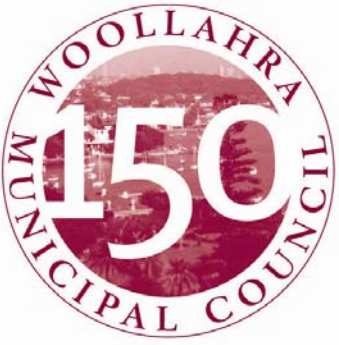


Community & Environment Committee



Agenda: *Community & Environment Committee*

Date: *Monday 24 May 2010*

Time: *6.00pm*

Outline of Meeting Protocol & Procedure:

- The Chairperson will call the Meeting to order and ask the Committee/Staff to present apologies or late correspondence.
- The Chairperson will commence the Order of Business as shown in the Index to the Agenda.
- At the beginning of each item the Chairperson will ask whether a member(s) of the public wish to address the Committee.
- If person(s) wish to address the Committee, they are allowed four (4) minutes in which to do so. Please direct comments to the issues at hand.
- If there are persons representing both sides of a matter (eg applicant/objector), the person(s) against the recommendation speak first.
- At the conclusion of the allotted four (4) minutes, the speaker resumes his/her seat and takes no further part in the debate unless specifically called to do so by the Chairperson.
- If there is more than one (1) person wishing to address the Committee from the same side of the debate, the Chairperson will request that where possible a spokesperson be nominated to represent the parties.
- The Chairperson has the discretion whether to continue to accept speakers from the floor.
- After considering any submissions the Committee will debate the matter (if necessary), and arrive at a recommendation (R items which proceed to Full Council) or a resolution (D items for which the Committee has delegated authority).

Recommendation only to the Full Council (“R” Items)

- Such matters as are specified in Section 377 of the Local Government Act and within the ambit of the Committee considerations.
- Matters which involve broad strategic or policy initiatives within responsibilities of Committee.
- Matters requiring the expenditure of moneys and in respect of which no Council vote has been made.
- Matters delegated to the Council by the Traffic Authority of NSW.
- Matters not within the specified functions of the Committee,
- Matters reserved by individual Councillors in accordance with any Council policy on "safeguards" and substantive changes.
- Parks and Reserves Plans of Management (Strategies, Policies and Objectives).
- Residential Parking Schemes - Provision and Policies.

Delegated Authority (“D” Items)

- Community Services and Programs.
- Library Services
- Health.
- Licensing.
- Liquor Licences.
- Regulatory.
- Fire Protection Orders.
- Residential Parking Schemes (surveillance and administration).
- Traffic Management (Traffic Committee Recommendations).
- Waste Minimisation.
- To require such investigations, reports or actions as considered necessary in respect of matters contained within the Business Agendas (and as may be limited by specific Council resolution).
- Confirmation of the Minutes of its Meetings.
- Any other matter falling within the responsibility of the Community and Environment Committee and not restricted by the Local Government Act or required to be a Recommendation to Full Council as listed above.
- Statutory reviews of Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

Committee Membership:

7 Councillors

Quorum:

The quorum for a Committee meeting is 4 Councillors.

WOOLLAHRA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

20 May 2010

To: His Worship The Mayor, Councillor Andrew Petrie ex-officio
Councillors Sean Carmichael (Chair)
Anthony Boskovitz
Nicola Grieve
Susan Jarnason
Greg Medcraft
Isabelle Shapiro
Susan Wynne (Deputy)

Dear Councillors

Community & Environment Committee Meeting – 24 May 2010

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, I request your attendance at a Meeting of the Council's **Community and Environment Committee** to be held in the **Council Chambers, 536 New South Head Road, Double Bay, on Monday 24 May 2010 at 6.00pm.**

Gary James
General Manager

Additional Information Relating to Committee Matters

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Other Matters

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Items to be Submitted to the Council for Decision with Recommendations from this Committee - Nil

Item No: D1 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 10 May 2010**
Author: Les Windle, Manager - Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 10 May 2010 were previously circulated. In accordance with the guidelines for Committees' operations it is now necessary that those Minutes be formally taken as read and confirmed.

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 10 May 2010 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle
Manager – Governance

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Extraordinary Meeting No.04a/10 Minutes – 12 May 2010**
Author: Tom O’Hanlon – Director, Technical Services
File No: 595.G 2010
Reason for Report: For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.

Recommendation:

- A. That the Recommendations Y6-Y9 contained in the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Woollahra Traffic Committee held by email on 12 May 2010 be adopted.
 - B. That the Traffic Committee items be funded as outlined in Annexure 1.
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Tom O’Hanlon
Director - Technical Services

Annexure 1

| <u>Traffic Item</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Funding</u> |
|----------------------------|--|---|
| Y6 | No.9 Village Lower Road, Vaucluse – Works Zone | Works Zone is in an area zoned as Residential 2(a). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council's adopted fees and charges for this zoning. |
| Y7 | No.70 Edgecliff Road, Woollahra – Works Zone | Works Zone is in an area zoned as Special (School). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council's adopted fees and charges for this zoning. |
| Y8 | No.83-85 Wallaroy Road (Edgecliff Road), Woollahra – Works Zone | Works Zone is in an area zoned as Residential 2(b). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council's adopted fees and charges for this zoning. |
| Y9 | No.108 Wolseley Road, Point Piper – Works Zone | Works Zone is in an area zoned as Residential 2(a). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council's adopted fees and charges for this zoning. |

Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes

The extraordinary meeting of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee (Meeting No.04a/10) was held by email on Wednesday 12 May 2010.

1. Attendance

Committee Members:

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| Present: | Mr Alan Opera (Chairman) | (Woollahra Municipal Council) |
| | Mr Kyle Wells | (Roads and Traffic Authority) |
| | Const Louise Tsolaklis | (Rose Bay Police - Traffic) |
| | Ms Robyn Attuell | (Clover Moore MP Representative) |
| | Mr John Giblin | (Peter Debnam MP Representative) |

2. Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Item No: Y6 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **No. 9 Village Lower Road, Vacluse – Works Zone**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt14

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

That the application for a Works Zone to serve the development at No.9 Village Lower Road, Vacluse not be approved.

Item No: Y7 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **No. 70 Edgecliff Road, Woollahra – Works Zone**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt14

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.70 Edgecliff Road, Woollahra. The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the southern side of Edgecliff Road from 1.7 metres east of the prolongation of the western side boundary of No.64 Edgecliff Road for a distance of 12 metres in a westerly direction and is subject to the following conditions:

- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
 - ii. The Works Zone is to operate between the hours of 7.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri and 7.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 22 weeks from June, 2010 (to be calculated from sign installation date).
 - iii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site, and if necessary to and from the adjacent street system, in accordance with the RTA's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual.
 - iv. A Permit to Stand Plant will be required for all concrete pours, deliveries and/or truck presences in relation to the construction works.
 - v. Existing "No Parking" is to be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
 - vi. The applicant must ensure that the traffic lanes, footpaths and driveways, adjacent to the Works Zone, remain free of obstruction at all times during the construction.
 - vii. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.
 - viii. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
 - ix. Should the Works Zone be required for a period longer than the approved period, permission from the Director of Technical Services is required to extend the Works Zone.
 - x. Should the Works Zone be required for additional hours of operation on any particular day, any amendment will require the approval of the Woollahra Traffic Committee.
- B. That the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone.

Item No: Y8 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for consideration.

Subject: No. 83-85 Wallaroy Road (Edgecliff Road), Woollahra – Works Zone

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt14

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.83-85 Wallaroy Road, Woollahra on the development site frontage in Edgecliff Road. The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the northern side of Edgecliff Road from the western side of the double driveway to the property for a distance of 7 metres in a westerly direction and is subject to the following conditions:
- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
 - ii. The Works Zone is to operate between the hours of 7.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri and 7.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 26 weeks from June, 2010 (to be calculated from sign installation date).
 - iii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site, and if necessary to and from the adjacent street system, in accordance with the RTA's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual.
 - iv. A Permit to Stand Plant will be required for all concrete pours, deliveries and/or truck presences in relation to the construction works.

- v. Existing unrestricted parking is to be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
- vi. The applicant must ensure that the traffic lanes, footpaths and driveways, adjacent to the Works Zone, remain free of obstruction at all times during the construction.
- vii. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.
- viii. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
- ix. Should the Works Zone be required for a period longer than the approved period, permission from the Director of Technical Services is required to extend the Works Zone.
- x. Should the Works Zone be required for additional hours of operation on any particular day, any amendment will require the approval of the Woollahra Traffic Committee.

B. That the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone.

Item No: Y9 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: No. 108 Wolseley Road, Point Piper – Works Zone
Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer
File No: 407.G Pt14
Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.108 Wolseley Road, Point Piper. The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the western side of Wolseley Road from 1.6 metres north of the prolongation of the common boundary between Nos 106A and 108 Wolseley Road for a distance of 12 metres in a northerly direction and is subject to the following conditions:
- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
 - ii. The Works Zone is to operate between the hours of 7.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri and 7.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 52 weeks from June, 2010 (to be calculated from sign installation date).
 - iii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site, and if necessary to and from the adjacent street system, in accordance with the RTA's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual.
 - iv. A Permit to Stand Plant will be required for all concrete pours, deliveries and/or truck presences in relation to the construction works.
 - v. Existing unrestricted parking is to be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
 - vi. The applicant must ensure that the traffic lanes, footpaths and driveways, adjacent to the Works Zone, remain free of obstruction at all times during the construction.
 - vii. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.
 - viii. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.

- ix. Should the Works Zone be required for a period longer than the approved period, permission from the Director of Technical Services is required to extend the Works Zone.
 - x. Should the Works Zone be required for additional hours of operation on any particular day, any amendment will require the approval of the Woollahra Traffic Committee.
- B. That the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone.
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Alan Opera
Chair

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Sustainability Task Force 2010**
Author: Chris Munro, Team Leader Environment & Sustainability
File No: 1142.G Ecological Sustainability Task Force
Reason for Report: To circulate the minutes from recent Ecological Sustainability Taskforce Meetings.

Recommendations:

That Council:

- A. Adopt the minutes of the 2nd 3rd & 4th Ecological Sustainable Taskforce Meetings.
- B. Note the projects achieved since the 1st Ecological Sustainable Taskforce Meetings.

Background

On the 23 March 2009 Council resolved to establish a Ecological Sustainability Task Force reporting to the Community & Environment Committee.

The role of the Task Force is to review and recommend Council strategy in relation to sustainability initiatives and policies in the areas of:

- A. Water
- B. Energy
- C. Public Transport
- D. Waste Management
- E. Carbon reduction.

Membership for the Ecological Taskforce includes five Councillors and the Chair appointed by the Mayor, and Council staff. The Mayor has appointed Councillor Medcraft as the Chair.

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| Andrew Petrie | Mayor |
| Greg Medcraft | Chair, Councillor |
| Chris Howe | Councillor |
| Toni Zeltzer | Councillor |
| Nicola Grieve | Councillor |
| Ian Plater | Councillor |
| Tom O'Hanlon | Director Technical Services |
| Bruce Rann | Manager Open Space and Trees |
| Chris Munro | Team Leader Environment & Sustainability |

Ecological Sustainable Taskforce (EST) - Minutes.

The 1st EST meeting was held on Wednesday 10th June 2009.

The Minutes from the first meeting and the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Ecological Sustainable Taskforce were adopted by Council on 29th June 2009.

Please find the minutes attached for the following Ecological Sustainable Taskforce Meetings;

- 27 August 2009
- 4 November 2009
- 26 February 2010

The minutes have been attached to this report as Annexure 1.

Actions & Projects

The main actions and projects progressed since the first EST meeting include;

| PROJECT | STATUS |
|--|---|
| Carbon Reduction Strategy & Action Plan | Commissioned professional consultants Kinesis to help council prepare a Carbon Reduction Strategy and Action Plan. |
| Greenhouse Gas Audit | Undertaken an inventory of 2008/2009 Green House Gas Emissions. This information was used by Kinesis to set an achievable reduction target of 30% by 2025. |
| Climate Change Workshop | Organised a Public Information session on Climate Change for Councillors, Staff and the Community. |
| Sustainable Business | Commenced working with local business to achieve water and energy savings. |
| Environmental Website | New Environmental website has been launched. |
| Community Solar Project | Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra Councils have received Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from solar hot water suppliers and/or installers (i.e. service providers) to participate in a joint community program. |
| Climate Change Adaptation Plan | Completed Risk Identification workshops to plan for impacts associated with Climate Change. The Report will be presented to Council in the near future. |
| Environmental Information Book | Environmental information books highlighting Council achievements have been placed in the customer service area and Council libraries. |

Chris Munro
Team Leader
Environment & Sustainability

Tom O'Hanlon
Technical Services

Annexure1 : Ecological Sustainability Taskforce - Minutes from Mtg 2, Mtg 3, and Mtg 4.

Item No: D4 Delegated to Committee

Subject: **Delivery Program 2009 to 2013 and Operational Plan 2009/10 (DPOP) Quarterly Progress Report December 2009 – Goals (1) – A Connected & Harmonious Community, (2) – A Supported Community, (3) – A Creative & Vibrant Community, (5) – A Liveable Place, (7) – Protecting Our Environment & (8) – Sustainable Use Of Resources**

Author: Kylie Walshe – Director Community Services
Tom O’Hanlon – Director Technical Services

File No: 1229.G

Reason for Report: To review the status of the Priorities and Actions in Council Delivery Program 2009 to 2013 and Operational Plan 2009/10 for the three months ending 31 March 2010.

Recommendation:

- A. That the March 2010 Quarterly Progress Report on Goal 1 (A connected & harmonious community), Goal 2 (A supported community), Goal 3 (A creative & vibrant community), Goal 5 (A liveable place), Goal 7 (Protecting our environment) and Goal 8 (Sustainable use of resources) of Council’s Delivery Program 2009 to 2013 and Operational Plan 2009/10 and the report on Outstanding Notices of Motion be received and noted.
- B. That the minor wording amendments to the Priorities as outlined in the report be endorsed.

Background:

In June 2009 Council adopted the Delivery Program 2009 to 2013 and Operational Plan 2009/10 (DPOP) in line with the then proposed Integrated Planning & Reporting Legislation.

The Integrated Planning & Reporting Legislation was assented to on 9 October 2009 and as a consequence of the legislation, the Local Government Act 1993 was amended to require Council to report on the progress of its Delivery Program at least every six (6) months. In response to the amendments and in order to ensure that Council’s reporting to the community remains transparent, timely and manageable under the new legislation, progress reports on the Delivery Program and Operational Plan will be presented quarterly for the end of September, December, March and June each year.

The framework for quarterly progress reports is consistent with the structure of the Delivery Program and Operational Plan developed around the following broad interrelated Themes and supporting Goals:

- Theme: Community well-being**
- Goal 1: A connected and harmonious community.
 - Goal 2: A supported community.
 - Goal 3: A creative and vibrant community.

Theme: Places and spaces

- Goal 4: Sustainable built form.
Goal 5: A liveable place.
Goal 6: Moving around.

Theme: A healthy environment

- Goal 7: Protecting our environment.
Goal 8: Sustainable use of resources.

Theme: Local prosperity

- Goal 9: Community focused economic development.

Theme: Community leadership and participation

- Goal 10: Working together.
Goal 11: A well managed Council.

Annexure 1 to this report is Council's Quarterly Progress Report for the period 1 July 2009 to 31 March 2010 for Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8, being most relevant to the Community & Environment Committee.

Progress comments for all Delivery Program 2009 to 2013 Priorities and Operational Plan 2009/10 Actions are provided in the tables of Annexure 1. Council staff update these comments on an ongoing basis for internal management purposes with the comments then collated at the end of the quarter for reporting to Council and the community. Generally, actions included in the Operational Plan 2009/10 relate to the current financial year, however there are a number of actions that extend beyond June 2010, as indicated in the Target Date column.

As this is the third quarterly report for 2009/10, the final column in the tables headed "Updated Comments" may contain a tick in this column to indicate that the comments relating to that Action have been updated since the previous quarterly report to Council. This will enable Councillors and other readers of the report to easily identify where an Action status has been updated.

In line with a previously adopted Notice of Motion, the status of outstanding Notices of Motion are also submitted to the Committee for consideration as the final schedule in Annexure 1, also linked to the above Goals.

Additionally, following the March 2010 quarterly review staff recognised three priorities which warrant minor re-wording and it is recommended that the wording be endorsed by the Committee.

| Current wording within DPOP | | Recommended revised wording | |
|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|
| 1.4.2 | Participate in the Eastern Suburbs Local Government Regional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Forum. | 1.4.2 | Participate in the Eastern Region Local Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Forum (ERLGATSI). |
| 5.1.2 | Staged implementation of recommendations in the Access Action Plan relating to community and recreation facilities. | 5.1.2 | Implement improved access to community and recreation facilities. |
| 5.5.2 | Staged implementation of recommendations in the Disability Action Plan relating to town centres and neighbourhoods. | 5.5.2 | Implement improved access to town centres and neighbourhoods. |

The revised wording for 1.4.2 is due to an inaccurate title, with 5.1.2 and 5.5.2 proposed to be amended in accordance with the new Access Policy and Action Plan, adopted 10 May 2010. Whilst still focussing on the needs of people with a disability and recognising the importance of the physical and built environment, the Access Policy and Action Plan 2010-2013 embraces a more holistic interpretation of the concept of access. The definition of access for the new plan includes access to social infrastructure in addition to just focussing on the built environment. Based on this, the new Access Policy and Action Plan does not include recommendations on physical access. The revised wording of the Priorities reflect Council's ongoing commitment to improving physical access to community and recreation facilities and town centres and neighbourhoods.

Conclusion:

It is recommended that the March 2010 Quarterly Progress Report on Goal 1 (A connected & harmonious community), Goal 2 (A supported community), Goal 3 (A creative & vibrant community), Goal 5 (A liveable place), Goal 7 (Protecting our environment) and Goal 8 (Sustainable use of resources) of Council's Delivery Program 2009 to 2013 and Operational Plan 2009/10 and the report on Outstanding Notices of Motion be received and noted.

Kylie Walshe
Director Community Services

Tom O'Hanlon
Director Technical Services

Annexures:

- 1 DPOP Quarterly Progress Report March 2010 and Outstanding Notices of Motion for Goal 1 (A connected & harmonious community), Goal 2 (A supported community), Goal 3 (A creative & vibrant community), Goal 5 (A liveable place), Goal 7 (Protecting our environment) and Goal 8 (Sustainable use of resources) – *distributed separately*.

Item No: D5 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Woollahra Bicycle Strategy - 2009/2010 Implementation Plan**
Author: Alan Opera, Manager – Engineering Services
File No: 256.G Bicycle Projects
Reason for Report: To report on Councillor’s views on the implementation of the Woollahra Bicycle Strategy Implementation Plan for 2009/2010

Recommendations:

- A. That the installation of the bicycle routes as shown in Drawing 14582 Sheets 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 Rev B be approved for construction and that these routes be implemented as a matter of urgency in order to secure RTA grant funding for these works in the current financial year.
- B. That the bicycle routes as shown in Drawing 14582 Sheet 4 (Route A7) and Sheet 5 (Route A10) be deferred for further consultation with members of the Traffic Committee and for implementation in 2010/2011.
- C. That Council’s grant application to the RTA for bicycle route funding for 2010/2011 be varied to include the bicycle routes which are not implemented in the current financial year.

Background

At its meeting held on 16 November, 2009, Council resolved to adopt the Woollahra Bicycle Strategy 2009 and that implementation of the various projects of the Strategy be the subject of further reports to the Community & Environment Committee.

In February 2010 the Community & Environment Committee considered an implementation strategy which detailed the bicycle routes to be installed in 2009/2010 as a result of the 2009 bicycle strategy review, and individual route designs were to be referred to the Traffic Committee and then referred to the Community & Environment Committee for approval. Council officers sought, and the RTA approved, a revised grant application so as to include the new implementation plan.

This matter was subsequently called to Council and at its meeting held on 10 May 2010 Council considered Item Y12 of the Traffic Committee meetings held on 9 & 14 April 2010, and resolved inter alia:

“B. That in relation to Y12, Council resolve as follows:

- A. That the installation of the Bicycle Routes as shown in Drawing 14582 Sheets 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 Rev B be approved for construction.*
- B. That the Bicycle Route as shown in Drawing 14582 Sheet 4 (Route A7) and Sheet 5 (Route A10) be deferred for further consultation with members of the Traffic Committee.*
- C. That Council’s staff liaise and consult with the RTA so that the bicycle lanterns are installed at the traffic control signals on Route A2: New South Head Road - Vaocluse Road to Towns Road, Vaocluse and Route B1: Neild Avenue and New South Head Road, Edgecliff.*

- D. *Having noted that \$48,000 in grant funding for bike paths will not be available after 30 June 2010, the Committee urges Council to make a firm decision in respect of Item Y12 at the Council Meeting on 10 May 2010.*
- E. *That staff urgently consult with Councillors on the proposed routes and that an urgent report be brought to the Community Environment Committee following that response on the proposed routes.*
- C.(sic) *That the Traffic Committee items be funded as outlined in Annexure 1.”*

This report deals specifically with parts D. and E. of the above resolution.

At the Council meeting some councillors expressed concern that bike routes and signage were to be installed in cul-de-sacs at Hillside Avenue and Transvaal Avenue. It is pointed out that neither of these streets is proposed as a bike route. Unfortunately the plans are misleading and the signage identified by councillors to be in Hillside Avenue and in Transvaal Avenue is actually limited to warning signs at the intersecting roads which are bike routes (i.e. New South Head Road in the case of Hillside Avenue, and Cross Street in the case of Transvaal Avenue).

Grant funding of the 2009/2010 program for the Bicycle Strategy (i.e. Part D. of the above resolution) is discussed later in this report.

In order to expedite this matter (i.e. Part E. of the above resolution) an email was forwarded to all councillors on 11 May 2010 requesting verbal or written comments from councillors by the close of business on 14 May 2010. Responses have been received from five councillors as follows:

Response from Councillors

Cr. Boskovitz

“I have reservations about the implementation of bike lanes across our municipality until there is some way to ensure the safety of all road users whether they be pedestrians, drivers or bicyclists.

Until such time that safety is ensured, I believe that it would be irresponsible of Council to proceed with the implementation of bike lanes.

I have reservations about their implementation on our main roads including Old South Head Road which is one way for much of the journey, New South Head Road which is narrow and overflowing with motorists and Oxford Street where parking will be threatened.

There are also other lanes in other smaller, narrower streets that I have reservations about.”

Comments: The program of works for 2009/2010 includes ten routes, of which three routes (routes A2, A7 and B1) include works on or across New South Head Road and no routes include works on Old South Head Road or Oxford Street.

Route A2 involves approximately 50 metres of shared path on the eastern side of New South Head Road between Hillside Avenue and Towns Road. This leads to a by-pass route which is specifically designed to direct cyclists away from New South Head Road between Towns Road and Norwich Road, thereby by-passing “Heartbreak Hill”.

Route A7 includes works to connect between bicycle routes in Cross Street and Bellevue Road. Route B1 includes works to connect between Neild Avenue and Rushcutters Park bicycle routes. Both proposals involve crossings of New South Head Road only.

All routes have been appraised in terms of safety and nine of these routes have been recommended for approval by the Traffic Committee. The other route, namely Route A7, has been deferred on safety grounds for further consultation with the Police and RTA. The safety issue in respect of Route A7, however, is not a matter of whether Route A7 should be implemented but moreover a design issue in Victoria Road where cyclists are required to merge from a shared pathway to a traffic lane.

The use of main roads for bicycle routes has been considered in the Woollahra Bicycle Strategy 2009. In general, proposed bicycle routes on the Municipality's main roads are long term proposals and are not proposed as exclusive separated bike lanes.

Cr. Carmichael

"I want to raise Bellevue Road as a particular issue.

Much of the section of the road identified is a Pedestrian 40k Zone. It features two raised pedestrian crossings designed to reduce traffic speeds. A pedestrian precinct such as this one should place pedestrians as the key safety issue. When motorists are already highly alert for pedestrians and are required to slow down, and when there is a school zone as you leave the center alerting motorists to vulnerable school children, even more signage identifying other road users starts to become redundant and unnecessarily clutters a shopping center, which in part was recently designed to reduce street signage clutter.

Further, I understand cyclists are legally classed as pedestrians anyway and so I think for the purposes of the bike plan it could be legitimate to omit the signage while maintaining the understood pathway, given it is indeed a pedestrian precinct.

Tom O'Hanlon has also indicated the painted green bike path next to the horse trough would be reviewed. This is excellent to hear as I believe fluorescent green paint would detract from the value of this historic site."

Comments: Route A7 (Bellevue Road) has been deferred for further consultation with the Police and the RTA. The purpose of reviewing this proposal relates to the means of merging the shared bicycle/pedestrian path in Victoria Road near to the horse trough with vehicle traffic in Victoria Road. This deferral does not relate to Cr. Carmichael's concerns of signs and lines proliferation in Bellevue Road. It is important to note that the Traffic Committee in considering this bike route acknowledged that it was a low-speed precinct (40K Zone) and accordingly a minimum number of signs has been proposed.

Cyclists are not classed as pedestrians and when they are permitted to ride on footpaths, as happens with a shared footpath route, they must give way to pedestrians.

The current proposal for Bellevue Road provides for shared bike routes on the roadway, not on the footpaths, and therefore cyclists will still be bound by the Road Rules.

Signs and lines for all proposals have been reduced considerably from the Australian Standards following consultation with the Traffic Committee.

Whilst Route A7 has been deferred for further investigation, it is the view of the Police and RTA that the coloured surface treatment in Victoria Road should be retained for safety reasons due to the merge from a shared pathway, across a parking lane, and into a shared traffic lane. This matter will be discussed further with the Police and RTA and a revised design will be referred to the Traffic Committee and the Community & Environment Committee.

Cr. Edelman

“Hillside Ave, this is a steep cul de sac and not a through road, why is it relevant to bike signage and /or lanes ?

Captain Pipers Rd , is partially one way from Old South Head Rd then a quite narrow street with vehicle parking on both sides which makes it almost impossible for vehicle to pass each other, let alone see any signs painted on the road . Why are cyclist being encouraged to use this narrow street and why are 15 signs needed in an attractive ,tree lined street which comprises many attractive dwellings and where most owners take great pride in their street .

Paddington is a heritage conservation area and there seems to be a plethora of signs which will detract from the heritage significance of the area .Signage by all means but the quantity should be reviewed.

Victoria Rd, green paint appears to be being placed in front of the heritage horse trough which will detract from its historical attraction and the amenity and interest it's placement provides to the area.

Comments: Hillside Avenue is not a bike route. Unfortunately the plans are misleading and the signage identified by Clr Edelman to be in Hillside Avenue is actually in New South Head Road.

Route B18 is one-way north in Captain Pipers Road from Old South Head Road to Clarendon Street, two-way in Captain Pipers Road from Clarendon Street to New South Head Road, and one-way south in Clarendon Street. The combined loop roads provide for mixed on-road bicycle routes throughout and provides a valuable link between New South Head Road and Old South Head Road.

Only four signs are proposed in Captain Pipers Road which will indicate the start and end of this route. The other signs shown on the plan are warning signs in side roads. The majority of bicycle logos shown on the plans are pavement markings (indicated as PS-2 on the plans), not signs. This may be misleading. It is reiterated that the number of signs throughout the ten proposed routes has been reduced substantially.

Whilst Route A7 has been deferred for further investigation, it is the view of the Police and RTA that the coloured surface treatment in Victoria Road should be retained for safety reasons due to the merge from a shared pathway, across a parking lane, and into a shared traffic lane. This matter will be discussed further with the Police and RTA and a revised design will be referred to the Traffic Committee and the Community & Environment Committee.

Cr. Jarnason

"I felt well informed and adequately consulted during the extensive consultation process we had last year including the many committee meetings. Any concerns or suggestions would have been submitted then as opposed to AFTER the plan has been adopted."

Comments: Noted.

Cr. Shoebridge

"I like all of them."

Comments: Noted.

Issues

It is apparent that some councillors have been misled by the plans in that they have mistakenly interpreted pavement markings to be signage. For clarity, it is pointed out that all logos, etc. shown on the plans which are numbered PA (i.e. PA-1) and PS (i.e. PS-2, PS-3, PS-4) are pavement markings and are not signs. As commented previously, the number of signs which are proposed in these plans has been reduced considerably from the Australian Standards following consultation with the Traffic Committee.

In relation to Part D. of Council's resolution of 10 May 2010, it is pointed out that recent delays will place all the RTA's grant for bicycle route funding for 2009/2010 at risk as the RTA requires that these projects be completed, or at the very least, significantly advanced by 30 June 2010.

The deferment of Routes A7 and A10 for further consultation means that these routes will not be commenced this financial year and therefore will no longer be funded by the RTA in the current program. Grant funding of \$7,500 will be forfeited for these two projects.

If the remaining eight projects are approved at this Council meeting then every effort will be made to complete or significantly advance these projects to the RTA's satisfaction. If, however, it is found that these routes cannot be advanced/completed to the RTA's satisfaction and therefore grant funding will be forfeited, then it is recommended that the works be deferred to 2010/2011 with the aim of attracting grant funding in 2010/2011. It should be noted that it is likely that this funding will be at the expense of the bike routes already planned for next year and will not be an additional grant for 2010/2011.

Summary

In November 2009 Council adopted the Bicycle Strategy 2009 and an implementation plan for the installation of ten routes in the current financial year was subsequently developed. These ten routes have been designed and have been considered by the Woollahra Traffic Committee and Council and are the subject of Council's resolution of 10 May 2010 to consult further with Councillors.

The Traffic Committee has recommended that one of these routes, namely Route A7, be deferred for further design consideration and Council has resolved to defer this route. Council also resolved that one route be deferred, namely Route A10.

Responses have been received from five councillors. Two councillors have raised no issues with the proposed routes. Three councillors have raised concerns on either individual aspects of the proposed routes or with bike route implementation in general. Comments on each of these matters are provided in the body of this report and adequately address the councillors' concerns in respect of individual routes.

It is recommended that that installation of the bicycle routes as shown in Drawing 14582 Sheets 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 Rev B be approved for construction and that these routes be implemented as a matter of urgency in order to secure RTA grant funding for these works.

It is also recommended that Council's grant application to the RTA for bicycle route funding for 2010/2011 be varied to include the bicycle routes which are not implemented in the current financial year (including Routes A7 and A10).

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