

Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee

Minutes

6:30pm Wednesday 17th August 2022 *(remote meeting)*

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Terms of reference

The following information is provided so that you may be aware of the structure and operation of the Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee.

Randwick Council resolved to establish a Cycleway and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee with the following terms of reference:

1. Report to the Council;
2. Enhance consultation between Council and the bike riding community;
3. Advance implementation of the planned and funded cycle ways in the Randwick local government area;
4. Review and provide advice on proposed Council bike related capital works projects;
5. Participate in the yearly draft budget process by recommending appropriate bike related projects;
6. Be consulted by Council on cycle way and bike facility issues involving significant planning proposals and Development applications before Council;
7. Regularly review and propose updating of the Randwick Council bike plan in line with the strategic direction of priority cycleways as detailed within “Sydney’s Cycling Future”; and
8. Help advance a Regional Cycle Strategy with neighbouring Councils

(Council resolution references 172/17 & 87/18)

1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair asked for a volunteer to acknowledge the lands upon which this meeting is being held. Mr Jim Hope volunteered and stated the following:

“I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on the land of the Bidjigal and the Gadigal peoples; being the traditional owners who, for thousands of years, occupied and cared for vast areas along the Sydney Coast.

On behalf of the participants of this meeting I acknowledge and pay my respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and also to those Aboriginal people participating today.”

2. Attendance and apologies

In attendance

Councillor Michael Olive	RCC	Ms Jay Lee-Pieterse	RCC
Councillor Philipa Veitch	RCC	Mr Sri Sritharan	RCC
Councillor Kym Chapple	RCC	Mr Tony Lehmann	RCC
Mr Lee Roberts	BIKEast	Mr Reza Ahmed	RCC
Mr Jim Hope	BIKEast	Mr Jesse Grazotis	RCC
Ms Yvonne Poon	BIKEast	Mr David Appleby	RCC
Ms Angela Greenlees	TfNSW	Mr Paul Chilcott	Resident

Apologies:

3. Declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests

4. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meetings

5. Items for consideration

5.1. Update on temporary and permanent cycleways

This item provides an update on the progress with the funding, planning and implementation of cycleways in the Randwick LGA:

Todman Avenue Cycleway Project

Council resolved in late 2020 to discontinue scoping of the pop-up cycleway option on Todman Avenue due to design challenges and safety concerns. In the meantime, Council has been working with a transport consultant to investigate more permanent cycleway line-marking opportunities, along a significant length of Todman Avenue. The proposed design explores the introduction of a kerb side running lane for bike riders traveling southeast (from South Dowling St toward the Lenthall Street intersection).

Council has since received the final plans, which were tabled at the May meeting of this Advisory Committee. *Various discussion and comments were made - including City of Sydney's concerns (through lessons learned) over shared bike and bus stop interfaces.* The plans were forwarded to BIKEast for information following the May meeting and comments have been received.

Subsequently, City of Sydney has noted that they will be reviewing their O'Dea Avenue cycleway – including the O'Dea Avenue/South Dowling Street/Todman Avenue intersection. Accordingly, Randwick City Council will undergo further investigation on how to best connect with City of Sydney's proposed cycleway - as it will be a key cycling connection from Randwick City Council's Kingsford to Centennial Park cycleway to the City of Sydney's Bourke Street cycleway.

Once the concept design has been refined, taking into account BIKEast's comments and consultation with the City of Sydney, a community consultation process will be undertaken.

BIKEast requested an update on the details and status of City of Sydney's design of the O'Dea Avenue cycleway. Council Officer shared that City of Sydney had queried the details of the Todman Avenue cycleway as they are currently reviewing the cycleway on the O'Dea Avenue but there were no further details provided. Randwick City Council has shared the latest design with City of Sydney and that Council Officers will continue to work with City of Sydney to ensure better connection through the O'Dea Avenue/South Dowling Street/Todman Avenue intersection.

BIKEast also requested an approximate timeline as there are concerns that this project will be further delayed. Mr Lehmann advised that the interim measure is to undertake the pavement marking improvements until design is finalised but the design should align with City of Sydney. Council Officers will follow up with City of Sydney.

Queens Park permanent cycleway

Construction of this cycleway is now complete, it is open to the public and the cycleway is being well utilised by community members.

It is understood that the total cost of this project (730m of cycleway) was approximately \$3.75m.

Kingsford to Centennial Park Cycleway

Please see **Item 5.2**, below, detailing the current status of this project.

The Anzac Parade (Walking and Cycling) Paths Project (APPP)

We are pleased to report that the Council has been successful with its grant application for the development of the detailed construction design, of the Anzac Parade Walking and Cycling Paths Project (as highlighted in section 5.3). The funds will be awarded to council as a part of Transport for NSW's Tranche 2 works.

Regarding this project, the Council has already completed a Request for Quotation (RFQ) process, seeking a lead design consultant to deliver the concept and detail design. This project is identified in the Council's Bicycle Construction Priority Routes as the 'Anzac Parade Bikeway – Mid A' project. We intend to complete the procurement process, engage a lead consultant and commence this design project by end of August 2022.

South Coogee to Kingsford walking and cycling streetscape (Bundock Street/Sturt Street)

We are also pleased to report that the Council has been successful with its grant application for the finalisation of the detailed construction design, of the South Coogee to Kingsford Cycleway Project (as highlighted in section 5.3).

The grant application sought funding to complete the final detailed construction design of the project. The detail design is currently at the 80% stage.

Discussion on pedestrian refuge facility due to delay in construction of cycleway occurred. Mr Lehmann advised that there is development occurring and Council will be working with the Defence to seek funding for improvements along the entire route, including the Avoca/Sturt/Bundock Streets intersection.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.2. Kingsford to Centennial Park Cycleway

(Doncaster Avenue, Houston Road, General Bridges Circuit, Sturt Street permanent cycleway)

Council officers continue to work closely with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) through the construction phase of this project. TfNSW, the project delivery agency, awarded the contract to Burton Contractors.

The TfNSW project manager, Ms Angela Greenlees, has agreed to provide the CABFAC with a briefing and update on the current progress of the project.

Ms Angela Greenlees provided an update on the Kingsford to Centennial Park cycleway project.

Stormwater infrastructure construction on Doncaster Avenue between Anzac Parade and Koorinda Avenue will commence in late August/early September. This will involve the realignment of Doncaster Avenue between Anzac Parade and Day Avenue to allow for a safe working area. Involving the parking lane on the southbound shoulder of Doncaster Avenue, and cyclists will need to merge with traffic for both northbound and southbound travel. The project team has successfully applied for a temporary long term speed reduction to 40km/h on Doncaster Ave to improve safety for cyclists travelling with vehicles in the new lane arrangement. BIKEast advised that the information on the stormwater works will be shared on social media.

Councillor Veitch noted the number of sections of Doncaster Avenue that have been cordoned off for project works, and referenced earlier email correspondence with Ms Greenlees.

Ms Greenlees advised that the extensive Doncaster Avenue stormwater infrastructure is required only on the southern side of the Anzac Parade intersection. Councillor Veitch also noted concerns over the additional tree removal (reference to the August 2022 project update). Ms Greenlees confirmed about 18 trees are to be removed additional to the original proposal. Ms Greenlees noted that there is an active community consultation on Council's website regarding the replacement tree strategy, and the local community has been notified. Councillor Veitch expressed concerns regarding the larger established trees on Houston Road. Replacement trees will be planted near the completion of the project (mid 2023). The tree replacement program will replace trees in a 1 to 3 ratio (1 tree removed and 3 planted), which in total will be approximately 135 trees.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.3. Get NSW Active Program Funding / TfNSW Walking and Cycling Program

We are pleased to report that the Council has been successful with its grant applications submitted to TfNSW in February 2022, for various Active Transport projects – as detailed in the table below. The Council recently received confirmation from TfNSW on the status of a number of these submissions, with some identified as being successful for Tranche 1 and 2 of the Get Active Program.

Project	Award Status	Tranche	Contribution
Active Transport Plan/ Strategy	Successful	1	100%
Bundock Street and Sturt Street Cycleway – Detailed design finalisation	Successful	2	100%
Randwick to Coogee – Detailed design	Successful	2	100%
Anzac Parade – Mid A – (Fitzgerald Avenue to Sturt Street / APPP) – Detailed design	Successful	2	50%
Todman Avenue – Implementation	No status update at this time	TBA	TBA
Fitzgerald Avenue - Hillsdale to Maroubra Beach – Construction	No status update at this time	TBA	TBA

Council officers will keep the CABFAC informed of the progress / outcomes of the remainder of these submissions. We expect that TfNSW will announce Tranche 3 and 4 outcomes from September.

Mr Lehmann has provided an update on the projects funded by TfNSW Get Active Program. The received funding would enable evaluation of options, concept design finalisation and detailed design. Council will be engaging stakeholders, including BIKEast, then move forward to the detailed design.

It was queried if Todman Avenue has not been funded. Council Officer has advised that the decision has not been made and provided an update to the Tranche funding announcement schedule:

- *Tranche 1 – late June 22*
- *Tranche 2– late August 22*
- *Tranche 3 – late September 22*
- *Tranche 4 – late October 22.*

It was also queried if it is likely to receive funding for construction for these projects in the future. Ms Greenlees explained it is more likely that TfNSW fund projects are “ready to go” which means these funded design projects will be looked upon favourably for future funding.

It was raised whether there has been any design investigation completed to date on Randwick to Coogee project. Mr Lehman advised that no work has occurred to date.

It was requested that Council consider impacts of these funded projects on other projects in proximity and advised that Council should aim to minimise any constraints to future design for the awarded projects based on upcoming projects.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.4. Bike Bypass Links of the High Street LR Terminus

Council has been consistent in its response to development applications / documentation for the Randwick Hospitals’ Campus by recommending the installation of a shared path on the southern side of High Street between Botany Street and Randwick Junction. Following Council’s submission and detailed recommendations on widening the footpath provision of a shared way on High Street, the Department’s assessment concluded that the existing footpath is adequate for pedestrians and land dedication and amendments to enable the provision of a wider path or shared way cannot reasonably be required in this case.

However, conditions are recommended to ensure further improvements to connections through the hospital campus are given consideration by the applicant (NSW Health) in conjunction with Council. An Integrated Transport Working Group is to be established between NSW Health and Council to ensure the adequate transport planning for the overall masterplan of the Prince of Wales Hospitals’ Campus, and in particular, integration of east-west and north-south bicycle and pedestrian routes.

Subsequently, Council Officers have undertaken an initial Integrated Transport Working Group meeting with Health NSW to discuss bicycle and pedestrian options within the site. Council Officers have highlighted the importance to establish the North/South and East/West as a key outcome for the proposed masterplan of Prince of Wales Hospital

Campus with endorsement from Health NSW. Negotiations with Health NSW is ongoing through the established Integrated Transport Working Group.

Mr Lehmann advised that Council and the Integrated Transport Working Group has not met recently. BIKEast noted that the east-west route through the Prince of Wales Hospital's Campus is crucial in Randwick to Coogee route. It will have to be easily-understood and comfortable route.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

5.5. Maroubra Road Corridor Study

With regard to the Maroubra Road Corridor Study, the community consultation occurred between 28 October and 28th November 2021, via Council's Your Say website. The website included three (3) options for participants to identify issues and make suggestions:

- Interactive mapping tool
- Discussion forum
- Ideas board

Overall, 207 people participated in the engagement and provided submissions or comments. Key themes are highlighted in the below table:

Key Theme	Number of Submissions	Proportion (%)
Intersection Safety	56	19%
Pedestrian Safety	49	17%
Traffic Performance	44	15%
Bicycle Safety	40	14%
Urban Design	30	10%
Out of Scope	25	9%
Parking	14	5%
Road Safety	12	4%
Speeding	9	3%
Public Transport	8	3%
School Traffic	3	1%
Total	290	100%

The outcomes from community consultation were assessed in detail by the principal consultant to produce alignment options and preferred concept plan. Subsequently, once the draft concept plan was produced, council officers provided feedback highlighting some significant design challenges; which are currently being investigated. Once resolved, the finalisation of the preferred concept plan, with the final report, is the next step in the process. This would be followed by further community consultation. Subsequently, the final report and design will be reported to the Council, together with cost estimates for the preferred design option.

BIKEast will be specifically contacted to discuss the proposal.

Mr Lehmann advised that the draft concept plan has been review and one of the challenges of Maroubra Road Corridor is to squeeze a cycleway infrastructure at the heart of Maroubra. There were roundtable discussion to select the preferred option with the internal staff and more to come to review the preferred option design.

Councillor Chapple queried if the Maroubra Road Corridor will be connected to Anzac Parade Path. Mr Lehmann noted that it will be connected but that provision of a bicycle facility through the heart of Maroubra Junction will be quite a design challenge.

She also queried if there has been consideration of using Garden Street as rat-runs and Mr. Lehmann responded that the extent of the corridor is on Maroubra Road itself; from Malabar Road to Bunnerong Road.

The draft concept plan once developed will be shared with BIKEast for further comments.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.6. Active Transport Plan / Bicycle Route Construction Priority

As an outcome of the Randwick City Council Integrated Transport Strategy (adopted 2021), Council has committed to deliver the Active Transport Plan by year 2023.

As mentioned in Section 5.3, the Council was successful with its grant application for the development of our Active Transport Plan.

The validation of bicycle route construction priority list and associated consultation will be incorporated within the 'Active Transport Plan'. The study will undertake a detailed data assessment including existing cycle networks, pedestrian behaviour studies, gaps, trends and demands to assist in the formulation of the Active Transport Strategy. The strategy will validate existing and / or proposed bicycle routes to develop a clear action plan over the next 10 years.

A workshop was undertaken with Waverley Council officers, who are also developing a similar strategic document, to ensure synergies between the strategic alignment and information sharing. Council officers are currently developing the scope of works to deliver the strategy.

BIKEast enquired if the workshop with Waverley Council is a reoccurring meeting to guide BIKEast better coordination with BIKEast Waverley in relation to the Active Transport Strategy. Council Officers outlined that Waverley Council is also in the initial stages of developing an Active Transport Strategy within their LGA and further meetings could be held to better align strategic outcomes for the two LGA. It was also advised that the aim is to deliver the Active Transport Strategy by this financial year.

Councillor Oliver queried if Council will be considering E-scooters and other emerging shared active transport technologies into the strategy and consider how it will influence active transport planning within the Strategy. He noted that there will be an increase in demand on this space.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.7. Alison Road/Wansey Road bike path – Landscape maintenance

During the May CABFAC meeting a mention was made that the planting adjacent to the cycleway along the Wansey Road had become overgrown. Vegetation had grown over the path at ground and eye level, narrowing the effective width of the path, thus increasing risk of collision.

This issue has since been addressed (see images below). The lower overgrowth has been trimmed to behind the path edge and the eye level bushes have been removed permanently.



BIKEast thanked Council for the great work on landscaping along Wansey Road. It was requested that same landscaping maintenance work be done along Alison Road where native grasses are grown over, restricting cycling path. Council will take it under advisement and will investigate further.

Councillor Veitch highlighted that some planting provides screening for neighbouring properties so there needs to be a balance between cyclists' and residents' needs.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and Council to investigate further.

5.8. Paine Reserve shared paths

The scope of the proposed shared path in Paine Reserve has been expanded to include the north-south connection to Fennelly Street to better serve the schools and community. The detailed design of the east-west connection has been completed and the north-south connection is underway. Once the detail design is completed, community consultation will occur followed by construction (likely by late October).

BIKEast supports the inclusion of the north-south connection which will connect to Fennelly Street and Young Street. Once the connection is made, proper pedestrian and cycling crossing/refuge on Rainbow Street to Byrd Avenue should also be considered. Mr Lehmann noted that there is a Council motion to improve the crossability at this location. He also noted that Rainbow Street is a state road so Council will have to coordinate with TfNSW but considering that pedestrian crossing and refuges have been approved previously, it should not be an issue.

Councillor Veitch queried if the east-west path will be built now or be constructed with the north-south link. Mr Lehmann noted that the entire path will be constructed together. BIKEast was supportive of the construction to occur this year.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.9. Alison Road (between Darley Road and Doncaster Avenue)

It has been confirmed that the land behind the localised pinch point at the bus shelter is Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) land and a long term lease is in the process of being granted to Transport for NSW. The concept design shown below requires encroachment into the lands to the south. Following discussions with Transport for NSW, they have agreed to consider entering a lease for the Council to install a shared path around the existing bus shelter.

In addition to the concrete path around the bus shelter, the scope of the works is under review to include additional concrete works along the existing grass verge required to upgrade the footpath to align with TfNSW and Austroads Standards for a shared path width which is 2.5m as shown in the figure below. This will further support the cycling network and connection to the Kingsford to Centennial Park cycleway once completed.



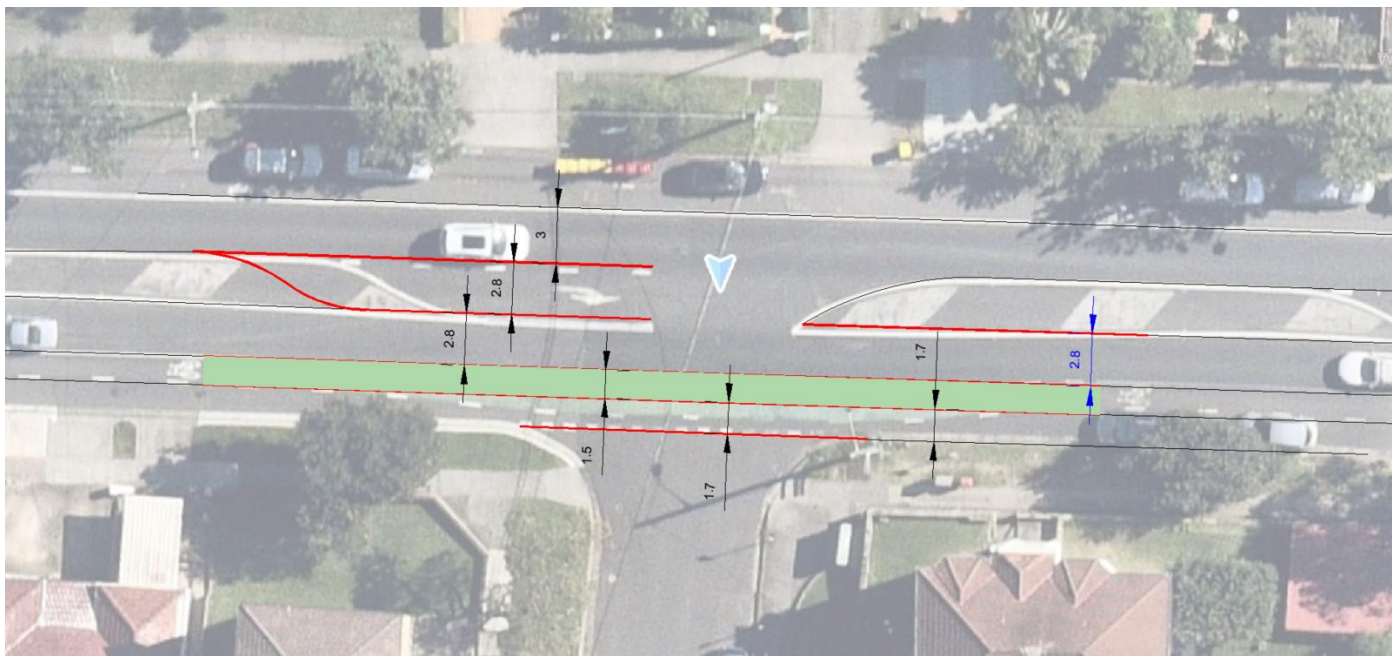
BIKEast supports increasing the path to 2.5m to provide a proper shared path for cyclists on the southern side as many cyclists already use this path and it would provide direct route to Kingsford to Centennial Park cycleway as well as Randwick and UNSW.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.10. Malabar Road / Edgecliffe Avenue intersection – Cycle improvements

Councillor Olive has raised concerns over sightlines leading to vehicle/cycle conflict within the Malabar Road and Edgecliffe Avenue intersection. An option has been investigated to realign the painted cycleway to allow more space for westbound Edgecliffe Ave motorist to prop at Malabar Road Intersection; thus allowing better sightlines. A concept plan of this proposal is shown below:



The design seeks to realign the cycleway northerly along Edgecliff Road and straighten the alignment to match the existing road widths (currently 2.8m upon approach of the intersection labelled by the blue dimension). This will allow a greater buffer and provide better sightlines leading for vehicles within the Malabar Road and Edgecliffe Avenue intersection. The Concept Plan is currently being reviewed and once finalised will be tabled at an upcoming Traffic Committee meeting.

Councillor Olive supports the proposed realignment of the cycleway.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.11. Proposed committee dates 2022/23

The following dates have been confirmed for committee meetings in the next 12 months:

- Wednesday 16 November 7:30am
- Wednesday 15 February 2023 at 6.30pm
- Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7:30am.

Based on currently scheduled Council meetings and briefings, it has been confirmed that there should be no conflict with the proposed CABFAC meeting dates.

It was agreed that the regular attendees of CABFAC be surveyed to establish their preferences as to how and when future meetings of this advisory committee are undertaken. A survey has been sent as a part of the email with this agenda. Please respond to your preferences for timings of future meetings. The result will be tabled in the upcoming CABFAC meeting.

Survey results are still pending as more responses are yet to come in. Update will be provided prior to November meeting.

6. Urgent matters or matters for future investigation