

Lake Macquarie City Active Transport Advisory Group Meeting No. 10

9 July 2019

Agenda

1. Filling group vacancies (update)
2. Committee Charter and selection of Chair
3. National Cycling Participation Survey results for Lake Macquarie – key highlights
4. Recap – Transport Strategy refresh, engagement of Sustainable Neighbourhood Groups and wider community
5. Preservation of route corridors, walking and cycling in new developments
6. Project discussions
7. CounterPoint App Trial & Guidelines for Community Counting (if time)
8. General Business & Next Meeting

Record of discussion

1. Filling group vacancies

- New members to be inducted prior to next meeting

2. Review of Committees, new Committee Charter and Chair

- Council completed a review of all committees, to investigate their value for all stakeholders. The report recommended the ATAG continue, but adopt a Committee Charter in place of the agreed statements and goals list in the ATAG work program designed by the group.
- Cr Langford nominated for Committee Chair and the group resolved (those present) to endorse this nomination unanimously.

3. National Cycling Participation Survey results for Lake Macquarie – key highlights

- The group reflected on the survey findings, available on Council's website. It was noted that additional data will usefully inform planning, such as count data on specific routes, as well as app based data (such as Strava), where demographic information is available.

4. Recap – Transport Strategy refresh 2019-21 & engagement of Sustainable Neighbourhood Groups and wider community

- The transport strategy refresh comprises of five core projects and is supported by numerous complementary projects. An information sheet is being prepared for the group.

5. Preservation of route corridors, walking and cycling in new developments

- This group ran out of time to discuss this item in detail, however, there was general agreement the group would like to have a workshop with Council staff to explore possible adjustments to development controls and processes, to improve walking, cycling and transit outcomes.

6. Project discussions

Eleebana to Croudace Bay via Macquarie Drive / Bareki Road

- The group heard from staff:
 - a key issue to resolve is that of community engagement. Preliminary engagement has occurred in recent years, with issues raised by residents of properties adjacent to Bareki Road and Macquarie Drive
 - a route options assessment was undertaken by a consultant, with funding support from the State Government.
 - the State Government is undertaking works to improve road safety on part of Bareki Road. Council have provided feedback recommending the works be considered in light of past investigations into improved pedestrian and cyclist safety.
- The group agreed this was a crucial missing link in the shared path network and reiterated past advice that the Macquarie Road option would be too steep for most people.
- The group provided advice on how to consult the community, noting that while the community at large will likely support the connection, Council are best to involve adjacent residents from the outset to come up with an agreeable solution. Council will await advice from the State Government before proceeding with further engagement.

Macquarie Road, Fassifern

- The group heard from staff about a proposal to investigate combining the rehabilitation of Macquarie Road, Fassifern, with infrastructure to support walking and cycling, given:
 - Macquarie Rd connects to Fassifern Station and several schools
 - Fassifern is one of three 'major' train stops in Lake Macquarie
 - the road rehabilitation project provides an opportunity to combine with providing new ped/cycle infrastructure at reduced cost
 - Landcom are investigating a rezoning proposal to provide new housing west of Old Main Rd
- The group agreed this was a good opportunity to save costs by combining projects, but withheld advice on the proposed design option of a shared path and on-road protected cycleway until Council provided further details. Wider community consultation recommended.

7. CounterPoint App Trial and Guidelines for Community Counting

- The group ran out of time to discuss this item.

8. General business and next meeting

- Next meeting Tuesday 13 August.

Action Log

Action	Date listed	Responsibility	Status
Group to provide feedback on the draft Committee Charter.	11 June 2019	Group	Complete

Outstanding actions from 2018 are being rolled into the transport strategy refresh.

Major walking and cycling network project updates

The following information is provided based on common questions from the community.

Belmont to Blacksmiths (Fernleigh Track extension)

Refer to grant funding news, below (Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund). Part of this item is listed in the Belmont Development Contributions Plan.

Eleebana to Croudace Bay via Macquarie Drive / Bareki Road

Discussions are ongoing with the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS). Multiple route options have been assessed. This is part funded by the State Government. The Active Transport Advisory Group provided advice to staff (July 2019) on a future approach to community engagement.

Speers Point to Glendale

Detailed design work is ongoing for complex parts of the route. Expected completion: 2020-21 financial year. This is part funded by the State Government. This item is listed in the Glendale Development Contributions Plan.

Charlestown to Whitebridge, Dudley

Council submitted an application to the Roads and Maritime Services Walking & Cycling grant program to fund route investigations and feasibility. This grant application was unsuccessful.

See also: Charlestown Transport Management Plan.

Separately, the Heart Foundation and Newcastle Cycleways Movement are in talks with the University of Newcastle to research and quantify benefits that may arise from such a project.

Bonnells Bay to Brightwaters

Continued investigation into route planning and land ownership matters. This is part funded by the State Government. This item is listed in the Morisset Development Contributions Plan.

Cooranbong to Morisset

This project is subject to a Voluntary Planning Agreement between the State Government and Johnson Property Group. Part of the route, Doyalson Street, Morisset, is listed in the Morisset Development Contributions Plan.

Toronto / Fassifern to Booragul

Toronto Road option subject to State Government investigations.

A proposal to rezone land north of the Old Main Road for residential development presents an opportunity to establish this route. Council's Integrated Planning team are aware.

Council is upgrading Macquarie Road, Fassifern, and investigating options to include pedestrian and cycling facilities, to improve connectivity to schools, the train station and sporting facilities.

Charlestown to Cardiff via Hillsborough & Winding Creek

A project brief is being prepared to produce a concept design. Refer to grant funding news. Listed in Glendale Development Contributions Plan.

Charlestown / Cardiff to Warners Bay via Hillsborough

Hillsborough Road option subject to State Government investigations.

Boolaroo urban renewal area to Cardiff via Munibung Road

See recent media release. Project includes a shared path.

Valentine to Belmont

No updates.

Windale to Charlestown

No updates. See also: Charlestown Transport Management Plan.

Edgeworth to Northlakes

No updates.

North Wallarah (Catherine Hill Bay, Murrays Beach)

Part of the Cams Wharf to Murrays Beach and part of the Catherine Hill Bay shared paths have recently been completed as part of the residential development.

Other pedestrian / cycling / bus stop facility projects 2019/20 - progress details available upon request - below excludes new infrastructure provided as part of new market led development

Charlestown - Algona Road footpath (under review)

Charlestown - Moto Street footpath from Milson Street to Kaleen Street

Fishing Point - Alkington Avenue road rehabilitation including drainage, footpath and kerb and channel between Bourneville Road and Hereford Rise

Kahibah - Burwood Road shared pathway between Fernleigh Track and Kahibah

Morriset - Station Street and Yambo Street pedestrian crossing, kerb extensions and lighting

Redhead - Beach Road pedestrian refuge and footpath construction

Sunshine - Sunshine Parade road reconstruction, footpath and kerb and channel between Cessnock Road and Waterside Avenue

Teralba - Anzac Parade and York Street 40km/HPA raised pedestrian crossings with associated traffic infrastructure

Toronto - Awaba Road footpath

Toronto - Blundell Parade shared pathway between existing shared pathway and Toronto High School

Wangi Wangi - Watkins Road Stage 1 road rehabilitation, drainage, footpath and kerb and channel construction between Short Street and Crescent Road

Warners Bay - Hillsborough Road culvert from Warners Bay High School footbridge to pedestrian crossing at Warners Bay

Warners Bay - Lake Street raised pedestrian crossing, kerb extensions and lighting

Windemere Park - Baldwin Boulevard and Fishery Point Road reconstruction including kerb and channel, drainage and footpath between Pearson Street and Grant Street

For other major works updates, see:

<https://www.lakemac.com.au/city/works/major-roadworks>

For Richmond Vale Rail Trail, see:

<http://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/Council/News/Projects-Works/Richmond-Vale-Rail-Trail>

Other transport related project updates

Charlestown Transport Management Plan

Following a community survey, the plan is being prepared for public exhibition.

Cardiff Transport Management Plan

The Project Control Group formed in July to begin the project.

High Pedestrian Activity Areas

(No updates) Council's Infrastructure Strategy Assets Department is reviewing opportunities to expand or create new high pedestrian activity areas of 40km/hr, subject to endorsement from the Roads and Maritime Services.

Bus Stops Upgrades

Council is reviewing its program priorities for 2019-20. Information forthcoming.

Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy

Soon to be reported to Council recommending public exhibition.

Lake Macquarie Transport Interchange (Glendale)

No updates.

Grant funding news

Roads and Maritime Services Walking & Cycling Grants - NO UPDATES

Council submitted applications for funding in 2020-21. Only one application was successful:

- Continued construction of Speers Point to Glendale shared path

Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund - NO UPDATES

Extension of Fernleigh Track from Belmont terminus to existing shared path at Awabakal Avenue Blacksmiths, plus funding for heritage and tourism features.

Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme – Special Infrastructure Projects - NO UPDATES

Proposal to install smart technology such as digital timetable displays at the City's busiest bus stops, as determined by Opal data provided by Keolis Downer. These stops are located in the suburbs of Charlestown, Belmont and Cardiff.

Black Spot Funding

Forthcoming.

Attachment 1

Power Point presentation.