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Transport & Travel
Strategic Reference Group

NOTES OF A MEETING

TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

held online via Zoom on

THURSDAY 24 MARCH 2022

Minutes of the Transport and Travel
Strategic Reference Group
held online via Zoom on Thursday 24 March 2022
Commencing at 6:07PM

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Sarah Grattan (Chair)	
Mayor Michael Regan	
Cr Ruth Robins	
Graeme Laughton	
Emma Tonkin	
Wendy Dunnet	Newport Residents Association
John Hawkins	Bicycle NSW

Council Officer Contacts

Craig Sawyer	Executive Manager Transport & Civil Infrastructure
Phil Devon	Manager, Transport Network
Michelle Carter	Strategic Transport Coordinator
Claudia Brodtke	Senior Governance Advisor

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 Gencher, Colin Langford, Keith Povah and Dan Gilles. Victor Konijin has withdrawn his participation in the group for this year.

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 11 NOVEMBER 2021

CONFIRMED - W DUNNET/CR GRATTAN

That the minutes of the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group meeting held 11 November 2021, copies of which were previously circulated to all members, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

Nil

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS TO NEW COUNCILLORS - CRAIG SAWYER

DISCUSSION

C Sawyer welcomed the new SRG members.

Councillor Grattan advised of the Council resolution to temporarily reconvene the SRG and thanked members for their ongoing participation.

Members discussed the current Terms of Reference and Charter and potential agenda items, noting:

- the current meeting frequency is suitable
- more input from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) would be beneficial, particularly for guest speakers to provide information on specific, large infrastructure projects
- a representative from Council's Youth Advisory Group would be beneficial.

ACTION

C Sawyer to circulate an update on the Newport to the Serpentine stretch of the Coast Walk.

6.2 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION - PHIL DEVON**DISCUSSION**

P Devon presented on upcoming items over the next six months, including the program of works.

Preliminary discussions are underway with Mosman Council to upgrade the roads between the two LGAs to make them safer for cyclists.

6.3 SAFER SCHOOLS PROGRAM UPDATE - PHIL DEVON**DISCUSSION**

P Devon provided an update on the Safer Schools Program, including works underway.

It was suggested that a raised pedestrian crossing near the Andrew Boy Charlton pool in Manly would be beneficial for cyclists.

There was discussion about footpaths in Elanora Heights. Michelle Carter, Strategic Transport Coordinator committed to look at the small footpath on Elanora Road. The Mayor requested an update be provided to him. Councillor Robins also raised the two minute school drop off zone and footpath on Elanora Road and declared that she held a conflict of interest in the matter as her grandchildren attend the nearby school.

The group also discussed the Forest Way shared path.

There was discussion around best practice to encourage safe driving, including the narrowing of lanes and speed cushions. The recent shared zone installed at Dee Why has been a good example of encouraging safe driving practices.

A question was asked regarding the status of projects and how they were tracking for completion by the end of the financial year. A small number of projects are currently in hand and are yet to be delivered.

ACTION

P Devon to provide update to the Mayor about the footpath on Elanora Road.

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was discussion around the Bear Creek Mountain Bike Facility in Belrose, with the group noting it had been very popular and further facilities aimed at less experienced riders are planned for the nearby area.

Staff will report on Council's direction with similar transport plans at the next meeting.

The status of the B-Line bus stop on Warringah Road was discussed. Staff advised that the external contractor who provides this service is looking to increase services through this transport corridor.

Council was commended on its recent active transport road safety campaign.

C Sawyer advised that Council's future focus on transport matters will include end-of-trip facilities, increasing public transport and integrating more parking technology.

An update was requested on Council's program for turning dead-end streets into shared zones. Staff will provide a report to the next meeting on this Safer Streets program.

The group discussed the Wakehurst Parkway flood mitigation project and Council's March 2022 meeting resolution; and also Mona Vale Road roadworks, west of the Bahai Temple at Ingleside.

There was discussion on the development proposal for Lizard Rock, Belrose and major infrastructure upgrades required should this go ahead, as well as a suggestion to have the developer provide an active transport route within the development and in the nearby area. Should the proposal progress, it would need to go through the development application process which would most likely go to the Regional Planning Panel where this suggestions could be made.

It was noted that the trial of a 30km/h speed limit zone in Manly has been successful. TfNSW has provided funding to make this a permanent solution. Further 30km/h pedestrian zones are to be implemented across the LGA following a coordinated approach of classifying suitable roadways.

The meeting concluded at 7.41pm

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held on Thursday 24 March 2022 and confirmed on Thursday 26 May 2022