

**Minutes of Bicycle Working Group
Held in Council Function Room, Petersham Service Centre
20th February 2020**

The meeting commenced at 6.10pm

Attendees:

Clr Tom Kiat (Chair)
Colin Jones – AshBUG/IWBC
Rachel Davies – Ashfield Resident
John Caley - President of Bike Marrickville
Bob Moore – Bike Leichhardt
David Martin – Canada Bay BUG
Sara Arthur - Ashfield BUG
Bill Holliday - Bike Leichhardt

Council Officers:

Ms Cathy Edwards-Davis - Director Infrastructure
Mr Predrag Gudelj – Project Manager (Facilitator)
Mr Manod Wickramasinghe – Traffic & Transport Planning Manager
Ms Brigid Kelly - Senior Transport Planner, Strategic Planning
Mr Stephen Joannidis - Urban Amenity Improvement - Delivery Manager

1. Acknowledgement of Country – Clr Kiat

2. Introductions - new members

3. Apologies

- Clr Mark Drury
- Neil Tonkin – IWBC
- Ken Welsh – Team Leader Strategic Transport and State Projects
- Stuart Hull - Senior Manager Capital Works
- Ryan Hawken – Project Manager Greenway Delivery

4. Disclosures of Interest

- Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Bike Working Group Meeting held on Thursday, 17th October 2019 were confirmed as a correct record.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- c) *Brigid Kelly to draft dot points for Clr Drury and Clr Kiat to prepare a Notice of Motion about the proposed cycling infrastructure at Sydenham Station.*

- Brigid advised that Council wrote to the Minister regarding the proposed cycling infrastructure at Sydenham Station. No response was received yet. Council to follow up.

7. Lists of cycleway priorities in former Leichhardt, Ashfield and Marrickville

Council areas items.

Updated project 'wish lists', submitted by bike groups for Leichhardt, Marrickville & Ashfield, distributed for review along with officer comments prior to the meeting.

Bike Leichhardt provided comments on it prior to the meeting. Comments will be reviewed by Council officers and the response will be provided by the next meeting

Discussed items:

Leichhardt area:

Item 2d - Urban Amenity Improvement - Delivery Manager advised that the item is outside of the scope of Stage 1 Urban Amenity Improvement Program project.

Item 3 - Urban Amenity Improvement - Delivery Manager advised that the item will be considered at Part 2 of UAIP project. Also, he advised that it is proposed to have shared pedestrian/cyclist path along Parramatta Rd from Nelson St to Pyrmont Bridge Rd. Consultant is currently working on the proposal for cycleway along Pyrmont Bridge Rd and Dennison St. The proposal will be dependent on the Westconnex works occurring in the area.

Bill Holliday suggested a connection between Nelson St and Pyrmont Bridge Rd through McCarthy Lane and Cahill St.

8. General Business

- a) Predrag Gudelj to provide status of the projects previously listed on the Council's program from former Marrickville area.
- b) Discussion on how to get state funding without bike plan.

Cathy Edwards-Davis advised that Inner West Council's CEO's position is to not spend Council's budget on engaging consultants to prepare a Bike Plan. The CEO would not disagree with having high level Master Bike Plan focusing on the local connections.

Brigid Kelly advised that she has already started mapping major cycleways in the area and that we could prepare a high level Bike Plan in house.

Bob requested that items listed in the priority lists continue regardless of the Bike Plan development.

Group agreed that Ashfield area should be a priority as there is no existing Bike Plan.

Council to provide feedback at the next meeting on how to progress with this.

- c) Stephen Joannidis provided status update on the following projects:
 - Local cycleways in St Peters area – detail design stage is commencing
 - New cycleway bridge over railway line near Bedwin Rd – Piling proposed to start in November 2020. Expected finish June 2021
 - Lilyfield Rd cycleway – new concept design expected to be on exhibition in early March 2020 together with Rozelle goods yard proposal.

d) Greenway update

- Greenway on-road detailed design out for engagement from 18 Feb to 8 March
- To facilitate Seawall upgrade in 2020/21 and Bay Run upgrade in 2021/22, Council is looking at instating a bicycle contra flow at end of Hawthorne Parade to allow diversion through Robson Park and along Dobroyd and Hawthorne Parade. A letter will be sent to IWBC for comment along with local residents, seeking comment.
- Council will be concentrating and prioritising work around Richard Murden Reserve

e) Replacement pedestrian and cycle over bridges at Victoria Rd

Three existing bridges are being demolished as part of Westconnex work. Expected to be demolished on 21 March 2020. There is no plan to replace the over bridges once the WestConnex works have finished. Contractor will build a temporary bridge for pedestrians and cyclists to connect Victoria Rd and Anzac bridge once initial works are completed.

Council is pursuing to have a signalised pedestrian/cyclist crossing at the intersection of Victoria Rd and Robert St.

9. Next Meeting: Thursday 18th June 2020.

The meeting concluded at 7.40pm.