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Venue:	Room 3, Level 5, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde	
Date:	Monday, 31 st August 2015	
Time:	Started at: 6.00pm Closed at: 8.00pm	
Chair:	Councillor Perram	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith	
Staff Convenor:	Nina Fard	
Circulation:		

Committee Role:

The primary role of the Bicycle Advisory Committee is to:

- Advise Council on all matters relating to cycling in the City of Ryde.

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
✓		Councillor Terry Perram	Chairperson	City of Ryde
		Councillor Roy Maggio	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Councillor George Simon	Delegate	City of Ryde
	✓	Mr Andrew Parker	Employee Experience and Transport Manager	Optus
		Mr David Ballm	RMS	RMS
✓		Mr Alf Torrasi	Community Representative	Bike North
		Mr David Edwards	Community Representative	Bike North (now resigned)
✓		Mr Doug Stewart	Community Representative	Bike North
✓		Jill Hartley	Community Representative	
		Greg Holding	Team Manager – Traffic Services	City of Ryde
✓		Rebecca Lehman	Community Representative	Connect MP
✓		Mr Harry Muker	Section Manager – Traffic, Transport and Development	City of Ryde
✓		Nina Fard	Traffic Engineer	City of Ryde
	✓	Penny Dillon	Sustainable Transport Manager	Optus
	✓	Alison Wong	Community Representative	Bike North
✓		Sarah Jo Steinhoff	Admin Officer-Sustainability	Macquarie University

Additional Attendees

Name	Position Title	Organisation
Elham Monavari	Senior Sustainability Coordinator	City of Ryde
Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

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	Details	Action	Responsibility and Date
1.	Present:	Noted	
	Apologies:	As noted above.	
2.	Confirmation of Minutes from 15th June 2015 The Minutes from the meeting held on 15 th June 2015 were confirmed and endorsed.	Minutes confirmed and endorsed.	

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<p>3. Business Arising from Meeting held on 15th June 2015</p> <p>Update from Macquarie University.</p> <p>A formal response has not been received from Macquarie University re the use of bikes within university grounds and also the proposed cycleway on Epping Road. This committee believes any cycleway should be created on the southern side of Epping Road. Any funds that the university is to contribute toward a bike path should go to this project.</p> <p>A bike path on the southern side of Epping Road would not traverse university property.</p> <p>A response is also required from the university with regard to the extension of the bike path along Balaclava Road in the university grounds via the Baptist Homes site.</p> <p>North Road SUP Access</p> <p>It was noted that this work has not progressed. Bike North to send Nina a diagram for the intersection showing a suitable redesign for bike riders. This plan could be modified/redrawn if suitable to be sent to RMS. The intersection requires a safe way for cyclists to stop and then turn right. The current proposal is considered dangerous.</p> <p>Capital Works Funding</p> <p>A future discussion on this matter and the funding process adopted by RMS to be listed on next agenda.</p> <p>M2 Diversionary route (Coxs Road – handover to COR)</p> <p>It was confirmed by audit undertaken by Bike North that no work has been carried out on the bike markings for some time. A request has been made by Council that areas such as outside the Coxs Road shops and near bus stop in Coxs Road be repainted.</p>	<p>Nina has written to the RMS regarding this matter and when a response is received, will contact Macquarie University.</p> <p>Noted. Diagram from Bike North to be submitted showing suggested improvement to the intersection treatment of North Road and Blaxland Road.</p> <p>The RMS has advised that additional funding is available for use in the construction of a bike path on Pittwater Road in the vicinity of Magdala Ave.</p> <p>Funding would be on a 50/50 basis with Council.</p> <p>Harry to clarify which side of Pittwater Road the RMS proposal relates to. If the proposal is on the side of the road opposite Magdala Park, Harry to revise his proposal.</p> <p>Nina to arrange a meeting between Leightons, Council, Bike North and Trans Urban.</p>	

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<p>Blaxland Road Cycleway continuation – Anzac Ave construction</p> <p>It was noted that construction has been completed to Anzac Ave, but is a poor result. Ashpalt has been placed where the path has large drops.</p> <p>A bike lantern sign is required to be added to the traffic signals at the intersection of Blaxland Road and North Road.</p> <p>Bollard replacement program</p> <p>It was agreed the most important bollards to replace are those which are made of noncomplying materials and the double bollards which occur in various locations.</p> <p>Those bollards which are suitable except for their markings should be repainted and not replaced.</p> <p>Therefore is a bollard is completely non compliant is should be replaced. If the size and location of the bollard is otherwise good, then it should be repainted.</p> <p>The bollards under Meadowbank Bridge should be repositioned to make the area safer for bike riders.</p> <p>Bollards in Santa Rosa Park and along Shrimptons Creek also require repositioning.</p> <p>TfNSW active travel team – presentation</p> <p>Connect MP advised that it is working with TfNSW to set up a transport pilot project in the Macquarie Park area.</p> <p>Telstra Pits</p> <p>Numerous dangers to cyclists posed by broken Telstra pits were highlighted.</p> <p>Particular mention was made of the following locations:</p> <p>Talavera Road Culloden Road near Lane Cove Road Macquarie Hospital (Christie St) to Khartoum Road.</p> <p>In addition to Telstra pits, many barricades are dangerous as they do not have reflective markings.</p> <p>Poor and temporary remediation works resulting in dropped asphalt levels were also noted</p>	<p>The Benson Lane corner which is considered dangerous needs to be made wider and the gradient reduced.</p> <p>Nina has contacted the RMS re provision of bike lantern to the traffic signals at the corner of Blaxland and North Roads and is awaiting a response.</p> <p>That noncompliant bollards be replaced. Ie those which are made of noncomplying materials or which are double bollards.</p> <p>Other bollards to be repainted to make them more visible.</p> <p>Bollards under Meadowbank Bridge to be repositioned.</p> <p>Bollards in Santa Rosa Park and along Shrimptons Creek to be repositioned.</p> <p>Rebecca advised that she met with Harry Muker, Anthony Ogle, John Brown in June regarding this matter. An update from TfNSW has not yet been received.</p> <p>Nina advised that Telstra require advice regarding the pit number or exact address to be able to rectify issues with pits.</p>	
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<p>Shared User Path – Denistone Park off Terry Road</p> <p>The area of roadway where the above shared user path approaches Ryde Hospital was noted as dangerous as turning right into the path is difficult. It was requested that a wide painted median be located in lieu of the rumble bricks that are currently in place.</p> <p>Hermitage Road project</p> <p>Bike North requested that consideration be given to painting an “on road bike marking” on Hermitage Road as the second stage of the bike path in this location in lieu of providing a separate bike path which will be very costly and difficult to provide.</p> <p>TG Milner Field – removal of bike lane</p> <p>The decision of Council to remove the recently installed bike lane was noted with regret.</p> <p>Due to the removal of the dedicated lane, cyclists are now required to use the car lane. Bike North is concerned that cars will want to overtake bikes in this lane and that bikes will be required to “take the lane” to avoid this. If this occurs, then cars may overtake on the crest and therefore veer to the wrong side of the road.</p>	<p>Nina to investigate if the required works can be provided.</p> <p>Nina to investigate and take appropriate measurements of road width etc.</p> <p>Bike North expresses its strong concern regard the danger posed to cyclists following the removal of the bike lane on Vimiera Road.</p> <p>Bike North requested a “caution cyclists” sign be located at this location along with cycle logos on the roadway to try to make drivers alert to the presence of cyclists.</p> <p>It was noted the bike lane has been removed but the centre line remains.</p> <p>Bike North requested that this project not proceed.</p>	
<p>4. Concept Plan Options for ELS Hall Park</p> <p>The committee advised that whichever path is chosen, the route needs to link Shrimptons Creek and the old proposed county road route to Eastwood.</p> <p>Option 1 is the preferred route with the removal of the trees which require a kink in the path.</p>	<p>Comments on the proposed route to be sent to Nina.</p>	

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<p>5. Bike Futures Conference 2015 – Event Evaluation</p> <p>Clr Perram advised that the conference had been very informative and worthwhile.</p> <p>Rebecca from Connect had presented at the conference.</p> <p>Councillor Perram mentioned that Parramatta Council will be building an elevated bike path along the Parramatta River which can be raised if necessary and will withstand flooding.</p> <p>Group rides and workshops were considered a highlight of the conference.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p>6. Safer Roads Program – cycle safety infrastructure 2016/17 nominations</p> <p>This is a new program and is only applicable for sites which have been the scene of an accident.</p> <p>COR nominated two blackspot locations for consideration – Balaclava Road and Agincourt Road and the widening of the pedestrian refuge in Culloden Road.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p>7. 2016/17 Active Transport submission update – stage 2 and 3 of ELS Hall Park</p> <p>Stages 2 and 3 will complete the route mentioned in item 4 of these minutes.</p> <p>As proposed, the route would then link to Kent Road.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p>8. Bike Week 2015 event – program/advertising material review</p> <p>The 2015 event will be held on 19th September.</p> <p>The proposed program was provided to the meeting.</p> <p>The program includes reference to volunteers being available to provide assistance.</p> <p>Doug advised that Bike North had previously stated that it would not be able to provide volunteers on the day.</p>	<p>Doug to check if volunteers from Bike North can assist on the day.</p> <p>If not, Council will contact commercial companies – Bikewise or similar to ensure that assistance is available on the day.</p>	

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<p>9. Shared path safety concerns – Meadowbank wharf to Melrose Park</p> <p>Mr Ed Kelly addressed the meeting. Mr Kelly is concerned about the possibility that a pedestrian using the shared path could be struck by a cyclist as riders do not ring their bells in warning when approaching pedestrians from the rear. Mr Kelly also believes many riders travel too quickly.</p> <p>He quoted the RMS handbook for riders which states that riders should give way to pedestrians and sound their bell when approaching pedestrians on shared paths.</p> <p>Mr Kelly requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - that additional signage be located reminding riders of their responsibilities to use a bell, keep to the left and slow down when they approach a pedestrian using the path. <p>Information from Transport NSW and Bike NSW will be made available at the Bike Week event regarding etiquette.</p>	<p>Information regarding bike etiquette to be promoted in conjunction with Bike Week activities.</p> <p>Signage will also be renewed.</p> <p>Consideration to be given to a “giveaway” of bike bells at the Bike Week event.</p> <p>Council to work with Transport NSW to create greater awareness of bike safety as it relates to shared paths and pedestrian safety.</p>	
<p>10. Alternative cycleway route options – Rowe Street upgrade</p> <p>The report on this matter was provided to committee members.</p> <p>Comments on the suggested routes are to be provided to Nina.</p>	<p>Comments on the routes proposed are to be provided to Nina.</p>	
<p>11. Bicycle count stations – proposal to provide monthly reports</p> <p>MetroCount has provided advice that reports in the format requested by Council can be provided for a fee of \$1260.00 pa .</p> <p>It was suggested that COR and Parramatta Councils receive joint reports which may lower the cost.</p>	<p>The committee endorsed the purchase of additional reports from Metrocount in an easy to read format</p>	

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<p>12. General Business</p> <p>Additional maps</p> <p>Alf requested four boxes of bike maps.</p> <p>Hermitage Road</p> <p>Councillor Perram mentioned the work required at Hermitage Road heading towards Anzac Ave which includes completion of 30m of path to make the existing route on Hermitage Road a shared path.</p> <p>Prior to this work, it was noted that signage and painting of bike symbols is required.</p> <p>Signage</p> <p><u>Blaxland Road</u></p> <p>Clr Perram requested consideration be given to locating a standard distance sign at the commencement of the Blaxland Road path – near the grass area adjacent to the Civic Centre. Additional signage would also be required at the turn off to Macquarie Park, and at Anzac Ave to indicate the routes to Eastwood and West Ryde.</p> <p><u>Meadowbank</u></p> <p>Signage is still required at Meadowbank station to indicate distances and locations.</p> <p><u>Shrimptions Creek</u></p> <p>Signage is required along the Shrimptions Creek route to indicate major locations.</p> <p>It was also noted that the path along Shrimptions Creek is becoming overgrown in some areas and needs to be cleared to a distance of 1/2m on either side of the bike path.</p> <p>It was noted that the levy charged to landowners in Macquarie Park could be allocated to cycle projects as the funds raised need to be spent in the Macquarie Park area.</p>	<p>Alf and Harry to arrange collection at a suitable time and location.</p> <p>The information was noted. Funding to be sought for these works as appropriate.</p> <p>Harry and Nina to investigate the provision of signage as requested.</p> <p>Works to clear the bike path of overhanging vegetation to be arranged.</p> <p>Signage to be provided as requested.</p> <p>Enquires to be made re the use of Macquarie Park levy funds being allocated to a cycleway project in the area each year.</p>	

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<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>DATE: Monday 12th October 2015 TIME: 6.00pm VENUE: Level 5, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street</p>		