



NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
5 November 2020

I wish to inform you that a Meeting of the **SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT REFERENCE GROUP** will be held at **6.00pm** on Monday, 16 November 2020, when your attendance is requested.

The meeting will be conducted from the Supper Room, Council Chambers, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney. *As space in this venue is limited, a Zoom invitation will be sent to all participants on the day of the meeting.*

Your attention is directed to the accompanying statement of the business proposed to be transacted at such meeting.

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GENERAL MANAGER

BUSINESS

1. Minutes

Confirmation of Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 11 November 2019.
(Circulated)

2. ST01: Update on Sustainable Transport Projects

Report of Lindsay Menday, Sustainable Transport Project Coordinator

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

Funding for these projects is included in the adopted 2020/21 budgets.

Recommending:

- 1. THAT** the Update on Sustainable Transport Projects be received.

3. General Business

3.1 Pacific Highway Pop-Up Cycleway, DPIE Grants and the Active Transport Program Grants (Carolyn New)

3.2 Pacific Highway Pop-Up Cycleway/Harbour Bridge Cycleway Runoff (Jon Cook)

Mr Cook would like to discuss the following:

Details if available of the proposed pop-up cycleway along the Pacific Highway between Middlemiss Street/Arthur Street and West Street, North Sydney (i.e., design, proposed period for operation).

Any information available on the proposed cycleway runoff from the harbour bridge.

I frequently ride my bike on pavements in North Sydney while traveling up-hill, normally at walking speed if there are pedestrians on the footpath. I also note that many cyclists including delivery bikers are now using pavements. I would be interested to hear what the meeting might think about requesting North Sydney to legalise such footpath use, with a speed limit of say 8 kph and right-of-way for pedestrians.

NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL**REPORT OF SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT REFERENCE GROUP**

SUBJECT: PROCEEDINGS OF REFERENCE GROUP AT MEETING HELD IN ROS CRICHTON PAVILION, NORTH SYDNEY, ON MONDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 6.00PM.

PRESENT

Councillor Baker in the Chair, Councillor Brodie and Councillor Keen.

Staff: Lindsay Menday, Sustainable Transport Project
Co-ordinator
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

Members: Andrew Fraser
John Meadows
Russ Webber
Carolyn New
Jillian Christie
Jon Cook
Rick Miller
Louis Thevenin

Visitors: Ian Curdie

Apologies were received from Councillors Beregi and Mutton, Bill Northcott, Shirley Bevan, Marilyn Hanson and Veronique Marchandau.

4. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 May 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

Moved by Ms Christie and seconded by Mr Meadows.

Voting was unanimous.

5. ST01: Update on Sustainable Transport Projects

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Recommending:

1. THAT the Update on Sustainable Transport Projects be received.

Council's Sustainable Transport Project Co-ordinator presented a short clip produced by Council to the Reference Group to provide the community with an update on the progress of building a cycle network in North Sydney.

The Motion was moved by Mr Meadows and seconded by Councillor Keen.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

1. THAT the information on Current Sustainable Transport Projects be received.

6. General Business**6.1 Phasing of Traffic Lights (Louis Thevenin)**

Mr Thevenin would like to discuss the following:

The proliferation of button activated traffic lights that frustrate pedestrians and cyclists by unnecessarily skipping phases where traffic is stopped anyway. Can RMS be approached to survey and remedy the situation by removing the buttons where they are unnecessary and returning to programmed phasing?

A Motion was moved by Mr Thevenin and seconded by Ms Christie,

1. THAT Council write to the RMS asking them to review button activated traffic lights in the LGA.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

1. THAT Council write to the RMS asking them to review button activated traffic lights in the LGA.

6.2 Cyclist Access to Warringah Expressway (Louis Thevenin)

Mr Thevenin would like to discuss the following:

Do cyclists currently have access to the Warringah Expressway south of the Cammeray turnoff at Amherst into West Street? The signage is confusing.

A Motion was moved by Mr Thevenin and seconded by Mr Webber,

1. THAT Council write to the RMS to request a review and update of signage alongside the Warringah Freeway southbound between the Brook Street entry ramp and Alfred Street North.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

1. THAT Council write to the RMS to request a review and update of signage alongside the Warringah Freeway southbound between the Brook Street entry ramp and Alfred Street North.

A link to the RMS Cycleway finder webpage referred to during the meeting is as follows: https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/maps/cycleway_finder

6.3 Cycleway in St Leonards Park Masterplan (Louis Thevenin)

Mr Thevenin would like to discuss the following:

Does the St Leonards Park Plan to build a peripheral cycleway involve removing the rights of cyclists to cross St Leonards Park? If so, this would greatly inconvenience many cyclists currently sharing the pathways with pedestrians.

Council's Sustainable Transport Project Co-ordinator responded that the St Leonards Park Masterplan proposes a new cycle link around the perimeter of the park, but that slow speed cycling would still be possible on the central path network.

6.4 Frequency and Length of Sustainable Transport Reference Group Meetings (Louis Thevenin)

Mr Thevenin would like to discuss the following:

The inadequate frequency and duration of Sustainable Transport Reference Meetings.

A Motion was moved by Mr Meadows and seconded by Mr Thevenin,

1. THAT Council specify there be four Sustainable Transport Reference Group meetings to be held a year.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

1. THAT Council specify there be four Sustainable Transport Reference Group meetings to be held a year.

6.5 Northern End of Sydney Harbour Bridge Cycleway – Combined Precincts Committee Motion (Jon Cook/Jillian Christie)

Mr Cook would like to discuss the following:

On 21 October 2019 the Combined Precincts Committee (CPC) considered a motion stating: That CPC requests Council ask the RMS to engage with stakeholders (residents, cyclists, pedestrians, CPC, local Precinct Committees) before coming up with another plan for design, approval and construction of the cycle runoff at the northern end of the bridge cycleway. North Sydney Council to push for implementation as soon as possible.

In my view the two main options are:

- (i) to construct a runoff by commencing further south than the start of the current steps ending at the same point, necessitating a temporary descent to be built prior to construction, or

- (ii) constructing the runoff adjacent to and matching the bridge wall to run above the entrance to Milsons Point station, descending north of Cliff Street, though this would disadvantage those seeking to go to Kirribilli. The latter problem could maybe be solved by also keeping the existing steps. Ways to link the cycleway to the Middlemiss Street cycleway should also be assessed.

A program by North Sydney Council to connect the bridge runoff to cycle routes to the north is also needed.

Council's Sustainable Transport Project Coordinator gave a brief overview of the recent project history and Council's submission on the design exhibited by the RMS in 2017, noting concerns about impact on open space and heritage.

A Motion was moved by Mr Cook and seconded by Ms Christie,

- 1. THAT** Council write to the RMS requesting that a new assessment of the potential options relating to the northern runoff from the harbour bridge cycleway is undertaken as soon as possible, involving consultations with all stakeholders.
- 2. THAT** a stakeholder workshop is held under the Sustainable Transport Reference Group to further develop the concept and support the Council's proposal to the State Government.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

- 1. THAT** Council write to the RMS requesting that a new assessment of the potential options relating to the northern runoff from the harbour bridge cycleway is undertaken as soon as possible, involving consultations with all stakeholders.
- 2. THAT** a stakeholder workshop is held under the Sustainable Transport Reference Group to further develop the concept and support the Council's proposal to the State Government.

6.6 Climate Strike

Mr Fraser moved a Motion that because North Sydney Council has declared a climate emergency, they write to the State Government asking that they put on extra buses for further climate change events so that people can get to those events or alternatively they close the bridge so that people are able to walk across the bridge to get to Balmain.

No seconder therefore the motion was lost.

6.7 Walker Lane

Mr Miller stated that two car spaces be removed from Walker Lane, North Sydney as it's a narrow lane and that there are only 20 metres between cars parking either side of the lane, and there needs to be sufficient room for ambulances or fire engines to have access to the lane.

Mr Miller stated that discussion on the matter had taken place with Traffic and Transport Operations and with Council's Senior Strategic Transport Planner. It was stated that this matter be referred to Traffic and Transport Operations for consideration.

6.8 Jacarandas in McDougall Street

Ms Christie stated that with the Jacarandas in bloom in McDougall Street there is a big issue with a lot of pedestrians in the street. Council has put signs on the ground saying be careful, watch out for cars, but a lot of the tourists that visit the street don't speak English.

It was stated by Councillor Baker that Council is looking at converting the signs that are in McDougall Street into Chinese, Korean and Japanese.

A Motion was moved by Ms Christie and seconded by Mr Thevenin,

1. THAT that Council develop a Traffic Management Plan for the next Jacaranda festival period making McDougall Street one way during this time.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

1. THAT Council develop a Traffic Management Plan for the next Jacaranda festival period making McDougall Street one way during this time.

The Meeting closed at 7.07pm.

CHAIRPERSON

GENERAL MANAGER



Sustainable Transport Reference Group

Report ST01 – 16 November 2020

Attachments:
Nil

SUBJECT: Update on Sustainable Transport Projects

AUTHOR: Lindsay Menday, Sustainable Transport Project Coordinator

ENDORSED BY: Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Funding for these projects are included in the adopted 2020/21 budgets.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the information on Current Sustainable Transport Projects be received.

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LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

Direction: 2. Our Built Infrastructure

Outcome: 2.3 Sustainable transport is encouraged

BACKGROUND

This report provides an update on current sustainable transport projects.

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement is not required.

SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

The following table provides a summary of the key sustainability implications:

QBL Pillar	Implications
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The initiatives/actions discussed will contribute to enhanced environmental quality by reducing the reliance on private vehicles as the primary transport option.
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The initiatives/actions discussed promote transport and mobility options for a diverse range of community members.
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The initiatives/actions discussed help Council to be a leader in the promotion of sustainable transport.

DETAIL

The table below provides an update of current sustainable transport projects.

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Miller Street and Kirribilli	Streets as Shared Spaces Funding grant	<p>Council successfully applied for \$1,000,000 in grant funding under the Streets as Shared Spaces program to implement trial or 'popup' pedestrianisation and placemaking projects.</p> <p>The grant will be allocated towards projects in Miller Street, North Sydney, and Burton Street and Bligh Street, Kirribilli.</p>   <p>Artists Impression, Burton Street, Kirribilli</p>
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Artist Impression, Bligh Street, Kirribilli



Artist Impression, Miller Street potential permanent plaza

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Young Street, Neutral Bay	Temporary Plaza	<p>Young Street will be closed to vehicular traffic from 2 November 2020 to March 2021 to allow for the temporary closure and implementation of a new pedestrian plaza. The plaza will respond to community demand for increased open space in Neutral Bay and strengthen walking links to the Neutral Bay Village and public transport.</p> 
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Various	New Parklet	<p>A proportion of the funds provided by the NSW State Government under the Streets as Shared Spaces program have contributed to the purchase of a new 'parklet'. The parklet will be used initially to use as part of the Street Play program, following which it can be used in locations across the LGA to provide place activation and contribute to more walkable streets.</p> <p>Community members are welcome to nominate a location for the parklet.</p>  <p>Similar 'Parklet' used in the City of Sydney</p>
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Albany Street and Oxley Street, St Leonards	New pedestrian crossings	<p>Construction was completed early in 2020 on new pedestrian crossings and associated landscaping and footpath improvements at the intersection between Albany Street and Oxley Street, St Leonards.</p> <p>The works significantly improve pedestrian accessibility between St Leonards and Crows Nest and provide a direct walking link to the forthcoming Metro Station. Council successfully applied to the RMS for a \$110,000 grant to part fund the works.</p> 
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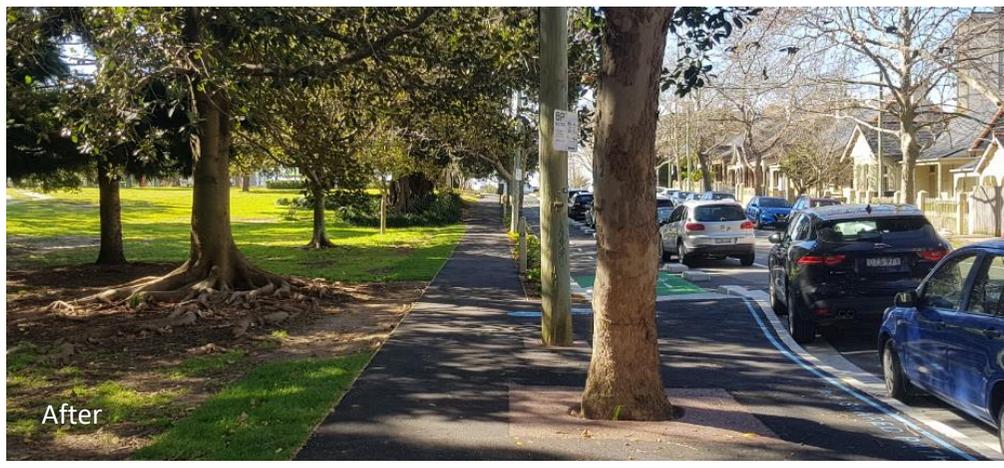
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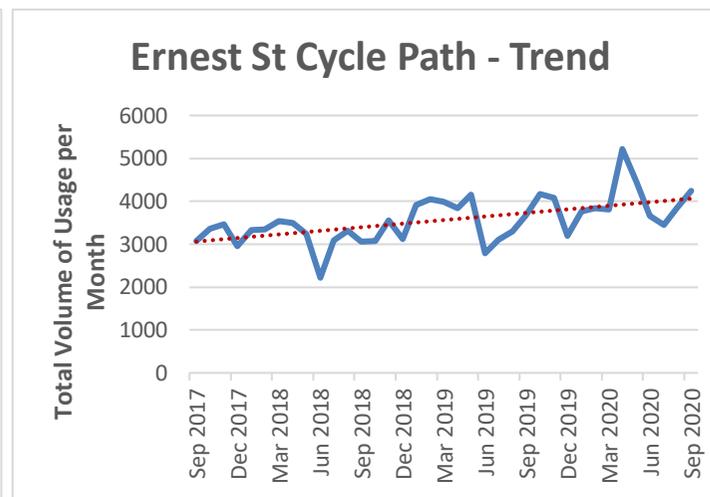
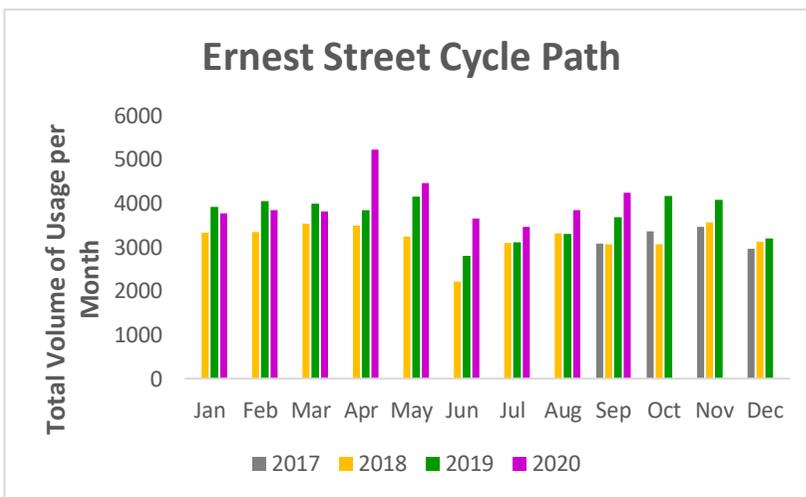
Ridge Street, North Sydney	Pedestrian Network/ Safety Upgrades North Sydney Integrated Cycling Strategy	Works are complete on Stage 2 of the Ridge Street Active Transport upgrades in the block of Ridge Street between Miller Street and the Warringah Freeway. The works included new footpaths and cycle paths and new garden beds and were 100% funded by Transport for NSW.	 <p>Before</p>  <p>After</p>
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Ernest Street, Cycle Path

North Sydney Integrated Cycling Strategy

Cycling participation under Social Distancing

Usage of the Ernest Street cycle path continues to grow significantly. The below graphs provide an overview of monthly usage and trends in overall usage. Notably, numbers jumped rapidly since the implementation of social distance requirements despite a significant drop in commuter travel, indicating that far more local residents and community members are now choosing to cycle around the LGA.



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Various	New bike parking rails	<p>Council regularly installs new and upgraded bike parking rails and O-rings (attached to sign stems/poles) as part of streetscape upgrades projects in the North Sydney CBD and village centres.</p> <p>In 2020, 21 new rails and 13 hoops have been installed throughout Neutral Bay and Cremorne, with 3 further to be installed soon.</p>  <p>Bike Parking Rails in Neutral Bay</p>
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