

### **3.1. Update on Sustainable Transport Projects**

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**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

#### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on Sustainable Transport Projects at North Sydney Council

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report contains an update on current Traffic and Transport Operations projects related to sustainable transport. The projects include:

- North Sydney Street Play program
- Young Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades
- West Street Stage 1
- West Street Stage 2 and 3
- Warringah Freeway Upgrade
- Route 3 - Active Transport pedestrian/cycleway program
- Bike Strategy and Action Plan
- Miller Street Pop-Up
- Get NSW Active Grants.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Funding for these projects is included in the adopted 2021/22 budgets.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**1. THAT** the information on Current Sustainable Transport Projects be received.

## LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

- 2. Our Built Infrastructure
- 2.3 Prioritise sustainable and active transport

## BACKGROUND

This report provides an update on current sustainable transport projects completed since the last reference group meeting.

## CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement is not required.

## DETAIL

The table below provides an update of current sustainable transport projects.

Project	Detail
Street Play Program	<p>At its meeting of Monday 12 September 2022, Council resolved to revisit the Street Play program that was run on five streets in 2020, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1.THAT</b> Council call for expressions of interest from the community in relation to identifying streets, roads etc for StreetPlay for the next 6 months.</li><li><b>2.THAT</b> Council re-assess the locations contained in the 22 June 2020 report as possible locations.</li><li><b>3.THAT</b> Council seek to roll out the StreetPlay Program as soon as possible.</li><li><b>4.THAT</b> Council continue to seek and apply for appropriate funding grants.</li><li><b>5.THAT</b> should Council be unsuccessful in obtaining grant funding, that the General Manager identify funding sources to support the StreetPlay Program.</li></ol> <p>A report will be drafted and be presented at an upcoming Council Meeting. The report will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• outcomes from the North Sydney Council Street Play pilot program</li><li>• proposed model for future street play program</li><li>• potential funding models</li><li>• next steps for the program</li></ul>




Image 1. Street Play on Burlington Street


Young Street  
Cycling,  
Walking and  
Streetscape  
Upgrades

At its meeting of 28 March 2022, Council resolved to progress the construction documentation and designs for Young Street, as follows:

1. **THAT** detailed design for tender and construction of the Young Street Walking Cycling and Streetscape Upgrades (Sutherland Street to Grosvenor Street) commence.
2. **THAT** the final detailed design for the project be subject to approval of the North Sydney Traffic Committee.

Council staff have been working through a range of options for the final connection to Neutral Bay, at Grosvenor Road. As per the Council resolution, construction documentation will be taken to a Traffic Committee early next year and construction will begin on the route mid-2023.

<p>West Street Stage 1</p>	<p>The designs and consultation materials were taken to a Council meeting on 26 September, and Council resolved:</p> <p><b>1.THAT</b> the final concept design for West Street Stage 1 cycleway and associated streetscape works be placed on public exhibition for a period of 42 days from 4 October to 14 November 2022.</p> <p><b>2.THAT</b> at the end of the public exhibition period, a further report be prepared for Council detailing the outcomes of consultation and incorporating a preferred final design for Stage 1 of the West Street cycleway that considers the feedback received from the community consultation.</p> <p><b>3. THAT</b> Council prioritise and progress the concept designs of stages 2 &amp; 3 of the West Street cycleway and associated streetscape works while implementing stage 1.</p> <p>Final concept designs are currently on exhibition until the 14 November 2022. After consultation, a submissions report will be prepared, and final designs taken to Council for approval.</p> <p>Council was successful in securing the Transport for NSW Get NSW Active grant for construction of West Street Stage 1.</p> <p>Depending on the outcome of consultation and Council support, construction is due to commence early to mid-2023.</p>  <p>Image 2. West Street Upgrades, looking north toward Ridge Street</p>
<p>West Street Stage 2-3</p>	<p>At the Council meeting on 26 September, Council resolved:</p>

	<p><b>3. THAT</b> Council prioritise and progress the concept designs of stages 2 &amp; 3 of the West Street cycleway and associated streetscape works while implementing stage 1.</p> <p>Council staff will draft a brief for design, consultation materials and construction documentation. Once this documentation is prepared, Councillors will review the plans and decide whether the plans will go on exhibition.</p> <p>This work is planned to take place over 2023.</p>
Warringah Freeway Upgrade	<p>Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and Warringah Freeway Upgrades (WFU) Contractors have sought feedback from Council on a variety of aspects of the project, including the Ridge Street Active Transport Bridge and the Ernest Street Active Transport Bridge.</p> <p>Council staff have provided feedback that advocates for adherence to current standards for walking, cycling and other active transport infrastructure.</p>
Route 3 – Kirribili to Mosman	<p>The North Sydney Council Operational Plan plans to implement the ICS Priority Route 3 - Active Transport pedestrian/cycleway program.</p> <p>Previously exhibited designs are currently under review to consider community concerns.</p>
Bike Strategy and Action Plan	<p>The North Sydney Council Operational Plan plans a review of the Integrated Cycling Strategy 2014. Council staff will work towards a consultant brief in the coming months.</p>
Miller Street Pop-Up	<p>The Miller Street Pop-Up was constructed in 2021 and was funded by the NSW Government grant - Streets as Shared Spaces program. Consultation on the Pop-up closed on 4 November 2022. Feedback will be reviewed, and a submission report prepared, which will be taken to a Council meeting in early 2023.</p>  <p>Image 3. Miller Street Pop-Up</p>
Get NSW Active Grants	<p>North Sydney Council have successfully secured three grants from the Get NSW Active Grant program, including:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• West Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades – Construction costs</li><li>• Short Lane, Neutral Bay – Construction costs for continuous footpath</li><li>• Bligh Street, Kirribilli – construction costs for Shared Zone</li></ul> <p>Delivery of these projects is dependent on related consultation outcomes and Council support.</p> <p>Planning has commenced for the TfNSW Get NSW Active grant program. Council Staff are identifying projects that could be funded by the grant program, which will be supported by current plans and strategies.</p>
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