INNER WEST

GreenWay Community Forum

Monday 9 May 2022

5.30 – 7.00pm

Online

Chair: Alex Lofts

Meeting Open and housekeeping

Acknowledgment of Country and Welcome from Chair

Reports from Officers

Reports from forum members and community groups

Questions on notice

1. Actions in Cooks to Cove Master Plan not included in the current scope of capital works
   In the Master Plan adopted by Council in 2018 there's a bunch of actions which don't feature in the current capital works program, but could be actioned by other staff and potentially funded by other parts of Council. It would be good to know what is being done about these. Examples in the Hawthorne Canal Precinct (p106 of Master Plan) include activation along Canal Rd, learn to ride bike track on the new basketball courts, retaining and extending the existing bushcare site on the Western side of the pedestrian bridge etc. Examples in the Lewisham West Precinct (p118) include implementation of the comprehensive public domain design guidelines and improvements either side of the GreenWay/light rail. As has been said often, the GreenWay is a lot more than a 3m wide bike path and whilst the capital works continue to be delayed, we need to maintain interest and community/stakeholder involvement by actioning these other projects in the Master Plan, many of which will cost very little money.

2. GreenWay schools active travel

   At the 8 March 2022 Council meeting there was an agenda item about addressing the dangerous West Street road crossing outside Petersham Public School *"item No: C0322(1) Item 19 Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: RAILWAY TERRACE AND WEST STREET PETERSHAM INTERSECTION From: Councillor Chloe Smith".* Parag. 6 of the subsequent motion states that Council *"Commits to working with local schools, P&Cs, and residents on measures to support safe walking and cycling to and from schools, and commences immediate planning work to identify and cost potential safety measures for implementation as part of the 2022-23 budget".* You may recall that as part of the Greenway Place Management Program, we worked with 4 local public schools on the identification of safe paths for walking and cycling (Kegworth, Petersham, Summer Hill and Canterbury public schools). Safety audits of the routes identified by the students have been done and minor pedestrian improvement works designed and costed for each school. We just needed to find a staff resource and some funding to get the minor works underway. This was one of several projects which fell in a heap after I left, despite me securing written confirmation from the school principals of 3 of the schools that they were keen to continue. Given the recent Motion, I would suggest that the Committee ask what Council is intending to do to respond to the Motion and we should propose that these 4 GreenWay schools be re-engaged and the projects recommence.

3. Interactive GIS

   Quinn mentioned a few meetings back that IWC was progressing on this with the Greenway being a trial area. Any further news?

4. GreenWay archive/repository

   Is there an overall repository of information/reporting/publications on the Greenway? I have a lot of material that would like to be archived/held for the public.

5. Weed and vegetation management

   Is there a vegetation management strategy/plan current for the greenway bushcare sites as well as associated planted areas? Weeds seem to have got away the last few months with all the rain. There is also the issue of vegetation removal using spraying by the railway contractor in the area adjacent to Fred St. Is this to continue? Raises the question of how this was allowed in the first place.

6. Weston Street

   Any way the closure of Weston St and installation of signals can be expedited? What is the expected timing now?

7. Monitoring the GreenWay success

   Any plan in place to monitor/assess use of the Greenway when the trail is fully in place compared with current? This can help any best practice model that might assist other similar projects. Need to get something in place now so the positive impacts can be documented.

General business