



Bicycle Working Group held on 18 February 2021

**Minutes of Bicycle Working Group
Held via Skype on 18 February 2021**

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm

Attendees:

Clr Mark Drury (Chair)
Clr Tom Kiat (Alternate Chair)
Colin Jones – AshBUG/IWBC
Bob Moore – Bike Leichhardt
Sara Arthur – Ashfield BUG
John Caley – Bike Marrickville
Anna Harvey
Rachel Davies

Council Officers:

Brigid Kelly - Senior Transport Planner, Strategic Planning (Facilitator)
Stephen Joannidis - Urban Amenity Improvement - Delivery Manager
Christina Ip – Business Administration Officer
Ken Welsh – Team Leader Strategic Transport and State Projects

1. Acknowledgement of Country – Clr Drury

2. Apologies

Nil.

3. Disclosures of Interest

Nil

4. Confirmation of Minutes – 15 October 2020

Minutes of the Bicycle Working Group Meeting held on Thursday, 15 October 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

Matters arising from minutes: It was noted that there will be further opportunities to provide input on the Inner West Bicycle Network and the Draft Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan at future BWG meetings.

5. Transport needs to cater for population growth as result of new development under the future Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

A presentation on the projected population growth in the Inner West was provided.

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A plan for development contributions is being developed as part of the LEP and Development Control Plan (DCP) and all local infrastructure needs to be considered including transport, drainage and community facilities.

The Traffic and Transport Needs Study (TTNS) will identify transport infrastructure which may be needed as a result of population growth in the LGA. It will outline transport infrastructure projects to be considered for potential funding from development contributions funding. Suggested infrastructure does not guarantee its inclusion in the TTNS or future contributions plan. Inclusion of infrastructure in the future contributions plan does not guarantee delivery. All infrastructure specified in the future contributions plan is subject to further feasibility assessment, design considerations and stakeholder and community consultations.

The study is expected to be publicly exhibited in 2021.

The BWG provided suggestions on cycling infrastructure to be considered for inclusion in the TTNS including the following:

- Link along Iron Cove Canal to connect Croydon to Rozelle and the city.
- Iron Cove Canal link for children and recreational riders.
- Link to schools.
- Improve links across rail lines, especially the T2 Inner West line.
- Widen refuge islands on north/south crossings to enable cyclists to cross roads safely.
- Bayview Avenue is very narrow for cyclists to move across the Cooks River. Potential cyclist and pedestrian route connecting from Undercliffe Road parallel to Bayview Avenue.
- Upgrade Carrington Road cycleway.
- New on-road cycleway from Sydenham station to Sydney Steel Road linking Edinburgh Road, Darley Road and Lord Street.
- Connect the separated cycleway at the traffic lights on Pymont Bridge Road to Dennison Road.
- Dedicated cycling facility on Wardell Road connecting to the south.
- Bridge over Cooks River needs to be improved.
- Link Rozelle to Leichhardt via Balmain Road.
- Provide link Leichhardt to Marrickville given forecasted growth.
- Route along Ramsey Road, Marion Street and Norton Street.
- Link Rozelle and Balmain to the University of Sydney.
- Dedicated cycling facility from Frederick Street/Croydon Road to Rozelle via Bay Run.
- Cycling infrastructure along Lilyfield Road.
- Supplementary routes linking Leichhardt to Lilyfield Road or Bay Run.
- Dedicated cycling facility along Darling Street, Balmain.
- Low traffic streets around schools.
- Dedicated cycling facility on Elizabeth Street linking to the Greenway and Ashfield pool.
- Addison Road east could be considered for a bicycle boulevard style quietway
- Provide a link between Leichhardt and the Bays Precinct given forecasted growth.

6. General Business

- i. The State Government has agreed to the proposed 40km/h speed zones in local streets. Trial expected to commence at the end of the year. Council is currently negotiating with Transport for NSW on potential State roads where speed limits can be lowered as well as 30km/h zones for high pedestrian local streets.
- ii. Request for 10km/h Shared Zone on Hardie Avenue, Summer Hill and the adjacent car park to improve pedestrian safety. This request can be investigated at the next Summer Hill Local Area Traffic Management study. Council officers will advise further on the timing of the next Summer Hill LATM.
- iii. The State Government has convened a taskforce to investigate interventions and regulations to improve safety in response to recent food delivery rider fatalities. Council officers have written to the State Government requesting that input from Council be included. Testing of proposed interventions are expected to occur between April and October 2021. Bike Leichhardt has requested for a shared path on Parramatta Road between Crystal Street and Norton Street, a route commonly used by food delivery riders, as a short term measure until Parramatta Road is made safer for cyclists.
- iv. Bike Marrickville congratulated Council's work recently completed on the Railway Avenue, Stanmore cycleway and asked for clarity on the ramp proposed for either side of Stanmore Station. Council officers advised that there will be a bike lane immediately outside the station on the road and these works have been delayed by the finalisation of the traffic signals. Council officers will follow up on issues raised regarding the construction of the York Crescent bike path and the ramp off York Crescent at Crystal Street.

The meeting concluded at 7.38pm.