



INNER WEST COUNCIL

Transport Advisory Committee

Monday 22 March 2021

Skype Meeting

Meeting summary

The meeting commenced at 6.10pm

Present

Community Members	Staff	Councillors
Bob Moore (Chair)	Manod Wickramasinghe	
Angelo Arulanandam	Ken Welsh	
Colin Jones		
Dianne Clemens		
Sarah Low		
Fiona Campbell		
Fred Gennaoui (late arrival)		
Bill Holiday (late arrival)		

Apologies

Neil Tonkin, Alan Finlay, Brigid Kelly, Pip Hyde

Disclosure of interest

There were no disclosures or conflicts of interest.

Procedural Elements

1. Welcome
2. Acknowledgement of Country
3. Apologies (as above)
4. Disclosures of Interest (as above)
5. Confirmation of meeting summary– confirmed.

Discussion items

Item	Summary	Recommendation/action	Council response
Item 6	POWERING AHEAD - Electric Vehicle Encouragement Strategy	<p>Members ideas included:</p> <p>Questions 1 & 2</p> <p>1) What would you like Council to achieve through this study? (<i>high level</i>)</p> <p>2) What outcomes would you like to see as a result of this study/policy? (<i>finer grain</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EV charging should be powered by renewables • Inclusion of all EVs with prioritisation of the most popular types (eg e-bikes) • Safety of EV charging • Implications of on-street provision should be carefully considered before being implemented • Permanent kerbside EV charging facilities could sterilise opportunities for cycleways • Consider all types of EVs including commercial • Look at the needs of residential areas that don't have off-street parking • Consider centralised EV charging hubs with several stations in the one place • Should be accompanied by behavioural change incentives to encourage use of other sustainable modes, especially for commutes and short trips • Note the benefit of quietness of EVs • Consider converting Council's trucks to an electric fleet • Consider developing a "score card" as part of the process for approving retrofit of charging facilities for individual houses (eg consider opportunities to rate people's "greenness" as part of the approval process for providing them with localised charging facilities) • DCP should include EV charging in new developments <p>Question 3</p> <p><i>What are the key concerns regarding EVs that need to be addressed for the community?</i></p>	<p>Consideration will be given to these comments during preparation of the EV Encouragement Strategy</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting people to think about their mode choices • Increased EV uptake (in place of ICE vehicles) and not for short trips • Car Share EVs • Increased proportion of EV trucks and vans (in comparison to ICEs) • Getting people to understand that EVs are only a small part of the answer to a more sustainable environment. (eg there is still a high component of embedded carbon in EVs and they are only beneficial if using renewable power sources) <p>Question 4 <i>What actions would you like this study to recommend?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information to explain what “green travel choices” involve and that the use of EVs is only part of the answer • Increased use of EVs as car share • Council’s fleet to be converted to EVs (<i>this is currently underway</i>) • Inclusion of e-cargo bikes in Council’s fleet • Provision of charging facilities in new developments as well as Council car parks, with kerbside parking only provided on a site-specific basis (using a strong, uniformly accepted criteria/checklist) • Future-proofing of new developments to permit an increased number of charging facilities and/or new developments should provide suitable power outlets (to permit EV charging) to all car spaces • All EV charging should use renewable power sources • A series/package of incentives to encourage EV uptake • Simplified approval process for establishment of charging facilities • Establishment of some “pilot schemes” to get charging in soon 	
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Item 7	Food Delivery Riders– discussion of safety concerns, particularly for seniors	<p>Ideas from members included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay FDRs as employees (ie hourly rate) • Brighter taillights, possibly two bright separated lights • Increase awareness of all road and path users • Danger is when FDRs on footpath ride across side streets • Establish a road/path user protocol • Consider re-thinking riding on footpaths- at present the generalised approach doesn't recognise different conditions in different places (eg Parramatta Road at Leichhardt has lots of pedestrians so you shouldn't ride on the path but when you get to western parts of Parramatta Road, say Auburn, there's hardly any pedestrians so there should be potential to ride on the path) • FDRs could have ID cards so that they can be readily identified – this could encourage better behaviour • Council should identify location where high FDR activity is likely and find ways to accommodate them in their bike plan (or similar) • Increased awareness of all road/path users, including potential for “Share the Path” campaigns • The need for behavioural protocols for FDRs, motor vehicles and pedestrians • Identifying areas safe and suitable for FDRs to ride • <i>(It was indicated that the Industry Action Plan was available – however a search indicated this was an early draft that did not have recommendations at this time – once IAP is released IWC will circulate to TAC members)</i> 	Council officers to consider ways to incorporate these comments into appropriate policies/strategies
Item 8 Other business	8.1 Iron Cove Creek Cycleway (Sarah Low)	<p>Members were informed that the <i>Friends of Iron Cove</i> are currently running a survey to look at potential support for a shared path running parallel and/or over Iron Cove Creek (from Iron Cove). The survey is available via links on their website https://ironcovecreek.org/)</p>	
	8.2 Thanks to Council Staff	<p>Angelo Arulanandam expressed formal thanks to Council Officers for responding to his request at the last TAC meeting - that Sydney Trains be contacted</p>	

	(Angelo Arulanandam)	regarding flooding issues at Lewisham Station. He noted that during the recent heavy rains Sydney Trains Staff were providing additional pump out services and maintaining the underpass.	
Meeting Concluded:		7.35 pm	

FUTURE MEETINGS:

- *21 June 2021*
- *13 September 2021*
- *6 December 2021*