

### 3.1. Sustainable Transport Project Updates

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<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	1. Letter to Tf NSW re. Sustainable Transport Reference Group matters [ <b>3.1.1</b> - 3 pages]
<b>CSP LINK</b>	2. Our Built Infrastructure 2.3 Prioritise sustainable and active transport

#### **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:

- Young Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades.
- West Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades, Stage 1.
- West Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades, Stage 2.
- Route 3 - Active Transport pedestrian/cycleway program.
- Sustainable Transport Reference Group letter to TfNSW.
- Get NSW Active Grants.
- Car Share.
- Bike Parking.
- Draft Mosman Walking and Bike Strategy – North Sydney Council Submission.
- Transport for NSW – Active Transport Network Review.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**1. THAT** the report be received.

## Background

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

## Report

Project	Detail
Young Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades	<p>Designs for Young Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades was endorsed at the North Sydney Traffic Committee on Friday 21 April 2023.</p> <p>Transport for NSW will be implementing the Traffic Signal Design changes in the coming months. The remaining planned construction will take place to coincide with the Young and Grosvenor Street Roundabout design.</p>
West Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades, Stage 1	<p>Designs for West Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades, Stage 1 were approved by the North Sydney Traffic Committee on Friday 17 March 2023.</p> <p>Construction has commenced and is planned for completion mid-2023, weather permitting.</p>
West Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades, Stage 2	<p>Council staff have engaged consultants to review previous concept design plans for West Street Stage 2.</p> <p>This work is planned to take place over 2023.</p>
Route 3 – Kirribilli to Mosman	<p>Previously exhibited designs are currently under review to consider community concerns.</p>
Sustainable Transport Reference Group letter to TfNSW	<p>In response to the Sustainable Transport Reference Group recommendations, endorsed by Council on Monday 12 December, Sustainable Transport Project Coordinator contacted Transport for NSW requesting a response.</p> <p>See Attachment A Letter to TfNSW re. Sustainable Transport Reference Group matters.</p>
Get NSW Active Grants	<p>Council made eight (8) applications totalling approximately \$4 million. No further correspondence has been received.</p>
Car Share	<p>There have been 14 applications for dedicated car share bays that were on public exhibition over April and May.</p> <p>Submissions from this consultation will be reviewed and considered in the assessment of each dedicated car share bay. Outcomes will be reported to the North Sydney Traffic Committee.</p>
Bike Parking	<p>Four new bike racks were installed near the Ros Crichton Pavilion in response to a request from a community member.</p>

	
<p>Draft Mosman Walking and Bike Strategy - Submissions</p>	<p>North Sydney Council made a submission to Mosman Council's <i>Mosman Walking &amp; Cycling Strategy 2022 – 2027</i>.</p> <p>The submission included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving walking and cycling connections between North Sydney and Mosman LGA.</li> <li>• Pedestrian and cyclist road safety</li> <li>• Highlighting the potential opportunities for collaboration</li> </ul> <p>North Sydney Council staff look forward to working productively and collaboratively with Mosman Council to deliver better outcomes for people that walk and cycle.</p>
<p>Transport for NSW – Active Transport Network Review</p>	<p>North Sydney Council continue to meet regularly with Transport for NSW, Bicycle User groups and other neighbouring Councils to work through major active transport activities and issues.</p>

**Consultation requirements**

Community engagement is not required.



Rob Sharp  
 Secretary, Transport for NSW

Friday 14 April 2023

Dear Rob Sharp

**RE: SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT REFERENCE GROUP PRIORITY ACTIONS**

I am writing to you in relation to several items raised at the North Sydney Sustainable Transport Reference Group (STRG) held on Monday 21 November 2022 and resolved by Council on Monday 12 December.

The reference group is an opportunity for the community to raise concerns regarding walking, cycling and other active transport matters in the North Sydney Local Government Area. The following matters were raised, and a Council resolved to advocate Transport for NSW to address them.

**1. Pedestrian Traffic Signal Phasing**

The STRG would like to request Transport for NSW consider a range of changes to pedestrian traffic signal phasing to improve safety and pedestrian experience.

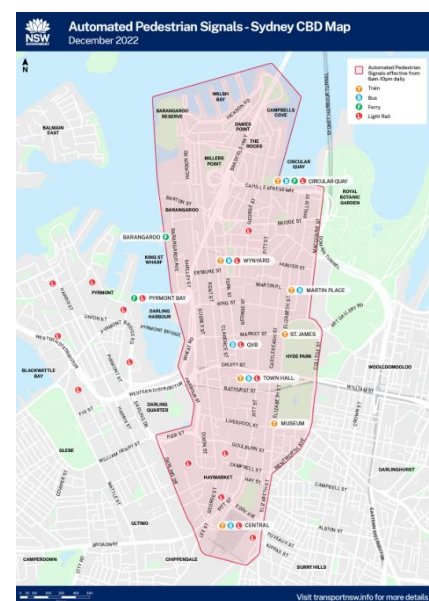
*1.1 Automated Pedestrian Crossings*

Install automated pedestrian crossings at key locations in the North Sydney LGA. The City of Sydney has had automated crossings throughout their CBD since March 2020. It is understood TfNSW are rolling back some of the automated crossings, however many will remain automated from 6am to 10pm, seven days a week (image 1).

North Sydney CBD carries heavy pedestrian traffic and would be a suitable area for automated crossings. This would promote pedestrian accessibility and amenity.

*1.2 Pedestrian Crossing Countdown Timers*

Countdown timers have been trialled across Sydney CBD, Chatswood and Parramatta to improve pedestrian safety (Centre for Road Safety). The trial found that count down timers is best suited to intersections where pedestrians are the only road users with a green light. The reference group requests that TfNSW identify crossings in the North Sydney LGA that meet these criteria and install count down timers. This could include Military Road and Young Street intersection, Alfred St South Milsons Point or Cammeraygal Place Cammeray.



*Image 1 Automated pedestrian crossings City of Sydney*

### *1.3 Delayed Green Turning Traffic Light*

There are numerous examples throughout Sydney where green turning lights for motorists are delayed enabling pedestrians to cross safely and comfortably. This has benefits for slower pedestrians such as older adults and people living with a disability. TfNSW should consider this sequence change to traffic lights with high pedestrian activity and in areas where pedestrian safety has been identified as a problem in the North Sydney LGA.

## **2. Pacific Highway Cycleway**

The North Sydney Integrated Cycling Strategy has identified a fully separated cycleway along the Pacific Highway, between West Street and Arthur Street as a priority route. Since the strategies creation in 2014, there have been numerous attempts to design this section of cycleway, including a proposed pop-up during the COVID pandemic. This link remains a high priority today, however little progress has been made.

The Sydney Harbour Bridge Ramp (SHBR) is planned to start construction in 2023 and aims to improve safety and comfort for cyclists. North Sydney Council implores TfNSW to progress the Pacific Highway Cycleway to ensure that the comfort and safety benefits of the SHBR are not lost on the existing congested and unsafe cycling conditions.

## **3. Warringah Freeway Upgrade**

The STRG also raised concerns regarding the Warringah Freeway Upgrade and the impact the project has on active transport infrastructure. There is concern that a total of 600 metres of walking and cycling links will be lost in the North Sydney LGA. Areas of concern include:

- Potential removal of the Warringah Freeway Regional Bike Path (between Brook Street, Cammeray and Slade Street, Naremburn)
- Permanent removal of the Falcon Street Underpass

Council acknowledge that TfNSW has taken steps to engage the community, bicycle user groups and impacted councils. We request that this engagement continue in good faith and with the best intentions to address the negative impacts on walking and cycling.

## **4. Shared Path Saint Peters Park and Constable Park**

The reference group has requested that TfNSW address the existing issues with two shared paths in North Sydney. It is acknowledged that balancing pedestrian and cyclist safety on Shared Paths is difficult, however request that TfNSW work with North Sydney Council to resolve the cyclist dismount issues at both the following locations.

### *4.1 Saint Peters Park*

Cyclists are currently required to dismount from their bikes to pass through St Leonards park. This requirement was put in place to improve the safety of pedestrians and in particular the older adults at the nearby St Francis Xavier Retirement Village.

*4.2 Constable Reserve*

Cyclists are currently required to dismount from their bikes to pass through the reserve from Middlemiss Street and Arthur Street. The Arthur Street is a cul-de-sac and a connection between these streets could act as a modal filter cyclist.

We look forward to your response and update and if you have any further queries, please contact Max White, Sustainable Transport Project Coordinator.

Yours sincerely,

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