



NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
22 April 2021

I wish to inform you that a Meeting of the **SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT REFERENCE GROUP** will be held at **6.00pm** on Monday, 3 May 2021, when your attendance is requested.

The meeting will be conducted from the Ros Crichton Pavilion, Council Chambers, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney. *As space in this venue is limited, a Zoom invitation will be sent to all participants on the day of the meeting.*

Your attention is directed to the accompanying statement of the business proposed to be transacted at such meeting.

KEN GOULDTHORP
GENERAL MANAGER

BUSINESS

1. Minutes

Confirmation of Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 16 November 2020.
(Circulated)

2. ST01: Update on Sustainable Transport Projects

Report of Lindsay Menday, Sustainable Transport Project Coordinator

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

Recommending:

1. **THAT** the Update on Sustainable Transport Projects be received.

3. General Business

Louis Thevenin would like to discuss the following:

6.1 Phasing of Traffic Lights (Louis Thevenin)

The proliferation of button activated traffic lights that frustrate pedestrians and cyclists by unnecessarily skipping phases where traffic is stopped anyway. Can RMS be approached to survey and remedy the situation by removing the buttons where they are unnecessary and returning to programmed phasing?

6.2 Cyclist Access to Warringah Expressway (Louis Thevenin)

Do cyclists currently have access to the Warringah Expressway south of the Cammeray turnoff at Amherst into West Street? The signage is confusing.

6.3 Cycleway in St Leonards Park Masterplan (Louis Thevenin)

Does the St Leonards Park Plan to build a peripheral cycleway involve removing the rights of cyclists to cross St Leonards Park? If so, this would greatly inconvenience many cyclists currently sharing the pathways with pedestrians.

6.4 Frequency and Length of Sustainable Transport Reference Group Meetings (Louis Thevenin)

The inadequate frequency and duration of Sustainable Transport Reference Meetings.

Carolyn New would like to discuss the following:

- Miller Street shared space project and what the impact will be on the bike route.
- Other shared space projects eg Burton Street – are they ensuring the current bike access.
- Pacific Highway cycleway (Middlemiss to West) – how is Council actively progressing this critical project.
- Sydney Harbour Bridge Cycleway updated access – what is current status
- Metro Stations bike access and parking.

Andrew Fraser would like to discuss the following:

Some time ago the idea of a board walk along the North Sydney LGA harbour foreshore was promulgated at the Sustainable Transport Reference Group. Both Mosman and Cremorne have almost continuous beautiful foreshore harbour walks and North Sydney appears sadly lacking in that regard.

I would like to discuss the history and progress of the North Sydney Council boardwalk proposal and why little seems to have come out of it. The idea is topical with the State government's announcement of a continuous harbour foreshore walk from Waterloo Bay to Anzac Bridge.

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REPORT OF SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT REFERENCE GROUP

SUBJECT: PROCEEDINGS OF REFERENCE GROUP AT MEETING HELD IN SUPPER ROOM, NORTH SYDNEY, ON MONDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 6.06PM.

PRESENT

Councillor Keen in the Chair and Councillor Brodie
Councillor Mutton (via Zoom)

Staff: Lindsay Menday, Sustainable Transport Project Co-ordinator
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

Members: Mr J. Meadows (via Zoom)
Ms C. New (via Zoom)
Mr J. Cook (via Zoom)
Mr L. Ryves (via Zoom)
Ms V. Marchandean (attended in person)
Mr L. Thevenin (attended in person)

Visitors: Ms Y. Gould (via Zoom)

Apologies were received from Mr Andrew Fraser, Resident, Councillor Drummond and Councillor Gibson.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 November 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

2. ST01: Update on Sustainable Transport Projects

Report of Lindsay Menday, Sustainable Transport Project Coordinator

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

Funding for these projects is included in the adopted 2020/21 budgets.

Recommending:

1. THAT the Update on Sustainable Transport Projects be received.

Council's Sustainable Transport Project Co-ordinator updated the Reference Group on Street Play, Shared Space Grant, Young Street Closure, the Parklet and the new Bike Parking Rails.

The Motion was moved by Carolyn New and seconded by John Meadows.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

1. **THAT** the Update on Sustainable Transport Projects be received.

3. General Business**3.1. Pacific Highway Pop-Up Cycleway, DPIE Grants and the Active Transport Program Grants (Carolyn New)**

Ms New requested to know about feedback on the active grants.

Council's Sustainable Transport Project Co-Ordinator stated that there is a report being drafted for the 30 November 2020 Council meeting where the details of these grants will be put to Council for their decision.

Councillor Keen requested a copy of the report be emailed to the Reference Group.

3.2 Pacific Highway Pop-Up Cycleway/Harbour Bridge Cycleway Runoff (Jon Cook)

Mr Cook would like to discuss the following:

Details if available of the proposed pop-up cycleway along the Pacific Highway between Middlemiss Street/Arthur Street and West Street, North Sydney (i.e., design, proposed period for operation).

Any information available on the proposed cycleway runoff from the Harbour Bridge.

I frequently ride my bike on pavements in North Sydney while traveling up-hill, normally at walking speed if there are pedestrians on the footpath. I also note that many cyclists including delivery bikers are now using pavements. I would be interested to hear what the meeting might think about requesting North Sydney to legalise such footpath use, with a speed limit of say 8 kph and right-of-way for pedestrians.

A Motion was moved by Mr Meadows and seconded by Mr Thevenin,

1. **THAT** Council investigate and prepare a report on the shared user paths modelled on the City of Sydney Blue Line (10 kms) on Bourke Street, with pedestrians given right of way being the priority.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

1. **THAT** Council investigate and prepare a report on the shared user paths modelled on the City of Sydney Blue Line (10 kms) on Bourke Street, with pedestrians given right of way being the priority.

The Meeting closed at 7.15pm.

3.1. Update on Sustainable Transport Projects

AUTHOR: Lindsay Menday, Sustainable Transport Project Co-ord

ENDORSED BY: Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Nil.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Funding for these projects are included in the adopted 2020/21 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 Sustainable transport is encouraged

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.

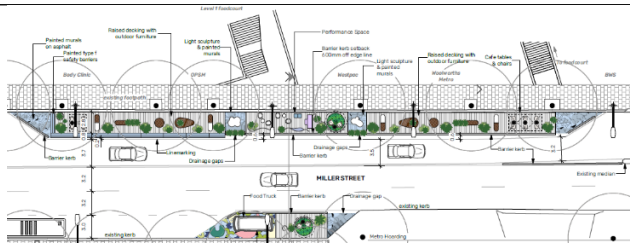
Street/ Location	Project	Detail
Various	Street Play Program	<p>Over spring and summer 2020 Council held a pilot ‘Street Play’ program.</p> <p>Participating Streets were temporarily closed to traffic to be ‘opened for people’, providing space for kids to play and the community to enjoy. Council provided some street furniture and games for each day to help create an atmosphere of a ‘park in the street’, and community groups worked together to arrange activities.</p> <p>‘Play’ days were held in the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laycock Street. 8 November • Mchatton Street (North Sydney Demonstration School). 13 November • Rosalind Street/Edwin Street, Cammeray. 15 November • Burlington Street, Crows



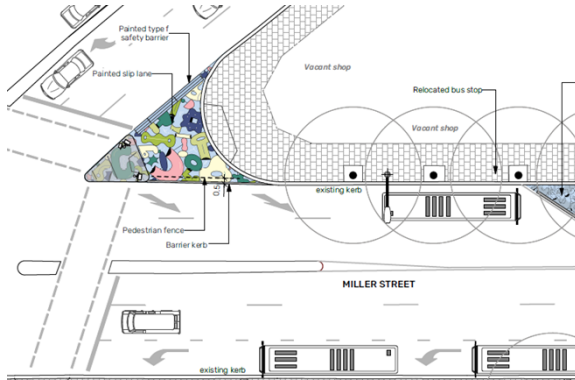
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		<p>Nest. 22 November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin Street, Cammeray. 6 December <p>These streets were chosen based on community nominations.</p> <p>A video of one of the events is available at https://youtu.be/LQoBeP_EDZ0</p>  
Miller Street and Kirribilli	Streets as Shared Spaces (SaSS) Funding grant	<p>Council is progressing projects funded by a \$1,000,000 grant under the Streets as Shared Spaces Program.</p> <p>The grant will be allocated towards projects in Miller Street, North Sydney, and Burton Street and Bligh Street, Kirribilli.</p> <p>Miller Street is scheduled to be constructed from late May 2021. It will include the widening of footpaths, new spaces for people to sit and relax, and the closure of a slip lane from the Pacific Highway to improve pedestrian access and safety.</p>



Draft Layout Plan, Miller Street, North Sydney



Draft Layout Plan, Miller Street, North Sydney




Artists Impression, Burton Street, Kirribilli

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<p>Young Street, Neutral Bay</p>	<p>Temporary Plaza</p>	<p>The temporary plaza in Young Street was installed from 2 November 2020. An activation and events program has been running to stimulate activity in the area and provide opportunities for people to socialise.</p>
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		<p>North Sydney Council has less open space per person than every other northern Sydney council and the so the plaza is providing an opportunity to increase public areas and improve the walkability of the area.</p>  <p>Images of the 'popup plaza' in Young Street.</p>
Various	Road Safety Program (School Zone Infrastructure)	<p>Council has received grant funding under the TfNSW and Federal Government Stimulus Road Safety Program (School Zone Infrastructure) for 14 projects totalling \$1.6M in 2020/21 & 2021/22.</p> <p>The grants will be used to create raised crossings, to extend kerbs and introduce pedestrian refuge islands, which all help improve visibility and slow down traffic, making children safer as they walk to and from school.</p> <p>The funding has been allocated to upgrade the following crossings:</p> <p>St Aloysius College Junior School: Install two raised pedestrian crossings on the Alfred Street South at Fitzroy Street intersection, Milsons Point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Aloysius College: Install raised pedestrian crossing on Broughton Street at Kirribilli Avenue, Kirribilli • Loreto Kirribilli: Raise existing crossing on Carabella Street at Fitzroy Street, Kirribilli

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Aloysius College: Raise existing crossing on Clark Road at Margaret Street, North Sydney • Neutral Bay Public School: Raise existing crossing on Ben Boyd Road at Hardie St, Neutral Bay • Cammeray Public School: Raise existing crossing on Carter Street at Colin Street, Cammeray • Cammeraygal High School: Raise existing crossing on Clarke Street at Willoughby Road, Crows Nest • St Aloysius College Junior School: Raise existing crossing on Burton Street, Kirribilli. • Redlands: Raise existing crossing on Waters Road at Grosvenor Street, Neutral Bay • North Sydney Public School: Raise existing crossing on Morton St at Rocklands Rd, Wollstonecraft • North Sydney Public School: Construct pedestrian refuge islands and kerb buildouts on Crows Nest Road at McHatton Street
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