



AGENDA

A meeting of the **Sustainable Transport Reference Group** will be held on Cammeraygal Land at the Ros Crichton Pavilion Council Chambers, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney at 6:00 PM on Monday 21 November 2022.
The agenda is as follows.

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A/GENERAL MANAGER



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1. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 May 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

2. Disclosures of Interest

Nil

3. Committee Reports

3.1. Update on Sustainable Transport Projects

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ENDORSED BY: Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

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:

- North Sydney Street Play program
- Young Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades
- West Street Stage 1
- West Street Stage 2 and 3
- Warringah Freeway Upgrade
- Route 3 - Active Transport pedestrian/cycleway program
- Bike Strategy and Action Plan
- Miller Street Pop-Up
- Get NSW Active Grants.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Funding for these projects is included in the adopted 2021/22 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 Prioritise sustainable and active transport

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.

Project	Detail
Street Play Program	<p>At its meeting of Monday 12 September 2022, Council resolved to revisit the Street Play program that was run on five streets in 2020, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.THAT Council call for expressions of interest from the community in relation to identifying streets, roads etc for StreetPlay for the next 6 months.2.THAT Council re-assess the locations contained in the 22 June 2020 report as possible locations.3.THAT Council seek to roll out the StreetPlay Program as soon as possible.4.THAT Council continue to seek and apply for appropriate funding grants.5.THAT should Council be unsuccessful in obtaining grant funding, that the General Manager identify funding sources to support the StreetPlay Program. <p>A report will be drafted and be presented at an upcoming Council Meeting. The report will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• outcomes from the North Sydney Council Street Play pilot program• proposed model for future street play program• potential funding models• next steps for the program




Image 1. Street Play on Burlington Street


Young Street
Cycling,
Walking and
Streetscape
Upgrades

At its meeting of 28 March 2022, Council resolved to progress the construction documentation and designs for Young Street, as follows:

1. **THAT** detailed design for tender and construction of the Young Street Walking Cycling and Streetscape Upgrades (Sutherland Street to Grosvenor Street) commence.
2. **THAT** the final detailed design for the project be subject to approval of the North Sydney Traffic Committee.

Council staff have been working through a range of options for the final connection to Neutral Bay, at Grosvenor Road. As per the Council resolution, construction documentation will be taken to a Traffic Committee early next year and construction will begin on the route mid-2023.

<p>West Street Stage 1</p>	<p>The designs and consultation materials were taken to a Council meeting on 26 September, and Council resolved:</p> <p>1.THAT the final concept design for West Street Stage 1 cycleway and associated streetscape works be placed on public exhibition for a period of 42 days from 4 October to 14 November 2022.</p> <p>2.THAT at the end of the public exhibition period, a further report be prepared for Council detailing the outcomes of consultation and incorporating a preferred final design for Stage 1 of the West Street cycleway that considers the feedback received from the community consultation.</p> <p>3. THAT Council prioritise and progress the concept designs of stages 2 & 3 of the West Street cycleway and associated streetscape works while implementing stage 1.</p> <p>Final concept designs are currently on exhibition until the 14 November 2022. After consultation, a submissions report will be prepared, and final designs taken to Council for approval.</p> <p>Council was successful in securing the Transport for NSW Get NSW Active grant for construction of West Street Stage 1.</p> <p>Depending on the outcome of consultation and Council support, construction is due to commence early to mid-2023.</p>  <p>Image 2. West Street Upgrades, looking north toward Ridge Street</p>
<p>West Street Stage 2-3</p>	<p>At the Council meeting on 26 September, Council resolved:</p>

	<p>3. THAT Council prioritise and progress the concept designs of stages 2 & 3 of the West Street cycleway and associated streetscape works while implementing stage 1.</p> <p>Council staff will draft a brief for design, consultation materials and construction documentation. Once this documentation is prepared, Councillors will review the plans and decide whether the plans will go on exhibition.</p> <p>This work is planned to take place over 2023.</p>
Warringah Freeway Upgrade	<p>Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and Warringah Freeway Upgrades (WFU) Contractors have sought feedback from Council on a variety of aspects of the project, including the Ridge Street Active Transport Bridge and the Ernest Street Active Transport Bridge.</p> <p>Council staff have provided feedback that advocates for adherence to current standards for walking, cycling and other active transport infrastructure.</p>
Route 3 – Kirribili to Mosman	<p>The North Sydney Council Operational Plan plans to implement the ICS Priority Route 3 - Active Transport pedestrian/cycleway program.</p> <p>Previously exhibited designs are currently under review to consider community concerns.</p>
Bike Strategy and Action Plan	<p>The North Sydney Council Operational Plan plans a review of the Integrated Cycling Strategy 2014. Council staff will work towards a consultant brief in the coming months.</p>
Miller Street Pop-Up	<p>The Miller Street Pop-Up was constructed in 2021 and was funded by the NSW Government grant - Streets as Shared Spaces program. Consultation on the Pop-up closed on 4 November 2022. Feedback will be reviewed, and a submission report prepared, which will be taken to a Council meeting in early 2023.</p>  <p>Image 3. Miller Street Pop-Up</p>
Get NSW Active Grants	<p>North Sydney Council have successfully secured three grants from the Get NSW Active Grant program, including:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• West Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades – Construction costs• Short Lane, Neutral Bay – Construction costs for continuous footpath• Bligh Street, Kirribilli – construction costs for Shared Zone <p>Delivery of these projects is dependent on related consultation outcomes and Council support.</p> <p>Planning has commenced for the TfNSW Get NSW Active grant program. Council Staff are identifying projects that could be funded by the grant program, which will be supported by current plans and strategies.</p>
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General Business

Louis Thevenin would like to discuss the following:

1. Button Activation of Traffic Lights in North Sydney

Button activated traffic lights cause frustration among pedestrians and cyclists by subjecting them to frequently unnecessary delays at intersections, prevented from crossing when it is safe to do so. They also present a health hazard to pedestrians vulnerable to virus or bacterial contamination. These buttons have been deactivated since COVID in the Sydney Council area where normal unprompted phasing has been reintroduced with no loss of safety or efficiency. Can RMS be approached by Council to extend this positive change without delay to the entire North Sydney Council area?

2. Cyclist Access to Warringah Expressway

Do cyclists currently have access to the Warringah Expressway south of the Cammeray turnoff at Amherst into West Street? If not, why not? Can they one day hope to?

3. Frequency and Length of Sustainable Transport Reference Group Meetings

Can Sustainable Transport Reference Meetings be convened more frequently and not limited to one hour as they are at present?

4. Status of Cycling Infrastructure Projects in North Sydney

Please provide update on the projected Harbour Bridge cycle Northern access ramps and Pacific Highway cycle lane from Middlemiss Street to Walker Street and beyond.

Jon Cook would like to discuss the following cycling issues:

1. Track between Blues Pt Rd and Mackenzie St through Saint Peters Park

Cyclists are currently required to walk with their bikes through the restricted part of the track. This is considered to be unnecessary. I use the track every few weeks, and rarely see pedestrians using it.

It is recommended (i) that the yellow barriers are removed, (ii) that cyclists are allowed to ride their bikes on the track, (iii) that cyclists are required to give way to pedestrians, and (iv) that 10 kph bicycle speed limit signs are erected.

2. Cyclists on pavements in general

I see increasing numbers of cyclists using pavements. I use them when going uphill or on one-way-streets to avoid blocking cars on the road, for example on Pacific Highway. Maybe the meeting could consider recommending allowing adult cyclists (as well as children who are already allowed) to use pavements when they consider necessary. Again they would have to

(i) give way to pedestrians (and thus be liable for any accident), and (ii) obey a maximum speed limit of 10 kph.

While State Government has set the regulation on footpath cycling, NSC can recommend exemptions. It is suggested that a number of footpaths in North Sydney are converted to joint pedestrian/cyclist use. Initial suggestions could include Pacific Highway western pavement between Arthur St and Bay Rd (extending the existing joint use) and Mount St southern footpath between Arthur St and Pacific Highway. Other committee members may have other streets on which cyclist pavement use would be worthwhile.

If the meeting agrees with this, we could recommend that NSC approaches the NSW Government to request a change in footpath cycling regulation.

3. Sydney Harbour Bridge Cycleway Northern Access Project

I guess you have all the info on this. Maybe some discussion of the Council and Lavender Precinct objections to the linear runoff into North Bradfield Park and the Department of Transport's response to the objections would be worthwhile. And some info on current status. Maybe the meeting can compare the linear run-off (which I greatly prefer) to the circular runoff proposed by Lavender precinct.

4. The linear runoff approved for the northern Harbour Bridge cycleway runoff, coming down in Bradfield Park North.

I approve of the proposal though would have like to see it connect to Middlemiss St or even Blue St. Lavender Precinct is strongly opposed to it and proposes an impractical circular decent instead. Maybe we could review the linear option in the meeting and make a recommendation.

Carolyn New would like to discuss the following:

1. West St Cycleway (all stages)
 2. Pacific Highway bike path (Arthur St to West St)
 3. Warringah Freeway Upgrade impacts and failures
 4. Sydney Harbour Bridge cycleway ramp
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5. Closure