

AGENDA

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Sustainable Transport Strategic Reference Group will be held in the Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why on

THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2017

Beginning at 5.00pm for the purpose of considering and determining matters included in this agenda.

To Committee Members

Cathy Griffin (Chair)	Implementation Advisory Group
Barbara Bice	Ability Links, Settlement Services International
Rebecca Bourcier	Resident – Narrabeen Ward
Megan Bridge	Transport for NSW
Scott Brown	Resident – Curl Curl Ward
Angela Doolan	Easylink Community Services Limited (Easy Transport)
Anne Grunseit	Resident – Curl Curl Ward
Matthew Jessup	Resident – Frenchs Forest Ward
Gareth Jones	Avalon Palm Beach Business Chamber
Bradley Martin	Resident – Frenchs Forest Ward
David Morrisey	Resident – Curl Curl Ward
Michael Moulds	Resident – Frenchs Forest Ward
David Owen	CABPRA
Frank Peylaire	Resident – Manly Ward
Francie Rigg	Manly Community Forum
Michelle Washington	Resident – Manly Ward

Council Officer Contacts

Andrew Davies	Executive Manager Transport & Urban
Ximena Von Oven	Administration Officer Governance

Quorum

Majority of members (excluding vacant positions)

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to be held on Thursday 29 June 2017

in the Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why

Commencing at 5.00pm

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2.1 NOTES OF SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP HELD 27 APRIL 20171

RECOMMENDATION

That the Notes of the Sustainable Transport Strategic Reference Group held 27 April 2017, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

NOTES

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING

held in the Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why on

THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2017

**Notes of the Sustainable Transport Strategic Reference Group Meeting
held on Thursday 27 April 2017
in the Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why
Commencing at 5.07pm**

ATTENDANCE:

To Committee Members

Barbara Bice	Ability Links, Settlement Services International
Angela Doolan	Easylink Community Services Limited (Easy Transport)
David Morrissey	Resident – Curl Curl Ward
David Owen	CABPRA
Michelle Washington	Resident – Manly Ward (Arrived at 6.05pm)
Bradley Martin	Resident – Frenchs Forest Ward
Frank Peylaire	Resident – Manly Ward

Council Officer Contacts

Andrew Davies (Chair)	Executive Manager Transport & Urban
Annie Laing	Administration Officer Governance
Fiona van Dort	Research Officer
Steve Watson	Road Assets Manager
Michelle Carter	Active Travel Project Officer

Quorum

Majority of members (excluding vacant positions)

1.0 APOLOGIES

The apologies from Cathy Griffin, Rebecca Bourcier, Megan Bridge, Scott Brown, Anne Grunsiet, Matthew Jessup, Gareth Jones, Michael Moulds and Francie Rigg were noted.

2.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 NOTES OF SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP HELD 23 FEBRUARY 2017

DECISION

That the Notes of the Sustainable Transport Strategic Reference Group held 23 February 2017, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

4.0 AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 NORTHERN BEACHES TUNNEL UPDATE – ANDREW DAVIES

DISCUSSION

Andrew Davies, Executive Manager Transport & Urban provided an update on the proposed Northern Beaches Tunnel. Members referred back to the RMS Fact Sheet provided in the Agenda.

The following points were discussed:

- Council have discussed with the RMS their recommendations that upgrades to Wakehurst Parkway continue all the way through to Narrabeen, and that there needs to be upgrades to Mona Vale Road.
- The RMS have expressed that there would ideally be a dedicated bus lane.
- The geotechnical works will begin in Seaforth and work north from there.
- Members suggested that there is a potential to speak to areas that have experienced similar works in the past, for example Lane Cove or Surry Hills.
- For more information members can call the RMS on 1800 789 297 or go to their project page <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/sydney-north/western-harbour-tunnel-beaches-link/index.html>

4.2 ACTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT STRATEGY - WORKSHOP

DISCUSSION

Michelle Carter presented on this item, the members were provided with a handout (Attachment 1) and participated in a discussion and workshop.

Due to time constraints the principles workshopped throughout the meeting were Parking Demand (no. 7), Accountability (no. 6) and Sustainable and Green Travel (no. 5). Members will be sent the template by email to provide further feedback on these and other Principles. The outcome will be consolidated and presented at the next meeting.

The following points were also discussed:

- Whether 'Active' and 'Sustainable' were the words members wanted to title the strategy.
- The need for a specific definition of the word sustainable.
- The chair encouraged the group to be bold and innovative when considering the strategies for each of the seven principles.
- Members agreed that any kind of public transport strategy needs to be about saving time.
- Any kind of strategy needs to be inclusive and to tie in with Northern Beaches Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan which was released at the Council meeting held on 26 April 2017.
- There is a need to educate shop owners about the benefits of installing bike racks outside shops.
- Council needs to be more proactive with solutions for 'the last mile' of travel.
- There could be potential for Council to be advocates for sustainable travel with staff members between Council sites.

DECISION

Members agreed to take the handout (Attachment 1) and work on the remaining Principles for the Active and Sustainable Transport Strategy in their own time and send it back to Michelle.Carter@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au by 2 June 2017. This next version will then be presented at the next meeting.

4.3 DEVELOPING A COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN – FIONA VAN DORT

DISCUSSION

Fiona van Dort provided an update of the progress of where the CSP is at this stage and what the process is once a new Council is elected in September.

The following points were discussed:

- The Chair strongly encouraged members if they haven't already put in a submission by the closing date of 30 April. They can keep updated with the developing CSP on the Your Say page <http://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/communitystrategicplan2>
- The group discussed the need to create an environment for the incoming Council to be able to take risks and to be innovative.

5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

The following was provided by Transport for NSW, in response to questions from SRG members at the last meeting:

Q: What type of fuel will the new bus fleet use?

A: The B-Line buses will run on diesel with a Euro5 emissions rating.

Q: New technology appeared to be moving towards hybrid buses?

A: There have been a few trials with both hybrid and full electric technology for use in fleet rollouts. Trials are ongoing.

Q: If the answer to question 2 is yes, how far away is this technology?

A: We would expect a full electric option may be a preferred solution in the next few years (< 5 years).

Q: If the answer to question 3 is now, why haven't we ordered them?

A: When the fleet are renewed in the future, we will continue to consider hybrid and electric options

5.2 ACTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Members to provide feedback on how they feel the group has worked.
- Members to provide suggestions on how the group could potentially continue to provide feedback after the final meeting date.
- Andrew Davies to provide an update on parking permits at the next meeting.
- Members requested someone from Manly Ferries to attend the next meeting to discuss ideas for potential upgrades to public transport.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 29 June 2017

The meeting concluded at 7.12pm

This is the final page of the Notes comprising 5 pages
numbered 5 to 5 of the Sustainable Transport Strategic Reference Group
meeting held on Thursday 27 April 2017 and confirmed on Thursday 29 June 2017

ITEM 4.2	ACTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT STRATEGY
REPORTING OFFICER	EXECUTIVE MANAGER TRANSPORT & URBAN
TRIM FILE REF	2017/194662
ATTACHMENTS	1 ↓ Sustainable Transport Strategic Reference Group Actions

ISSUE

To review and finalise the SRG input to a draft discussion paper on active and sustainable transport.

BACKGROUND

The attached draft paper has been prepared in partnership with the Sustainable Transport SRG over a 10 month period over 2016-17 and captures the SRG's enthusiasm and aspirations for an active and connected northern beaches community.

This draft paper seeks to provide a solid foundation which assess the transport challenges of the area and which enables Council to partner with stakeholders to deliver key infrastructure across our transport network. By working towards this approach Council can ensure the delivery of safe, accessible and connected networks that encourage people to make more trips by walking, cycling and public transport as well as providing innovative parking experience.

DISCUSSION

Feedback is invited from the SRG at its final meeting on 29 June. Much of the SRG input has been compiled into the goals and actions outlined from page 4 onwards.

SRG members are encouraged to read the paper prior to the meeting and bring along their thoughts and comments.

RECOMMENDATION OF EXECUTIVE MANAGER TRANSPORT & URBAN

That that Sustainable Transport Strategic Reference Group members review the document and bring their comments to the meeting to help finalise the draft framework on active and sustainable travel.

NORTHERN BEACHES TRANSPORT GOALS

Our approach to walking, cycling, public transport, parking, safety and network management

Walking | Cycling | Public Transport | Parking | Network Management | Safety | Accountability | Partner | Integration | Promote | Innovation

1. PURPOSE

Northern Beaches Council is a new organisation created by the merging of three former local government areas: Manly, Warringah and Pittwater. The former councils each had relevant strategies and policies relating to the transport network.

This document seeks to provide a solid framework to enable Council to partner with stakeholders to deliver key infrastructure across our transport network. By working towards this approach, our organisation can ensure the delivery of safe, accessible and connected networks that encourage people to make more trips by walking, cycling and public transport as well as providing innovative parking experience.

We recognise the importance to be connected, no matter who you are or where you live, so having access to a variety of destinations results in greater liveability and local area vitality.

The development of a Transport Strategy will help us to challenge our current transport and network issues, and best meet the changing demands of the future. Issues include traffic congestion, lack of reliable and convenient public transport, parking demand management, road safety, and difficulty walking and cycling due to topography and lack of connected footpaths and off-road cycle networks.

2. INTRODUCTION

Following the formation of the new Northern Beaches Council in May 2016, eleven Strategic Reference Groups (SRGs) were formed across key areas of Council's operation. The role of the SRGs is to provide a valuable contribution to the directions of the new Council, including input into the development of the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and future plans and strategies. SRG members were recruited via EOI, represent a cross-section of the community, and bring expertise to their area of appointment. Each group also includes two-three former Councilors as Chair and Deputy Chair.

The Sustainable Transport SRG consists of 18 members. The terms of reference of the SRG are to:

- Provide input to the Vision, Priorities and Objectives for the Northern Beaches Draft Community Strategic Plan
- Promote and advocate for enhanced provisions of all forms of sustainable transport including public transport, carpooling, car share, cyclists and pedestrians
- Promotion of B line bus service
- Consider integrated active transport network, such as: transport hubs, mode changes and facilities, hop skip jump, cycle ways, and bike racks
- Promote and educate for active transport options and benefits to reduce reliance on private vehicles
- Provide advice and input to improve the east - west transport corridor

The actions detailed in this document have been prepared in partnership with the Sustainable Transport SRG over a 10 month period over 2016-17 and captures their enthusiasm and aspirations for an active and connected northern beaches community.

Local Policy Context

3. Shape 2028

"Shape 2028" is an extensive community engagement program that was undertaken in 2016-17 to develop the first Community Strategic Plan (CSP) for the Northern Beaches. The CSP will be the new Council's 10-year plan, which captures the community's needs and aspirations, and provides directions for Council in planning its services. Some 2,500 community members have provided feedback in Stages One and Two, including all the SRCs. While the draft CSP is not yet finalised, key feedback to date has been used to help prepare this Framework. This will be exhibited and then finalised by the new Council in late 2017.

Transport, infrastructure and connectivity are key elements in creating a safe, inclusive and connected community. The draft goals and strategies detailed below have been developed in direct response to the issues and considerations raised by community members during the Shape 2028 engagement.

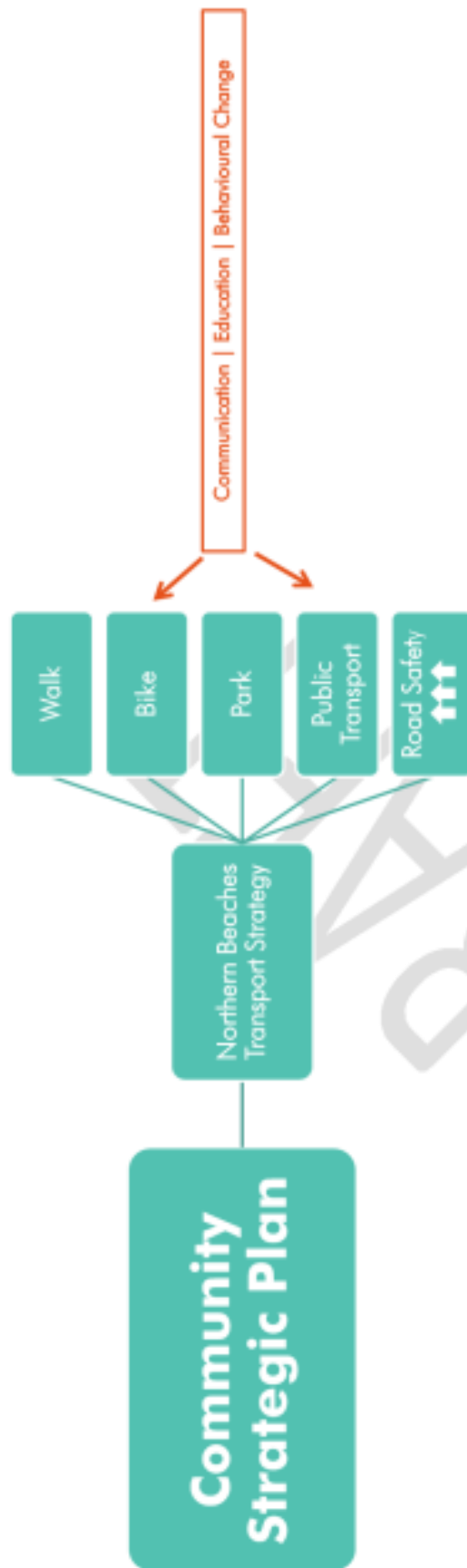
1. Our community is sustainably connected via various transport means to work, education, and leisure opportunities across Sydney

- Facilitate and promote safe transport options that reduce car-based commuter travel
- Improve transport options to broader Sydney (beyond CBD), especially along the East/West transport corridor

2. Our community and visitors are able to easily access and enjoy the diverse villages and places within the Northern Beaches

- Improve public and active transport options and connectivity to better meet the community's needs for travel within the area
- Facilitate and promote cycling and walking as safe and convenient transport options
- Improve parking options in centres, villages and places
- Deliver and maintain assets and infrastructure

4. Strategic Direction (draft)



5. ACTIONS

WALKING

We will continue expand the footpath network to improve connectivity throughout our community

Walk Northern Beaches

- Develop a walking plan for the Northern Beaches through integration of the Warringah PAMP, Pittwater Walks and Manly walking priorities
- Ensure that we are connected by identifying missing links in the footpath network
- Establish criteria to use when determining our footpath priority schedule
- Locate where we need new or upgraded pedestrian crossings, pedestrian refuges, traffic signals and kerb ramps
- Improve walking connections through upgrading and promoting our many pathways
- Ensure good and safe access for everyone through footpath renewals program

Health, social and wellbeing

- Create places for people through place planning methods
- Promote the benefits of walking – great views, fitness and social

Wayfinder signs

- Disability Inclusion Plan sign requirements for vision impaired mobility aid users.
- Identify most used routes and destinations
- Connect people to our pathways through way finder signage
- Provide direction for tourists from public transport to coastal walkway

Active Travel to School

- Partner with schools to support initiatives to travel actively to school
- Develop a Northern Beaches walking schedule for footpaths and pedestrian infrastructure considerations
- Partner with schools and attend P&C meetings to discuss council initiatives and opportunities to work together

CYCLING

We will continue to deliver cycling initiatives throughout our community and to provide a connected network

Bike Northern Beaches

- Develop a bike plan for the Northern Beaches through integration of the Warringah, Pittwater Manly bike plans
- Expand on the shared path network
- Ensure connections to playgrounds and sporting facilities
- Increase cycling participation of women, families and older riders
- Continue Bicycle Network Super Tuesday and Super Sunday bike counts

Bicycle parking and end of trip facilities

- Allow the community tell us where they need bicycle parking
- Work with TINSW to ensure bicycle parking is in place for commuters
- Implement commuter parking stations
- Pump stations and bicycle tool kit kiosks at key commuter and recreational hubs

- Work place end of trip – be a leader
- Push for bike racks on B-Line services

Bike share and E Bikes

- Implement bike share scheme in Manly
- Provide power charging areas for E-bikes
- Council initiatives – what we are doing for end of trip and E-Bike

Cyclist's way finder network and resources

- Continue to improve cyclist way finder network through signage
- Produce cycle network maps

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

We will work in an advocacy and lobbying role for improved public transport to, from and around the northern beaches

Bus and Ferry Network

- Feeder routes to transport hubs
- Frequent and efficient service
- Inexpensive travel to encourage use
- B-Line between Dee Why and Chatswood
- Scheduling changes to provide for connections to private and public ferries
- Low emission transport options

Technology

- Partner with NSW Government to implement Future Transport Technology Roadmap strategies.
- Encourage use of apps for bus scheduling information
- Ensure interactive network and local information is provided at B-Line transport hubs

Improved connections

- East west network to Chatswood, Macquarie Park
- Ensure bus and ferry time schedules link to ensure efficient mode transfer
- Connector buses to move people to ferry and bus transport hubs
- Implement actions from Northern Beaches Council Disability Inclusion Plan relating to public transport

Increase use of public transport

- Promote benefits of public transport usage
- Raise the profile of public transport
- Target youth 17+ to continue using public transport
- Easy access to Opal Card for senior members of our community
- Encourage Opal Card use for faster travel time

PARKING

Council will apply a balanced and fair approach to parking across the northern beaches through the development of a parking strategy which will provide direction to how we manage parking

- Improved parking accessibility of disabled spaces
- Considerations of alternatives to driving
- Reducing the demand for parking through active and public travel
- Implement innovative parking technology through digital solutions, enforcement, parking over stay detection devices and smart poles
- On-street parking management
- Off-street parking management
- Increased car sharing spaces throughout the northern beaches
- Provide electric charging spaces for e-cars and e bikes in council car parking stations
- Parking demand management strategies
- Consideration of parking permit schemes where permitted
- Connect parking with the 'last mile' active travel options
- Ensure parking assets are utilised overnight to ensure capacity to reduce on-street parking demands

NETWORK MANAGEMENT

Road network priority

- Work with RMS and TfNSW to improve network efficiency through clear ways, bus lanes and bus only lanes
- Advocate for future road upgrades to provide dedicated bus lanes for travel time reduction; Northern Beaches Hospital, Beaches Tunnel Link, Mona Vale Road, Warringah Road
- Innovative traffic calming and road design in commercial areas and transport hubs
- Ensure intersections are designed for pedestrian and cyclists
- Ensure local knowledge is considered in network planning and delivery
- Ensure infrastructure supports local deliveries and freight to provide economic activity

SAFETY

We will ensure road user safety remains a priority through the development of a road safety strategy and partnership with the RMS to ensure that we can achieve Vision Zero through the Safe Systems approach of safer people, safer roads, safer speeds and safer vehicles is applied across all modes of travel.

Walking

- Lighting on our walking network
- Explore initiative lighting technology, such as Smart Poles
- Education and enforcement around schools to create a safe road environment.
- Continue partnership between Council and RMS through Local Government Road Safety Program and targeted pedestrian safety campaigns, senior road safety talks, awareness to drivers and road rule changes
- Advocate for speed limit reductions through 40km High Pedestrian Activity Areas, 10km Shared Zones and traffic calming
- Ensure road signs are easy to read and graffiti free
- Analyse RMS crash data to determine pedestrian crash hot spots to assist with project prioritisation

Cyclists

- Through Learner Driver workshops, educate parents and supervisors of learner drivers cycling road rules and how to share the road with cyclists
- Through fleet management, educate council staff on cycling road rules and how to share the road with cyclists
- Ensure Council waste contractors are provided education on cycling road rules and how to share the road with cyclist
- Participate in NSW Bike Week each year
- Run workshops to improve the skills and confidence of our riders, including build confidence and practice of young bike users through bike tracks in parks (Wimmereremy Bay and Apex Park)
- Identify cycle routes through Super Tuesday and Super Sunday bike counts
- Analyse RMS crash data to determine cyclist crash hot spots to assist with project prioritisation
- Promotion of rider and driver road rules
- Increase awareness of shared path etiquette

Parking

- Implement 10km shared zones in Council car parks
- Ensure traffic calming provide a safe pedestrian environment
- Security measures implemented in car parks

Public Transport

- Ensure B-Line car parks and transport hubs are well lit.
- Ensure safe night travel through increased security and CCTV on buses and transport hubs
- Passive surveillance to support transport safety

Speed Limits

- Provide 40km High Pedestrian Activity Areas in all shopping areas
- Lobby for reduction of speed limits on Regional Roads
- Ensure Police enforcement in areas of concern
- Analysis RMS crash data to determine speed related crashes and contributing factors and use this information in project prioritisation

ACCOUNTABILITY

We will keep the community informed of our progress

- Report to Council annually on status updates from Move Northern Beaches Transport Strategy
- Designs and plans to relevant standards and legislation with a technical review through the Traffic Committee
- Create an active transport hub on the Northern Beaches Council website to provide updates on Active Travel projects and events
- Evaluation of projects to see whether they achieve intended outcomes
- Reduction in traffic congestion and traffic volumes
- Reduction in crashes in the road network for all road users

PARTNER

We will partner with our internal and external stakeholders to ensure that we deliver a quality product and service to the community

- RMS, TMSW and Centre for Road Safety
- NSW Police and Highway Patrol
- Northern Sydney Councils
- Premiers Council for Active Living
- State Transit and Sydney Ferries
- Department of Planning
- Community associations and business chambers
- Bicycle Network to promote active travel to schools
- BUGs (Bicycle User Groups)
- Pedestrian Council of Australia
- Local schools to encourage active and public travel to school and events; grandparents day, school fests, open days.
- Northern Sydney Area Health
- Work with the Heart Foundation to establish walking groups in the community
- Link with universities for expertise in future planning best practice and research
- Northern Beaches Council customer service team to provide transport network information to customers, parking, active transport, public transport and road network

INTEGRATION

We will work with commercial and neighbourhood centres to address transport and parking needs and to integrate active travel through walking, cycling and public transport routes that are efficient and direct

Place Planning

- Pedestrian-friendly shopping areas
- Improved street design that supports on-street activity
- Ensure transport hubs are well located

Development

- Ensure zoning supports mixed land use to reduce trip frequency
- Review and implement draft Northern Sydney District Plan
- Ensure Section 94 walking and cycling infrastructure continued to be delivered in Warriewood Valley
- Work to create an active and connected Ingleisle community
- Ensure that end of trip facilities are included in developments

PROMOTE

We will strive to raise the profile of the Transport Network and Parking Operations, highlighting the services and benefits that are provided

- Use of print media and social media to encourage active travel and public transport mode of travel
- Publicise projects supporting active travel
- Place up to date interactive route finders on Council's website
- Publicise active and public travel for events and areas where parking operates at capacity; such as Taste of Manly, Manly Jazz Festival, Sporting events, Market Days, School Fetes
- Expand on the Pittwater Walkway app and include the connection to Manly
- Promotion of parking availability through the development of a communications plan to incorporate social media, web based platforms, and print media
- Promote parking across the northern beaches to internal and external stakeholders

INNOVATION

The electric transport space is moving in a fast paced environment and Council welcomes the opportunity to explore emerging trends and to implement change to our travel behaviour

- Remote working and working from home
- Co working and creative spaces in local neighbourhoods located close to transport hubs
- E-business
- Car sharing
- Electric Scooter
- Electric Monowheel
- Electric Bicycles
- Electric motorcycles
- Neighbour Electric Vehicles (NEVs) - a new EV format coming out of the US between a small car and a golf buggy for use only in your local neighbourhood
- Autonomous Vehicles
- Ride sourcing, such as Uber

ITEM 4.4	COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN - UPDATE ON STAGE TWO
REPORTING OFFICER	EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE STRATEGY & PLANNING
TRIM FILE REF	2017/182812
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

To provide an update on the development of the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) following engagement with some 2,400 community members in Stage One and Stage Two.

BACKGROUND

Stage One of community engagement for the CSP was conducted in September-November 2016, drawing feedback from nearly 1,400 people. Stage Two took place over March and April 2017, with over 1,000 people providing feedback in four community workshops, a youth workshop, focus groups, an online survey and through formal submissions.

Stage Two focused on validating the draft Vision, and validating the CSP Framework (Aspirations, Outcome Areas, Goals and Strategies) as presented in a Discussion Paper.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SUMMARY

Community feedback from Stage Two engagement demonstrates:

- **Confidence in the Process** to develop the CSP to date. The Discussion Paper was factual and guided an informed conversation with the community.
- **CSP Framework** - general support and satisfaction with the overall framework.
- **Aspirations** – limited comments on aspirations raised in submissions where prompted, i.e. the online survey.
- **Draft Vision** – broad satisfaction, but opportunities to make it more specific to the Northern Beaches, and to elevate the value placed on natural environment.
- **Outcomes** – Generally satisfied, though commentary highlighted the need to strengthen goals and strategies so they are more aspirational and future-focused. This particularly related to the goals and strategies for:
 - **Protection of the Environment**
 - **Environmental Sustainability**
 - **Places for People**
- **Priority Issues** – The key issues that participants were most engaged with included:
 - Transport and congestion
 - Population growth and development
 - Protecting the natural environment
 - Environmental sustainability
 - Housing affordability

There was recognition of the interrelated nature of these issues across outcome areas.

Next Steps

Council acknowledges the valuable input of all the SRGs and the wider community in developing the draft CSP framework. This feedback is being incorporated into the Draft CSP, which will be presented to Council on 27 June for public exhibition.

The Draft Community Strategic Plan and Community Engagement Report will be available at <http://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au> following the meeting on 27 June.

RECOMMENDATION OF EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE STRATEGY & PLANNING

That the Sustainable Transport Strategic Reference Group note the update on the development of the Community Strategic Plan.

ITEM 4.5	ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUPS
REPORTING OFFICER	EXECUTIVE MANAGER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
TRIM FILE REF	2017/183016
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

Outcomes of the 11 Strategic Reference Groups (SRG), and inviting feedback from members.

BACKGROUND

The new Northern Beaches Council established 11 SRGs in September 2016, to assist the Council to develop its first Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and address priority strategic issues:

Environment (3)	Social (5)		Economy(3)
Natural Environment	Inclusive Communities	Art, Culture & Heritage	Affordable Housing
Waste & Recovery Management	Youth	Open Space & Recreation	Economic Development
Sustainable Transport	Community Safety		Place Making

Meeting generally every 2 months, their early focus was on the CSP. The more recent focus has been on their priority areas, to develop SRG papers and contribute to Council strategies and plans.

DISCUSSION

These SRGs have represented a unique opportunity to help shape the early directions of the new organisation, expanding its scope to the wider LGA and recognising the community's diverse needs, views and issues. Figure 1 outlines their valuable strategic outcomes:

- Key role over 6 months to help develop the CSP vision, issues, priorities, goals and strategies.
- Feedback on their nominated issues across many environmental, social and economic matters.
- A variety of strategic discussion papers developed, to be drawn on by the related Business Units as they prepare new strategies, plans and policies.

It is intended that the SRG papers will be finalised in July, then presented to the Administrator for noting. These will be available to the newly elected Council. It is anticipated that new reference groups will be established in line with the new CSP outcome areas, once the elected Council has approved the 10-year plan later in 2017.

Council thanks all SRG members for their substantial commitment and valuable contributions.

SRG members are invited to provide feedback on their experience over the last 9 months and any suggestions for improvement. A survey link will be emailed to members shortly.

RECOMMENDATION OF EXECUTIVE MANAGER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

That the Sustainable Transport Strategic Reference Group members:

- A. Note the acknowledgment of their valuable contribution and commitment.
 - B. Provide survey feedback to Council on their experience as an Strategic Reference Group member.
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Fig. 1 - Strategic contribution of the SRGs

