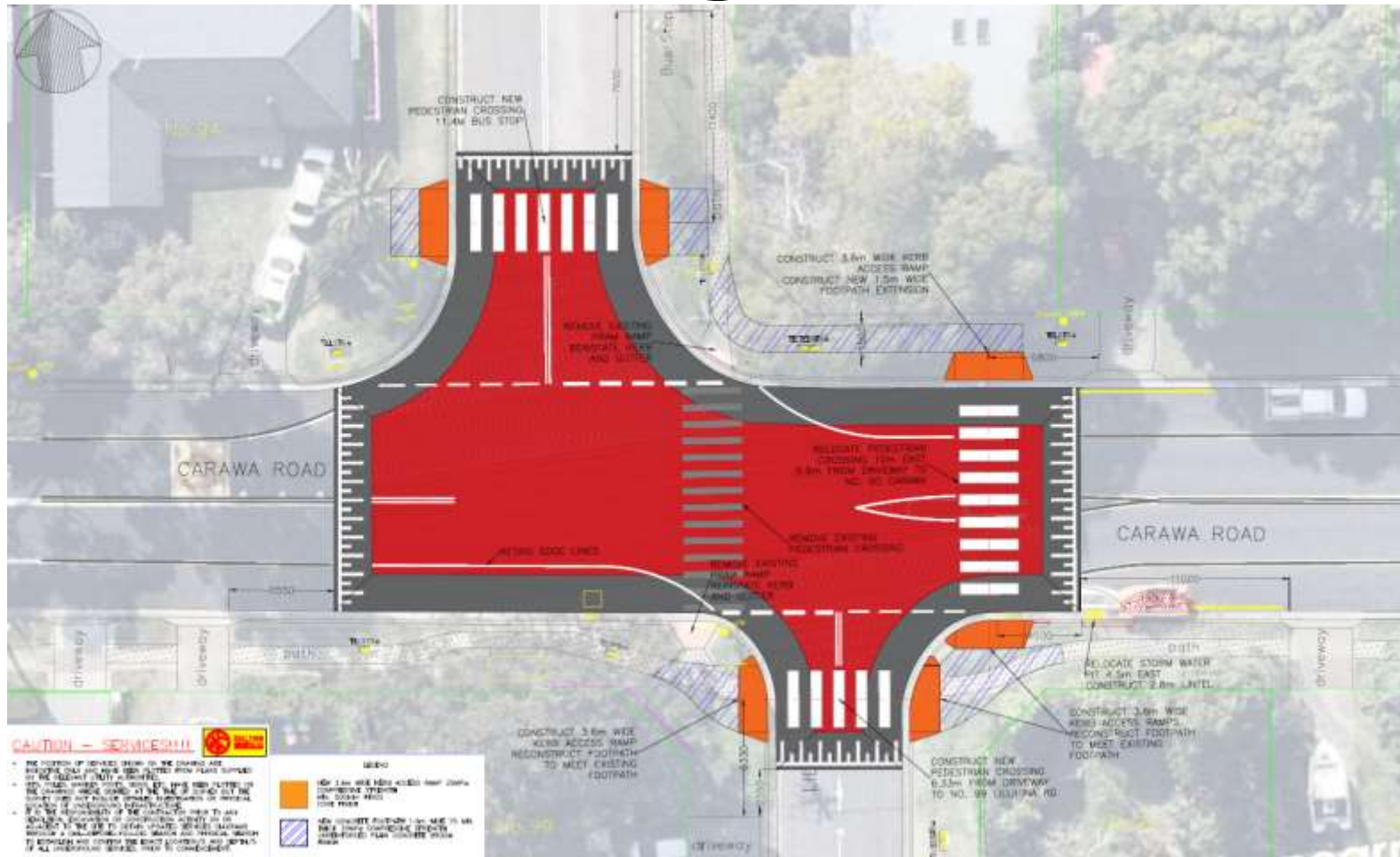
Active Transport

- Addiscombe Road – Shared User Path
- Playfair Avenue – Shared User Path
- Glen Street – Shared User Path
- Pound Avenue – Missing Footpath
- Prahan Avenue – Missing Footpath
- Abbott Road – Shared User Path
- Oliver Street – Active Transport Corridor
- Forest Way – Shared User Path
- Kerb Ramp upgrades
- Missing footpath links

Active Transport Example



Something Different



Questions ?

Thank you