

**DECISION OF 3696<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 30 OCTOBER 2017**

**355. CiS11: Special Precinct Meetings - Transport Infrastructure Related**

Report of Jenny Gleeson, Manager Integrated Planning and Special Projects

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Costs associated with these events, including venue and equipment hire were covered by existing allocations the 2017/18 budget for Precinct System support.

**Recommending:**

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Ms M de Solom addressed Council.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi, seconded by Councillor Baker,

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- 4. THAT** Council write to the Member for North Shore requesting a copy of her correspondence to the Minister for Transport in relation to the B-Line.
- 5. THAT** Council thank Council staff and in particular Jenny Gleeson, for organising the public meetings that have been held over the past 4-6 weeks in relation to the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link and the B-Line.

The Motion was put and carried.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 9/1

Councillor	Yes	No	Councillor	Yes	No
Gibson	Y		Barbour	Y	
Beregi	Y		Drummond	Y	
Keen	Y		Gunning	Y	
Brodie	Y		Mutton		N
Carr	Y		Baker	Y	

**RESOLVED:**

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## Report to General Manager

Attachments:  
Nil

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**AUTHOR:** Jenny Gleeson, Manager Integrated Planning and Special Projects

**ENDORSED BY:** Joseph Hill, Director City Strategy

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

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### RECOMMENDATION:

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## LINK TO DELIVERY PROGRAM

The relationship with the Delivery Program is as follows:

- Direction: 2. Our Built Environment
- Outcome: 2.1 Infrastructure, assets and facilities that meet community needs  
2.5 Sustainable transport is encouraged
- Direction: 5. Our Civic Leadership
- Outcome: 5.4 Community is informed and aware

## BACKGROUND

Regarding the various State Government transport infrastructure projects, in accordance with Council resolutions, Council has coordinated the following engagement initiatives recently:

Project	Engagement Overview
Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consultation/Campaign - during Jun/Jul 2017 Council conducted its own consultation during the RMS first phase consultation, including focus groups, information stalls, survey and submissions. The outcomes/finding were reported to Council at its meeting of 24 July 2017.</li><li>• Public Meeting - held 26 July 2017 in the Hutley Hall. Approximately 300 people attended and some press.</li></ul>
B-line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Meeting - held 30 March 2017 in the Hutley Hall. Approximately 60 people attended.</li></ul>

## CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement is not required.

## SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

The sustainability implications were considered and reported on during the initiation phase of this project.

## DETAIL

In addition to the above mentioned Council initiatives, Precinct Committees have also held several community events. Council staff assisted the Precincts Committees with each event, including bookings venues, printing flyer invites, coordinating flyer distribution, promoting each event to networks/ mailing lists, equipment provision and venue set-up/assistance on the day.

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### **1. RMS presentation on Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link held at the Hutley Hall - 20 July 2017**

Four Precinct Committees - Bay, Hayberry, Plateau and Registry Precinct Committees - jointly hosted a "special precinct meeting" to which they invited Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) to present on the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link. This event originated from an offer from RMS staff to the four Precinct Committees, to attend their individual Committee meetings to present on the project during its first round of consultation. In response to the offer the Precinct Committees initiated a joint meeting.

Approximately 280 people attended the event including media. The organisers were anticipating 50-80 people would attend. This meeting was organised before the media leaks regarding reported ventilation stack locations, however the press coverage preceding the meeting contributed to the high than anticipated level of participation.

### **2. TfNSW presentation on the NSW Long Term Transport Masterplan in the context of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link, Rail Options, Metro and B-Line held at the Hutley Hall - 12 October 2017**

Four Precinct Committees - Bay, Plateau, Registry and Stanton Precinct Committees - jointly hosted a "special precinct meeting" to which they invited Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to present on the NSW Long Term Transport Masterplan in the context of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link (WHTBL), Rail Options, Metro and B-Line. Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) staff were also in attendance and on hand to respond during the Q&A session.

This initiative was seen by the host Precinct Committees as a continuation/follow up/next step to the special precinct meeting, held 20 July 2017. Like the July meeting, this event was well attended with up to 230 participants, most from Cammeray and North Sydney as well as a significant number from outside the LGA - from Willoughby and Northern Beaches council areas. North Sydney Councillors Zoe Baker, MaryAnn Beregi and Tony Carr were in attendance.

Sentiment expressed during the Q&A session was that the TfNSW presentation didn't help articulate a strategic argument for the WHTBL and there was disagreement from participants with the State Government's rationale/modelling that a Northern Beaches rail line is not currently warranted.

RMS publicly offered to present again at a precinct/community meeting with their air quality expert (who attended 20 July 2017 event) in response to their key "take away", that exhaust fumes/stack ventilation/air quality remains a major community concern. Council staff will follow up this offer with the RMS and Precinct Committees.

Many participants complimented the Precinct Committees for the provision of "these" meetings and for the Council taking on this issue, i.e. for Council's community engagement to date regarding State Government transport infrastructure projects, including a councillor from Willoughby Council in attendance.

The Q&A session was transcribed by the Precinct Committees and run past TfNSW and RMS. Once finalised, the Q&A and TfNSW presentation will be circulated to all Councillors and

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made available from the host Precinct Committees' pages of Council's website as well as linked to the related project pages of Council's website.

### **3. TfNSW presentation on the B-line infrastructure changes affecting Cremorne and Neutral Bay held at the Cammeray Golf Club - 19 October 2017**

Harrison Precinct Committees hosted a "special precinct meeting" to which they invited Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to present on the B-line infrastructure changes affecting Cremorne and Neutral Bay.

Approximately 80 people attended the meeting, including State MP Felicity Wilson, Mayor of Mosman Carolyn Corrigan and North Sydney Councillors Zoe Baker, MaryAnn Beregi and Tony Carr. Attendees were from across a number of Precinct areas including Brightmore, Harrison, Holtermann and Registry.

TfNSW staff gave a presentation regarding B-line infrastructure works and changes in the Cremorne and Neutral Bay under the categories - Active Transport, Tree Removal and Replanting, Urban design and landscaping, Design and construction coordination and Off set parking and options.

TfNSW advised they recently conducted a door knock of approximately 4,000 residences to seek feedback as to whether residents would be agreeable to a reduction in the duration of night time works in an effort to reduce impacts on local residents; essentially reducing the total duration of night time works timeframe from 21 weeks to 9 weeks. TfNSW reported an 80% agreement rate. Additional mitigation measures are in place including a 24-hour phone line and offer of alternate accommodation to be offered if the work to be noisy for more than 2 nights in a row.

The Harrison Precinct Committee Co-Convener also presented, detailing the aspects of the B-line design/proposed works which for which they (as members of the B-line Cremorne Committee) have worked to change and or continue to recommend changes, including questioning the need for a trial flow.

The presentations were followed by a Q&A session. At the end of the Q&A a request by the Harrison Precinct Committee Co-Convener, and supported by attendees, was put to B-line staff and Felicity Wilson MP requesting that the installation of a tidal flow in Cremorne be deferred and that the B-line bus be trialled for a minimum of 3 months, in order to collate data, to inform the justification that the tidal flow is indeed needed. A further request was made to Felicity Wilson MP requesting a holistic planning approach by the State Government to the various the integrated infrastructure projects affecting the North Sydney local government as well as surrounding council areas.

The Q&A session was transcribed by the Precinct Committees and is currently being run past TfNSW. Once finalised, the Q&A and TfNSW presentation will be circulated to all Councillors and made available from the Harrison Precinct Committee page of Council's website as well as linked to the related project pages of Council's website.

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