

**Minutes of Bicycle Working Group
Held in Council Chambers, Petersham Service Centre on 21st June, 2018**

The meeting commenced at 6.05pm

Attendees:

Clr Mark Drury (Chair)
Clr Tom Kiat
David Halloran – President Bike Leichhardt
Phillip Johnston – Bike Leichhardt
Ellen Kennedy - LBUG
Ken Shepherd – AshBUG
Rachel Davies – Ashfield Resident
Colin Jones – AshBUG/IWBC
Mac Clark-Dickson – Bike Leichhardt / IWBC
Ian Phillips – Bike Marrickville
John Caley - President of Bike Marrickville
Sara Arthur - Ashfield BUG

Council Officers:

Mr Wal Petschler – Group Manager Roads, Traffic and Stormwater
Mr John Stephens - Traffic and Transport Services Manager
Mr Ken Walsh – Transport Planner
Mr Predrag Gudelj – Project Manager Transport and Infrastructure (Facilitator)
Mr Ryan Hawkins – Project Manager Greenway Delivery

1. **Welcome (Clr Drury)**
2. **Acknowledgement of Country – Clr Drury**
3. **Introductions**
4. **Apologies**
 - Bob Moore
 - Neil Tonkin
5. **Disclosures of Interest**
 - Nil
6. **Draft Terms of Reference**

It was noted that:

- as the Group was constituted as a Working Group and not a Committee of Council, minutes of each meeting would not be presented to a Council Meeting for formal adoption. Rather updates from Working Groups would be provided to Council as part of a bi-monthly Local Democracy report.
- the Group can request Councillors to bring matters before Council by way of Councillor Notice of Motion process.

Working Group participants can request agenda items at meetings or through the Group Manager Roads, Traffic & Stormwater.

Draft terms of reference was endorsed with the above amendments.

7. **Cycleway - Transport Planning Context - Presentation**

Presentation by Ken Walsh attached.

It was noted that Town planning forced to have increased density around the rail stations possibility for Section 94 funding to address infrastructure improvements where there is a nexus.

8. **Cycle Projects Update**

Presentation by Predrag Gudelj attached.

It was noted that:

- The master planning for the proposed upgrade of Marrickville Rd (East of Victoria Rd) incorporating a designated cycleway is nearing completion and will be followed by detail design.
- Lilyfield Rd cycleway proposal will undergo a concept and design review including alternate route proposals put forward by IW Bike Coalition. It was not proposed to remove the current cycleway utilised predominately by commuters.
- Biggest issue for on-road cycleway design was resolving impacts on on-street parking.
- Project updates will be brought to future meetings.

9. **Cycleway Infrastructure Forward Program**

An overview of the proposed 4 year cycleway capital program was presented including:

- On-road cycleway program
- Greenway & parks program
- Parramatta Rd Corridor Urban Amenity Improvement Program involving cycleways including:
 - Dot Lane
 - Johnston Ck

It was noted that:

- Program focus on delivery of existing commitments of legacy councils as dictated by adopted Bike Plans and projects already commenced.
- Program largely dependent on outcome of grant applications.
- Grant funding opportunities various between 50% - 100% for major projects depending on significance of cycle route.
- Planned grant/budget for Lilyfield Rd will likely be reduced in 18/19 to around \$300k due to project re-phasing to accommodate redesign.
- Greenway budget likely to have funds rephased from 18/19 to latter years due to Sydney Trains issues.

- Overall 4 yr potential program in excess of \$50m fully committing council resource capacity.
- Budget adoption to be considered at 26th June Council Meeting – representatives from group are able to address Council concerning budget proposals.
- A briefing on the Greenway Project would be provided at future meeting.
- Old Canterbury Rd/ Weston St intersection/ signal designs to be presented to 26th June Council Meeting for decision.
- Difficulty with former Ashfield not having formal bike plan adopted to attract grants for projects. Relying on bike path map. New Innerwest Bike plan preparation to follow Integrated Transport Plan.
- Request for reprint of Ashfield Bike Path Map to be investigated.

10. City West Cycle Link

- Ken Walsh provided an outline of history of proposal.
- This is still on RMS agenda – section within the linear park to be pursued.
- RMS Rep was Andrew McKindley (Project Director Westconnex) .
- This group to support lobbying for the cycleway
- Suggestion for NOM for the Council, Council officers and local Members to talk to RMS.
- A planning study recommended to elicit support from relevant govt depts
- Agreed that Council should approach RMS for support on City West Link.

11. General Business

- Rachel :- Referred to New Urban Design Plan West Connex – Parramatta Road. Previously 3.6m Footpath – reduced to 1.8M near Ashfield Park & Woolworth site. Request to bring back original footpath width. To be referred to West Connex Unit within the Council to investigate.
- Ian Phillips – Indicated that New bike cages at stations are well operated using Opal Card and should be rolled out to more Rail Stations.
- Clr Drury – Storage of bikes at stations – discussion for next meeting.

12. Next Meeting – Thursday 25th Oct, 2018

The meeting concluded at 8.10pm.