

9.1. Sustainable Transport Reference Group Minutes - 16 May 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 16 May 2023.
- The minutes are attached for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council note that it is currently the practice to make any intersection at right angles when proposing changes to the design of any intersection.

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.

This report presents the recommendations of the last meeting of the Sustainable Transport Reference Group held on 16 May 2023.

The Reference Group recommendations for action to Council are considered below.

1.1 General Business - trial of 30kph speed limits

The Reference Group made the following recommendation:

1. THAT Council investigate a trial of 30kph speed limits focusing on school routes being West Street where the stage 2 cycleway will be once finished as well as Broughton Street from McDougall Street, and to rapidly expand 30kph zones to cover all residential streets.

While Council supports the implementation of 30km/h on local streets where possible, Council is currently attempting to get 40km/h accepted by TfNSW, which tends to require significant infrastructure.

It is therefore proposed that the recommendations for General Business Item 1.1 not be adopted.

2.1 General Business - Slow down Traffic around school – Centre Line

The Reference Group made the following recommendation:

1. THAT the Committee request that Transport for NSW review the streets in which schools are situated which have a broken centre line and that the highest speed limits on the school streets are 40kph – 50kph.

At the meeting, the Manager Traffic & Transport Operations noted prior to the resolution being passed at the meeting, that it will channelise traffic and potentially increase vehicle speeds.

It is therefore proposed that the recommendations for General Business Item 2.1 not be adopted.

3.General Business - Improving Walking Facilities for Kids going to and from school

1. THAT Council consider making intersections at right angles.

With respect to General Business Item 3, Council's Traffic Engineers currently do consider making any intersection under review at right angles as the first option.

This recommendation of the Reference Group is supported, amended as follows as a recommendation to Council:

1. THAT Council note that it is currently the practice to make any intersection at right angles when proposing changes to the design of any intersection.



MINUTES

The Minutes of the **Sustainable Transport Reference Group Meeting** held in the Ros Crichton Pavilion, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney on Tuesday 16 May 2023.



PRESENT

Councillor Welch in the Chair and Councillor Baker and Beregi.

Staff: 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
Yaffa Gould, Resident
Jon Cook, Euroka Precinct
Jillian Christie, Milson Precinct
Carolyn New, Bicycle NSW
Tony Stanley, Resident

Apologies: Therese Manns - General Manager,
Louis Thevenin - Resident
Rick Miller- Resident

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 March 2023, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

Moved by Councillor Baker and seconded by Jillian Christie.

2. Disclosures of Interest

Nil.

3. Committee Reports

3.1. Sustainable Transport Project Updates

AUTHOR Max White, Sustainable Transport Project Coordinator

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:

- 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.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Bourke.

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

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

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

4. General Business

1. Tony Stanley presented to 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

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

1. **THAT** council investigate a trial of 30kph speed limits focusing on school routes being West Street where the stage 2 cycleway will be once finished as well as Broughton Street from McDougall Street, and to rapidly expand 30kph zones to cover all residential streets.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

1. **THAT** Council investigate a trial of 30kph speed limits focusing on school routes being West Street where the stage 2 cycleway will be once finished as well as Broughton Street from McDougall Street, and to rapidly expand 30kph zones to cover all residential streets.

2. Louis Thevenin was unable to attend the meeting to speak to these items:
- Wherever at all possible, the phasing out of button-activated pedestrian crossing phasing in North Sydney in favour of systematic pedestrian crossing phasing, as currently exists in Sydney CBD.
 - Any provision in the Warringah Freeway Upgrade for cyclist access to the freeway south of the Amherst St Cammeray exit.
 - Any details of gradient-manageable cyclist access to Neutral Bay via the Ridge St overpass.
 - Any plans on the Pacific Highway north of the Middlemiss St underpass for a cycle lane to North Sydney.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Baker and seconded by John Meadows,

1. THAT the items that were to be discussed by Louis Thevenin be deferred to the next meeting of the Sustainable Transport Reference Group.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

1. THAT the items that were to be discussed by Louis Thevenin be deferred to the next meeting of the Sustainable Transport Reference Group.

Slow down Traffic around school – Centre Line

Jillian Christie suggested slowing down traffic and instead of big 4wds driving along the centre of the road at 60kph, if there was a broken centre line down each of the streets in which schools are in.

A Motion was moved by Jillian Christie and seconded by Councillor Baker

1. THAT the Committee request that Transport for NSW review the streets in which schools are situated which have a broken centre line and that the highest speed limits on the school streets are 40kph – 50kph.

Resolved to recommend:

1. THAT the Committee request that Transport for NSW review the streets in which schools are situated which have a broken centre line and that the highest speed limits on the school streets are 40kph – 50kph.

Improving Walking Facilities for Kids going to and from school

Russell suggested that Council make intersections at rights angles as this would make them a lot safer.

A Motion was moved by Russ Webber and seconded by Carolyn New.

1. THAT Council consider making intersections at right angles.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

1. THAT Council consider making intersections at right angles.

5. Closure

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.