

Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee

Agenda

7:30am Wednesday 16 November 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 will ask for a volunteer to acknowledge the lands upon which this meeting is being held:

"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:

Apologies:

3. Declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests

4. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meetings

5. Items for consideration

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

The status of Council's application for Get NSW Active Program Funding are as detailed in the table below.

Project	Award Status	Tranche	Contribution
Active Transport Strategy	Successful	1	100%
South Coogee to Kingsford walking and cycling streetscape (Bundock Street / Sturt Street) – 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	Awaiting notification	N/A	0%
Fitzgerald Avenue - Hillsdale to Maroubra Beach – Construction	Awaiting notification	N/A	0%

As noted above, Council is awaiting notification from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) regarding Council's previous funding submissions regarding both the "Todman Avenue – Implementation" project and the "Fitzgerald Avenue – Hillsdale to Maroubra Beach – Construction" project - as part of the 2022 / 2023 Get NSW Active Program. Council will be seeking a formal update from TfNSW for those two projects.

Also, TfNSW has indicated that the 2023 / 2024 Get NSW Active Program funding application process is due to commence this month. Depending on the outcomes of the currently submitted funding applications, Council officers will assess and evaluate appropriate active transport projects for which future funding will be applied.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.2. Kingsford to Centennial Park Cycleway

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

Council officers continue to work closely with TfNSW through the construction phase of this project. A number of major milestones have been delivered and some problematic design challenges have been addressed. As previously reported, TfNSW, is the project delivery agency, and it awarded the construction contract to Burton Contractors.

TfNSW officers have agreed to provide the CABFAC with a briefing and update on the current progress of the project.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.3. Anzac Parade (Walking and Cycling) Paths Project (APPP)

Following the success of Council's "Get NSW Active Program" submission - for 50% funding of the detailed design documentation package of the Anzac Parade Walking and Cycling Paths Project - a primary consultant has been engaged. An initiation meeting has now been held with the consultant, to provide a project overview, current status and an understanding of the Council's expectations. The Consultant is currently undertaking Stage 1 of works (the Strategic Framework) for Anzac Parade in its entirety (from Kingsford Light Rail Terminus to Phillip Bay). Also, land surveyors are currently well underway with detailed survey works.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

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

Following the success of Council's "Get NSW Active Program" submission for the 100% funding of the finalisation of the detail documentation package for the South Coogee to Kingsford Walking and Cycling Project (Bundock Street/Sturt Street), Council has re-engaged the primary consultant to complete the project. The detailed design is currently at the 80% stage.

Council have organised an upcoming initiation meeting with the engaged consultant to discuss project risk, program and emerging project requirements.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.5. Randwick to Coogee Cycleway

The Council has also been successful under the "Get NSW Active Program" in gaining 100% funding for the production of a detail documentation package for the Randwick to Coogee Cycleway project. With regard to this project, the Council is in the process of initiating procurement of primary consultant and Council officers have completed an early site assessment.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.6. Bike Bypass Links of the High Street LR Terminus

As detailed previously for the CABFAC, the 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. Council will seek a new meeting with Health NSW in the near future.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.7. Maroubra Road Corridor Study

Due to the significant design challenges in determining an appropriate Maroubra Road cycling facility, in the vicinity of Anzac Parade, additional cycling typology options are being examined. This examination will investigate all options for the delivery of a cycleway/s along Maroubra Road, to improve connectivity at Maroubra Junction. The principal consultant has been engaged and finalisation of each of the design options, as well as a preferred option concept plan are expected to be completed by mid-December. Additionally, an updated corridor study report would be produced. This would be followed by further community consultation in the first quarter of 2023. This consultation may be undertaken concurrent with the Maroubra Junction Masterplan consultation. Subsequently, the final report and design will be reported to the Council and the Local Traffic Committee, together with cost estimates for implementation of the preferred design option.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.8. Todman Avenue Cycleway Project

As noted in section 5.1, Council is still waiting notification from TfNSW regarding the status of the 2022 Get Active NSW Program funding for the construction of short-term cycleway design, shared at the May CABFAC meeting. Moving forward, it is planned that Council will again submit a 2023 Get NSW Active grant application for the permanent cycleway design.

In the interim, Council officers have developed a provisional (more cost effective) line marking plan that would follow the existing alignment of the on-road bicycle lanes but with improved line marking definition, to better guide drivers and bike riders. The concept design has been forwarded to BIKEast for review and feedback. Subsequently, the design will be tabled before a meeting of Randwick Traffic Committee with a likely recommendation that the plan be released for community consultation.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

Active Transport Strategy / 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 Strategy, by year 2023. As mentioned in Section 5.1, the Council was successful with its grant application for the development of our Active Transport Strategy.

The validation of the Council's bicycle route construction priority list, with associated community consultation, will be incorporated within the 'Active Transport Strategy'. 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 15 years.

Discussions have been held with Waverley Council officers and with Transport for NSW officers to better collaborate on this project's direction and scope of works. Council officers have finalised a draft scope of works and will shortly be undertaking procurement to engage a primary consultant.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.9. Alison Road bike path – Landscape maintenance

During the August CABFAC meeting it was noted that the planting adjacent to the shared path along the south side of Alison 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 been raised with our maintenance team and the row are plants closest to the shared path are to be removed. The works have commenced and will take several weeks to be completed by the end of November.

Unfortunately, the landscape designers for the Light Rail Project chose and insisted on the existing species of plants. Despite Council's negative feedback regarding the proposed landscaping decisions, there was no change in species choice. For future cycleways Council officers will consult with our Open Space Team to ensure the introduction of appropriate vegetation to minimise overhang on to bike paths and shared paths.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.10. Paine Reserve shared paths

Council officers have finalised the detailed design for the proposed east / west shared path connection within Paine Reserve. Recently, it was proposed to expand the scope of the proposed east / west shared path in Paine Reserve to also include an additional north/south connection to Fennelly Street – so as to better serve the local schools and

local community. However, during the feasibility and design process for a proposed north / south path, it was identified that two parcels of land near the Scout Hall are Crown Land currently not under Council care and control, with one parcel possibly being subject to a Native Title claim. Council officers are investigating this matter with State Government officials in order to determine the restrictions and / or opportunities affecting this proposed north / south path proposal.

Given the existing time constraints to the implementation of a north / south shared path connection, it has been decided to proceed with construction of the east / west path, while options for the proposed north / south path are further explored. The community consultation regarding the east / west shared path will commence mid-November, with the aim of having construction completed prior to the start of the 2023 school year.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

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

In order to deliver a shared path along the southern side of Alison Road, between Darley Road and Doncaster Avenue some moderate design and construction works are necessary. Detailed plans and cost estimates are currently being developed for the widening of part of the path on the south side of Alison Road, between the tram shed access signals and Doncaster Avenue, Randwick. This will result in a minimum width 2.5m shared path.

Concurrent with the path widening, Council will also seek to provide a 'bypass path' around the back of the existing bus shelter (as discussed at the last CABFAC meeting). As per the previous advice to CABFAC, the shared path around the back of the bus shelter will require that the Council enter into a lease arrangement with TfNSW. This is because the land behind the Bus Shelter is not owned by the Council. Once finalised, the detailed plans will be forwarded to Transport for NSW, so as to commence the lease processes..

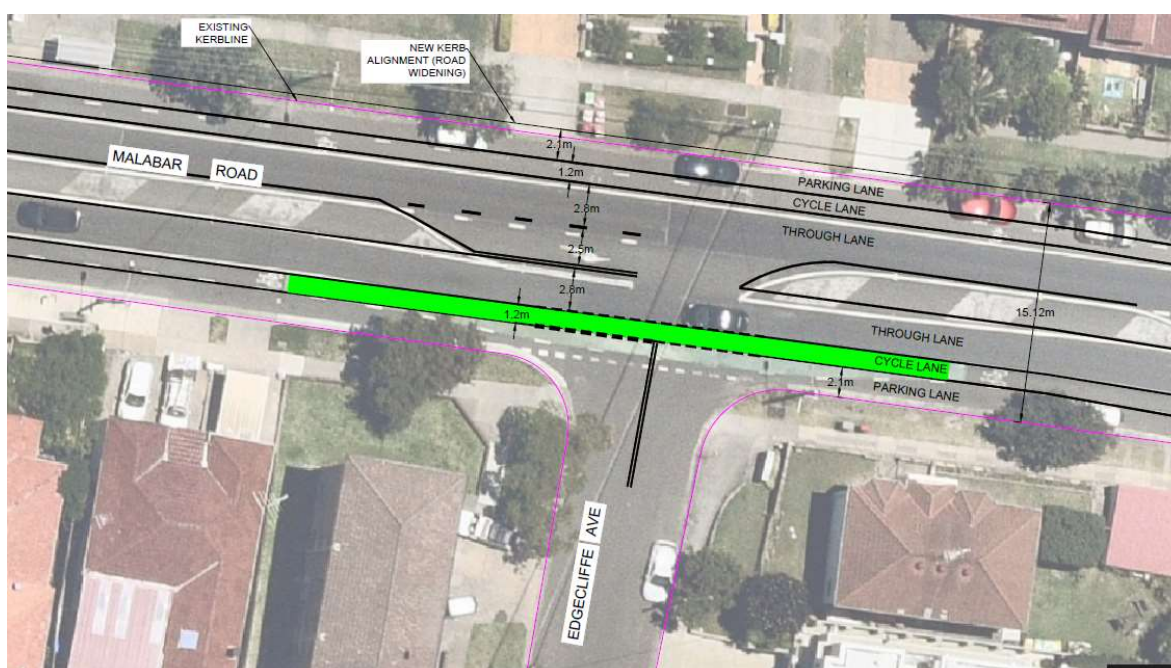
The primary stakeholder along this section of Alison Road is the Australian Turf Club (ATC). Once the plans of the proposed path widening and 'bus shelter bypass' are finalised the ATC will be consulted.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.12. Malabar Road / Edgecliffe Avenue intersection – Cycle improvements

Councillor Olive has raised concerns over sightlines leading to vehicle / bike rider 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 detail design of this proposal is shown below:





Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.14. CABFAC Maintenance Requests

Council officers are well advanced in exploring a more efficient way for CABFAC members to submit and track cycling-related maintenance requests or queries. Council officers will provide an update of this proposal at the CABFAC meeting.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.15. Proposed committee dates 2022/23

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

- 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.

At an earlier meeting of the CABFAC it was agreed that the regular attendees of CABFAC be surveyed to establish their preferences as to when future meetings of this advisory committee should be held. The survey results indicate that majority preference is for evening meetings (6 responses for evenings and 1 response for mornings).

Recommendation:

That the information be received and that CABFAC determine the proposed timing of future meetings.

6. Urgent matters or matters for future investigation