

## 9.2. Sustainable Transport Reference Group Minutes - 7 March 2023

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### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to report the proceedings of the Sustainable Transport Reference Group to Council and for Council to consider recommendations from the Reference Group.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- This report presents the recommendations of the last meeting of the Sustainable Transport Reference Group held on 7 March 2023.
- The minutes are attached for the information of Council.

### RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council write thanking Kiersten Fishburn, Deputy Secretary Cities and Active Transport, for taking the time to address the Reference Group and Councillors on Monday 20 February 2023.
- 2. THAT** Council to continue to lobby and advocate for an improved cycling infrastructure, as part of the Warringah Freeway Upgrade.

## Background

The Charter of the Sustainable Transport Reference Group states:

*10.4 A report on the proceedings of Reference Group meetings are to be submitted to the next available meeting of Council for endorsement, including all recommendations. Any Councillor, irrespective of whether that Councillor is a member that Reference Group, may be the mover or seconder of a motion to confirm the proceedings of a Reference Group meeting.*

## Report

Section 7.2 of the Reference Group Charter states that:

*The Reference Group does not have the power to bind the Council.*

Each of the Reference Group recommendations for action to Council are considered below.

### **2.1 Letter thank Kiersten Fishburn, Deputy Secretary Cities and Active Transport**

1. THAT the Sustainable Transport Reference Group recommend that Council send a letter thanking Kiersten Fishburn, Deputy Secretary Cities and Active Transport, for taking the time to address the Reference Group and Councillors on Monday 20 February 2023.

This recommendation of the Reference Group is supported.

### **3.1 Advocate for walking and cycling infrastructure related to Warringah Freeway Upgrade**

1. THAT the community urge Council to continue to lobby and advocate for a net increased cycling infrastructure, a well-designed connection east-west with Ridge Street, and a shared path for cyclists and pedestrians.

This recommendation of the Reference Group is not supported. The following alternative recommendation is proposed which allows Council staff to seek better value infrastructure as part of the Warringah Freeway Upgrade as intended, while not limiting advocacy for Ridge Street or to specific facility type.

2. THAT Council to continue to lobby and advocate for an improved cycling infrastructure, as part of the Warringah Freeway Upgrade.



## MINUTES

The Minutes of the **Sustainable Transport Reference Group Meeting** held in the Ros Crichton Pavilion, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney on Tuesday 7 March 2023.



**PRESENT**

Councillor Welch in the Chair and Councillors Baker and Santer,

**Staff:** Therese Manns, General Manager  
Eoin Cunningham, Manager Traffic and Transport Operations  
Max White, Sustainable Transport Project Co-ordinator  
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

**Members:** Russ Webber, North Shore Bicycle Group  
Louis Thevenin, Resident  
Yaffa Gould, Resident  
John Cook, Euroka Precinct  
Jillian Christie, Milson Precinct  
Carolyn New, Bicycle NSW  
Andrew Fraser, Resident  
Tony Stanley, Resident

**Apologies:**

Councillor Beregi, Rick Miller -Resident

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 November 2022, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

**2. Disclosures of Interest**

Nil.

**Presentation by Kiersten Fishburn, Deputy Secretary Cities and Active Transport, TfNSW**

A Motion was moved by Councillor Welch and seconded by Yaffa Gould

**1. THAT** the Sustainable Transport Reference Group recommend that Council send a letter thanking Kiersten Fishburn, Deputy Secretary Cities and Active Transport, for taking the time to address the Reference Group and Councillors on Monday 20 February 2023.

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to Recommend:**

**1. THAT** the Sustainable Transport Reference Group recommend that Council send a letter thanking Kiersten Fishburn, Deputy Secretary Cities and Active Transport, for taking the time to address the Reference Group and Councillors on Monday 20 February 2023.

### **3. Committee Reports**

#### **3.1. Sustainable Transport Project Updates**

Report of Max White, Sustainable Transport Project Co-ordinator

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

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

- Street Play 2023
- Young Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades
- West Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades, Stage 1
- West Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades, Stage 2-3
- Warringah Freeway Upgrade
- Route 3 - Active Transport pedestrian/cycleway program
- Bike Strategy and Action Plan
- Miller Street Pop-Up
- Get NSW Active Grants.
- Inter-council planning workshop
- Response to Sustainable Transport Reference Group recommendations

Funding for these projects is included in the adopted 2022/23 budgets and State Government grant funding.

#### **Recommending:**

**1. THAT** Council notes this report and the attached Minutes of the Sustainable Transport Reference Group 21 November 2022 for formal adoption by Council.

A Motion was moved by Jillian Christie and seconded by Tony Stanley,

**1. THAT** Council notes this report and the attached Minutes of the Sustainable Transport Reference Group 21 November 2022 for formal adoption by Council.

**2. THAT** the community urge Council to continue to lobby and advocate for a net increased cycling infrastructure, a well-designed connection east-west with Ridge Street, and a shared path for cyclists and pedestrians.

Voting was unanimous.

#### **Resolved to recommend:**

**1. THAT** Council notes this report and the attached Minutes of the Sustainable Transport Reference Group 21 November 2022 for formal adoption by Council.

**2. THAT** the community urge Council to continue to lobby and advocate for a net increased cycling infrastructure, a well-designed connection east-west with Ridge Street, and a shared path for cyclists and pedestrians.

### 3.2. Sustainable Transport Reference Group Charter - Review

Report of Max White, Sustainable Transport Project Co-ordinator

This report proposes a review of the current Sustainable Transport Reference Group (STRG) Charter inclusive of engagement with current members.

The STRG was first established on 27 November 2013. Council was previously advised on sustainable transport related matters through the Active Transport Sub-committee, Pedestrian Sub-committee and Bicycle Sub-committee. The STRG is guided by the STRG Charter, which was last reviewed in 2013.

The current scope and functions of the STRG Charter include, but is not limited to:

- input into Council's strategic plans, specifically with respect to sustainable transport;
- consideration and discussion of improvements to facilities and networks for a variety of sustainable transport options; and
- input into the design of pedestrian and bicycle facilities and networks.

A review of the STRG Charter is proposed to update the purpose of the group so that it can better address the rapidly changing sustainable transport context. Specifically, the general direction of the review will:

- define the goals of the charter so that they are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-Bound;
- confirm the role, expectations and output from the members; and
- clarify the role and influence of the STRG in relation to official Council matters.

To be determined as part of the review and if any, will be reported to Council together with the final revised Charter.

#### **Recommending:**

**1. THAT** the Sustainable Transport Reference Group members endorse the proposed approach to the review of the Reference's Group's Charter.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Welch and seconded by Yaffa Gould.

Voting was unanimous.

#### **Resolved to recommend:**

**1. THAT** the Sustainable Transport Reference Group members endorse the proposed approach to the review of the Reference Group's Charter.

A resolution of the Sustainable Transport Reference Group meeting held on 28 November 2022, was for Council to invite a representative from the Police to the next meeting to discuss policing issues that impact on active transport.

The Police attended and spoke to the Reference Group about the following issues that were brought up at the meeting.

#### **1. Enforcement of close passing distance for cyclists**

Council's Sustainable Transport Project Co-ordinator advised that enforcement of close passing distance for cyclists was brought up at a Traffic Committee meeting held a couple of months ago. He stated that a letter has been sent to the Police Minister in regards to this issue, and that he will email the letter to the Reference Group members.

## **2. Cyclists Riding on Pavements/Footpaths – Shared Zone**

Council's Sustainable Transport Project Co-ordinator advised that when Council reviews the bike strategy, the appropriate locations for shared paths will be included.

A Motion was moved by Tony Stanley and seconded by Yaffa Gould,

**1. THAT** Council continue to write and lobby the Shadow Minister for Transport, the Police and the Minister for Active Transport to work together to address the concerns of cyclists being able to ride on pavements/footpaths.

Voting was unanimous.

### **Resolved to recommend:**

**1. THAT** Council continue to write and lobby the Shadow Minister for Transport, the Police and the Minister for Active Transport to work together to address the concerns of cyclists being able to ride on pavements/footpaths.

## **4. General Business**

1. Andrew Fraser would like to address the Reference Group about adding an item to the 16 May meeting, a presentation by Professor of Sustainable Transport, David Levinson at Sydney University and his Honours student Tim Zhang that will touch on the following issues within the purview of the Sustainable Transport Reference Group:

- HarbourLink
- Re-establishment of the North Sydney to Balmoral Beach tram line and;
- Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and New Urbanism

A Motion was moved by Andrew Fraser.

**1. THAT** Professor David Levison and Tim Zhang from The University of Sydney be invited to do a presentation to the next meeting about the following 3 specific issues:

- HarbourLink
- Re-establishment of the North Sydney to Balmoral Beach tram line and;
- Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and New Urbanism

to enhance the technical capacity of the Sustainable Transport Reference Group.

The Motion was lapsed for want of a seconder.

Due to the meeting running over time and the next meeting starting at 7pm the following items weren't discussed.

2. Tony Stanley would like to address the Reference Group on the following:

- Target dramatic reduction in number of Nth Sydney school children who are driven to school.

Safe Streets to School

<https://safe-streets-to-school.org/>

Trials of 30km/h in local streets immediately around schools.

<https://30please.org/>

- Improved bike parking around Ted Mac Civic Park -

You can see in the photos there are bikes chained around light poles, against trees and against fences. While there are a few bike parking loops outside the library and community centre - they are generally unused during this time because they're so out of the way and you can't keep your eyes on your bike while at the park. It would be great to get some proper bike parking around the edges of the park that people feel comfortable to lock their bikes to and keep an eye on them while enjoying the markets.



A Motion was moved by Councillor Welch and seconded by Yaffa Gould,

**1. THAT** the general business items not discussed be referred to the meeting to be held on the 16 May 2023.

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to Recommend:**



**1. THAT** the general business items not discussed be referred to the meeting to be held on the 6 May 2023.

Mr Andrew Fraser tendered his registration from the Sustainable Transport Reference Group.

**5. Closure**

The meeting closed at 6:50pm