NORTHERN BEACHES

NOTES

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING

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

THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2017

Notes of the Sustainable Transport Strategic Reference Group Meeting held on Thursday 29 June 2017 in the Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why Commencing at 5.08pm

ATTENDANCE:

To Committee Members

Cathy Griffin (Chair) Implementation Advisory Group

Angela Doolan Easylink Community Services Limited (Easy Transport)

Anne Grunseit Resident – Curl Curl Ward

David Morrisey Resident – Curl Curl Ward

David Owen CABPRA

Frank Peylaire Resident – Manly Ward

Michelle Washington Resident – Manly Ward arrived at 5:49pm

Council Officer Contacts

Ben Taylor General Manager Environment and Infrastructure

Andrew Davies Executive Manager Transport & Urban

Annie Lang Governance Support Officer

Michelle Carter Active Travel Project Officer

Steve Watson Road Assets Manager

RMS Representatives

Steve Brien Roads and Maritime Services

Luke Mortimer Roads and Maritime Services

Quorum

Majority of members (excluding vacant positions)

1.0 APOLOGIES

The apologies from Barbara Bice, Michael Moulds, Gareth David, Rebecca Bourcier, Megan Bridge, Scott Brown, Matthew Jessup, Bradley Martin and Francie Rigg were noted.

2.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cathy Griffith noted that her son is now the MP for Manly and her daughter in law is employed by the RMS for the Northern Beaches Tunnel Project.

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 NOTES OF SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP HELD 27 APRIL 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That the Notes of the Sustainable Transport Strategic Reference Group held 27 April 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 UPDATE ON NORTHERN BEACHES TUNNEL

DISCUSSION

Steve Brien and Luke Mortimer from Roads and Maritime Services gave a presentation on this item. A handout was provided and can be found in the link below:

http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/projects/sydney-north/western-harbour-tunnel-beaches-link/western-harbour-tunnel-beaches-link-fact-sheet.pdf

The following points were discussed:

- 16 community feedback sessions were held, more than 2,000 people attended. There will be further information sessions held as the project continues.
- As of 29 June the RMS were 40% through the geotechnical assessments.
- The geotechnical assessments have been wide spread as
- The proposed tunnel would be three lanes each way, it is in the view of the RMS that it would be free flowing without a dedicated bus lane however there would be bus priority entry and exit points.
- The Premier has given a timeline of design, costing to be finalised by mid 2018 with construction to begin at the beginning of 2019 and the tunnel to open by mid 2020's.
- The RMS is actively continuing traffic counts and studies.
- The tunnel would be a toll road. It will be up to the State Government to determine what kind of tolling would occur and if there would be the potential to lessen the toll if you are using the bridge and tunnel.
- Steve Brien confirmed that feedback received is influencing the project.
- It was recognised that although this is an expensive project it does not limit further projects on the Northern Beaches.

RECOMMENDATION OF EXECUTIVE MANAGER TRANSPORT & URBAN

That the Sustainable Transport Strategic Reference Group note the update on the Northern Beaches Tunnel.

4.2 ACTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT STRATEGY

DISCUSSION

Michelle Carter gave a presentation on this item.

The following items were discussed:

- Michelle is looking at how Council prioritises where footpath funding goes this could be done by rating certain areas based on connectivity.
- PAMP's are high level and assist in establishing priority areas.
- The group suggested working with Government Programs to gain funding for example the Safe Routes to School Program.

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.

4.3 UPDATE ON NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL PARKING PERMITS

DISCUSSION

Andrew Davies provided an update on this item.

The following points were discussed:

- The adoption of the Northern Beaches Parking Permit changed driving behaviours across the Northern Beaches, particularly along Manly beachfront.
- Council is now looking at a holistic approach for parking permits across the Northern Beaches.
- This approach will look at the entire impacts and changes in behaviour.
- The group suggested it would be good to replicate the 'Hop Skip Jump' bus at commuter carparks to encourage people to leave their cars at home.
- Andrew Davies acknowledged that parking is a key impact on sustainable transport.

RECOMMENDATION OF EXECUTIVE MANAGER TRANSPORT & URBAN

That the Sustainable Transport Strategic Reference Group note the update on the Northern Beaches Council Parking Permits.

4.4 ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUPS

DISCUSSION

Cathy Griffin and Andrew Davies commended the group on their commitment and thanked them for their time and involvement.

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.

5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

The Chair has requested an additional meeting to be held for the Sustainable Transport SRG at the end of July.

The meeting concluded at 7.17pm

This is the final page of the Notes comprising 5 pages numbered 1 to 5 of the Sustainable Transport Strategic Reference Group meeting held on Thursday 29 June 2017.