



**MINUTES – Wednesday 14 April 2021
6:30pm ROS CRICHTON PAVILLION**

Acknowledgment of Country and Welcome

The Chair acknowledged the traditional ownership of the land by the Cammeraygal people and welcomed those present to the meeting.

Present: MC (chair), JC, JC, CT, AP, GK, DE, ME

Apologies: BH, GM, AC, DH

1 Guest Speakers:

Marcelo Occhiuzzi, Manager Strategic Planning and Nigel Turner, Senior Strategic Transport Planner

CBD planning, including the likely impact of WHT and BL

Council has invested considerably in the planning for the North Sydney CBD over the last 6-7 years or so. This began with high level transport, employment capacity, night-time economy studies as well as marketing the CBD. More recently, Council has invested in the CBD Transport Masterplan and engaged heavily with TfNSW to build on the benefits of the Metro, seek to push regional traffic to the edges on the CBD and create a safer and more inviting pedestrian environment for the city.

Work with TfNSW has been positive and there are ongoing discussions regarding the closure of Millers St (between Berry and Pacific Hwy) bi-direction Berry Street and other network changes to give these intentions effect. The Western Harbour Tunnel project is contrary to these objectives and there are conditions on that approval that require the project to essentially be consistent with aspirations of that TfNSW/Council discussions. Council acknowledges that apart from lobbying and collaborating, it has limited actual powers to effect changes to NSW Government transport projects.

Discussion

School drop-offs cause significant problems in some areas of North Sydney. Precinct members suggested that Council could look at ways public transport could be used to assist in school drop-offs. Maybe a need for a free public transport/shuttle bus from Falcon St to Milsons Point. The meeting suggested that Council should consult with schools to develop travel plans.

High buildings policy will cause problems of high winds in many streets. Council advised that wind studies were required with all development applications for tall buildings North Sydney is a very small CBD which gives rise to particular problems.

There needs to be assessment of the demand for office space, in relation to Covid related changes in demand in the long term.

Shadow problems can be caused by high-rise buildings. Mirrors can change this to some degree. Some areas will be protected from further shadow between midday and 2 PM. Eg Bret Whitely Place and Miller St which may be used by many for lunch.

The major tollway developments planned to commence/end in North Sydney were viewed negatively by the meeting, which considered that public transport alternatives had not been

adequately assessed.

Additional points added by NSC

Detailed designs and modelling of North Sydney Integrated Transport Program (NSITP) projects, including Post Office Square, are not finalised. However, on balance, NSITP members have broadly agreed that improved public transport access (Metro), improved CBD walking environments (including Post Office Square) and encouraging more regional traffic to by-pass the CBD will result in better amenity outcomes for North Sydney. In our opinion, this improved amenity will also apply to Edward Precinct. However, we are also aware that the Bay Road right turn continues to provide the only opportunity for drivers to turn right onto the Pacific Highway from the Precinct. While this means that any remaining local and school traffic will continue to use Edward Street to exit the Precinct onto the Pacific Highway in a southerly direction, NSITP projects are not expected to directly result in an increase in Edward Street traffic.

Staff acknowledged that Pacific Highway temporary cycle lanes, conceived in response to public transport to cycling mode shift during lock-down, have been abandoned at this stage. However, permanent Pacific Highway cycle lanes (i.e. those included in TfNSW's Greater Sydney Services and Infrastructure Plan) continue to be a critical part of NSITP's response to the closure of Miller Street to through traffic; currently the recommended cycling route between West Street and the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Western Harbour Tunnel planning ~~works~~ E162 and E195 go some way to ensuring that these cycling connections are considered/ delivered as part of the Western Harbour Tunnel project if not by the earlier timeframe for Metro opening.

The modelled number of Metro passengers entering/exiting Victoria Cross Station is 16,000 per AM peak hour in 2036. According to the Metro EIS, a further ~9,000-10,000 suburban rail passengers would continue to enter/exit the CBD via North Sydney Station with further background pedestrian numbers linked to "walked only", "bus" and private vehicle trips. NSC notes that if this modelling has a similar margin of error to the Metro North-west modelling, there could be approximately +24% more Metro passengers post-opening than identified in the EIS modelling. The implications of this for pedestrian planning in the CBD are massive.

Motion: Edward precinct strongly supports the Berry St, Miller St and Arthur St developments proposed by Council, and considers the proposals far superior to those initially proposed in the WHT EIS. Unanimous

2 Minutes of meeting of 10 March 2021

Minutes were circulated to Edward precinct email members and NSC on 14 March.

See <https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/edwardprecinct>

The discussion of the Military Road Future Directions Report was redacted by Council, but retained in the Edward Precinct version.

Minute approval was unanimous JC, CT

3 Development Applications

- [DA 377/17/3](#) 32 Lord St. Modification of consent - raised garage roof, new dwelling roof, internal reconfigurations, bifold doors, landscape works to road reserve, aluminium boundary fence – Withdrawn
- [DA 143/17/2](#) 211 Pacific Highway, Bikini Bods, seeking to open at 05:45. Lodged 9/3
- [DA 100/19/4](#) 11-13 Waverton Ave, minor internal/external changes to townhouses. Lodged 17/3
- [DA 78/21](#) 1A McHatton Street Waverton new garage and conversion of existing garage to detached studio. Lodged 29/3

- [DA 95/21](#) 313 Pacific Highway Demolition of existing improvements and replace with a four-storey mixed use development Estimated Cost of Work: \$ 6,091,388 Lodged 9 Apr

The meeting raised no issues relating to the above DAs.

- DA 57/19, Noakes Floating Dry Dock – 6 John Street, McMahons Point

Standards Marine has lodged an appeal against the refusal last September by the Sydney North Planning Panel. Residents expressed serious concerns about the lack of information available and lack of information provision on the NSC website. Over 500 submissions were lodged in respect of the application.

4 General Business

a) Morton x Hazelbank pedestrian upgrade

The meeting considered that the proposed pedestrian safety measures proposed for the crossroads on the north-west corner of Edward Precinct were useful.

b) Planning Proposal 6/19 - 27-57 Falcon St, Crows Nest (closes 16 April)

Not much impact on Edward. However, the meeting was generally positive about the proposed development, which should improve the quality of the area, which is currently partly dilapidated.

The Planning Proposal and draft VPA will be on public exhibition from **15 March 2021 to Friday 16 April 2021** and may be viewed at <https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/27-57-falcon>

The link was in the circulated Precincts E-news and should thus have been accessed by those who wished to know about the proposed development.

c) Olympic Pool, Council Online Information Session: 16 March

No members at the meeting had watched the zoom session. JC advised that he had requested NSC for a recording of the meeting, but had not been responded to. A further request will be made.

Edward precinct agreed to monitor project cost and to object strongly to any blow out.

d) Election of women to local government (E-news)

The Office of Local Government encourages women from all walks of life to put their hand up for election to help ensure local councils are representative of the communities they serve. If you have a strong sense of community and are keen to make a difference in your local neighbourhood, then you should consider nominating for the 4 September 2021 local government elections. Local councils are the level of government closest to the community.

This will be highlighted to our email members once the revised precinct boundaries have been agreed.

e) NSC meeting 23 March - major items affecting Edward Precinct

Mayoral Motions

The mayor sought a further referendum on separate mayoral election. Lost

Parking Review – plan to trial increased permit allocation for apartment dwellers to match permit allocation for detached dwellings in a small area. Passed

Conversion of NS to smoke free municipality. Lost

Three recission motions were put to council. All were lost.
 Military Road Corridor Planning Study
 Primrose Park Tennis Courts
 Neutral Bay/Ilbery Reserve Land Swap Lease Proposal

Two other motions put by Councillors Beregi and Baker were also lost. These related to:
 Holt Avenue (East) - Interim Heritage Order
 Willoughby Road Public Domain Upgrade Works

f) Next Combined Precinct Committee meeting 20 April

The file names used by NSC usually require those precincts that care about file naming to change file naming and dating to modify every file received, taking time. It is requested that NSC changes the file naming and dating systems.

File names at the top of pdf files. NSC often uses Document Title rather than File Name to appear at the top of open pdfs. This can make it impossible to identify the file when many files are open.

Motion 1: For all files sent to precincts by NSC, File Name should always be set, rather than Document Title.

Most NSC file names that include the date use Day Month Year – eg, 14 April 2021. This means that file sorting in Microsoft Explorer by date and name give different file sequences. Some precincts including Edward change the names to use eg, 210414 as the date, which makes the name and date sorting sequence the same.

Motion 2: All NSC files that are sent to precincts with a date in the name should include the YYMMDD sequence in the file name, or YYYYMMDD if preferred by NSC or most precincts.

Both motions passed unanimously

g) Liveability Census closes 30 June

The 2021 Liveability Census aims to capture what really matters to our communities and how our cities, towns and neighbourhoods are performing today. Council encourages local residents to complete the survey so we establish a sound baseline. The Census data will inform the next North Sydney Community Strategic Plan.

The Liveability Census can be completed at <https://northsydneycouncil.cmail19.com/t/j-l-flihyx-irlkykidq-v/>

h) How to increase the interest of residents in the Precinct Group

The number of attenders has declined since the start of Covid. While it is hoped that numbers will recover, it is proposed that Edward reverts to bimonthly meetings until numbers recover or the merger of precincts is completed.

i) Suggestions for speakers for June and subsequent meetings

Carolyn New is booked for May to present on cycling in North Sydney, but we will request to move to June following agreement to cancel our May meeting.

j) Flyer distribution in north and new co-secretary

DH will be leaving North Sydney and thus will no longer co-secretary the precinct or deliver flyers in our northern area. GD agreed to undertake flyer distribution.

A vote of thanks was made to DH for his contribution to the precinct over many years.

k) Warringah Freeway Upgrade

A map of the proposed works to be undertaken under the upgrade is attached to these minutes.

5 Correspondence, Notifications and other information from Council**Summary of Actions from the Edward Precinct March meeting**

Motion: Council allows the locking of personal information for Precinct objections but publishes the content of the objection.	Item allocated to Council Administrator.	Awaiting response
Lit signs on high buildings - Vodafone/TPG is appealing Council's decision to ban its west-facing sign	Judgement has been reserved.	Closed
DA 19/21 110 Walker Street - Precinct recommends to Council, that it upholds the current planning regulations regarding building height limits	Comments noted by Council's Senior Assessment Officer	Closed

The full Summary of Actions is attached to these minutes.

The Precinct monthly meeting is your opportunity to provide community advice to Council on matters affecting your local area. For more information or suggestions for agenda items, contact the Edward precinct committee at <edwardprecinct@iinet.net.au>.

Next Edward Precinct meeting: Wednesday 9 June 2021