

Pedestrian Access and Mobility Advisory Committee Meeting Record 16 March 2021



Location:	Zoom Meeting
Date:	16 March 2021
Time	Started at: 3.05pm Closed at: 3.47pm
Chair	Jeanette Williams - Unit Manager Roads Business Development and Technical Services
File Ref	F2018/00788

Present:

Wendy Baylis, Rachael Thelwell

Council Staff present:

Glenn Cannard – Unit Manager Community and Culture (left 3:14pm), Jay Spare – Unit Manager Roads Assets Planning and Design, Jeanette Williams – Unit Manager Roads Business Development and Technical Services, Kelly Drover – Advisory Group Support Officer

Item 1 Welcome, Apologies and Acknowledgement of Country

Apologies received: John Anderson, Boris Bolgoff – Director Infrastructure Services

The Chairperson declared the meeting open and completed an Acknowledgement of Country and Connection to Land statement.

The Advisory Group noted the resignation from Helen Beazley received via email 22 February 2021 and her valuable contribution to the Advisory Group.

Action: A letter to be sent to Helen Beazley on behalf of the Advisory Group thanking her for her contributions and time given to the group.

Item 2 Disclosures of Interest

The Chairperson called for any Disclosures of Interest.

No disclosures were received.

Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record

The Committee confirmed the Meeting Record of 8 December 2020.

The Committee reviewed the Action Log.

Item 4 Update on Opportunities to Promote Shared Pathways (Action 19)

Glenn Cannard (Unit Manager Community and Culture) provided a brief update on opportunities to promote shared pathways. One way we can create a positive difference in this space is to document stories and locations relating to shared pathways which not only tells stories of our community but also promotes infrastructure. Currently scoping a project to share stories on Council's Coast Connect YouTube channel and Social Media. A further update to be provided at the next meeting.

Action: Advisory Group Members who have suggestions on particular paths or groups to be involved in the promotion of shared pathways to email advisorygroups@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au for consideration by staff.

Action: A further update to be provided at the next meeting on opportunities to promote Shared Pathways.

Item 5 Shared Pathways – Priority Recreational Routes

Jeanette Williams (Unit Manager Roads Business Development and Technical Services) advised that this item will be deferred until the Advisory Group can meet face to face.

Item 6 Update on Projects in Budget (Standing Item)

Jay Spare (Unit Manager Roads Assets Planning and Design) provided an update on the following:

- Q2 Budget Review Capital Works Pathway Program
- New Pathway Grant Projects potentially commencing in 2020/21 and 2021/22
- The 2020/21 draft Capital Works Pathway Program

Item 7 Speed Zone Reduction in Riou Street, Gosford

Jeanette Williams (Unit Manager Roads Business Development and Technical Services) provided an update on Riou Street where the speed will change from 70km to 50km on Riou Street for a length of approximately 100 metres to the west of its current location. Additional signage for pedestrians and cyclists has also been put in place.

There is also a second proposal which involves turning the shared pathway back onto itself along the grass area to restrict cyclists and pedestrians entering the roadway at speed. This project is currently unfunded and will be considered for funding in the development of future programs.

Committee Member Rachael Thelwell raised her safety concerns on the bridge side of the road and how a child riding a bike could very easily ride off onto the road as there is no barrier. Jeanette advised that Council had considered this matter, however no feasible cost-effective options were identified. This matter can be further discussed with Transport NSW.

Item 8 Comments regarding State Government and Council's plans for the development of the Peninsula (Action 25)

The Advisory Group discussed feedback received from Wendy Baylis seeking clarity around the interaction between Council and the State Government for the development of the Peninsula and how local community representation can be involved.

Jeanette gave the example of the new Leagues Club Park at Gosford which was a State Government project managed by Hunter & Central Coast Development Corporation (HCCDC) however Council was involved every step of the way. The State Government generally go out for public consultation and round table discussions with interested community groups are held.

A Master Plan for Woy Woy Town Centre is being developed which will include community consultation with residents and interested community members.

The Woy Woy Town Centre Strategy is also underway with Council appointing traffic consultants to explore concerns and suggestions raised by the local community and businesses to provide for improved traffic movement and connections within the centre. This will also include traffic modelling which will involve Transport NSW.

It was noted that there are concerns about what is lost through development and not replaced e.g. environmental concerns with loss of trees and gardens as well as the urban heat island affect at this end of the Peninsula.

The Advisory Group discussed the Consolidated LEP and Development Control Plan which will remove complexities of multiple plans and simplify planning for residents and the development industry.

Jeanette suggested Wendy speak with Chris McLean who can provide further information on the Urban Island Heat Report.

Item 9 General Business and Close

No General Business was discussed.

The meeting closed at 3.47pm

Next Meeting: June 2021 TBC