

# 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 Morrisey	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](mailto: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