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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Monday, 22 nd March 2021	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.06pm Closed at: 7.25pm
Chair:	Councillor Bernard Purcell	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Muddasir Ilyas – Senior Traffic Engineer	
Circulation:	Committee Members	

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 Bernard Purcell	Chairperson	City of Ryde
	✓	Councillor Jordan Lane	Deputy Chairperson	City of Ryde
	✓	Terry Perram	Community Representative	
		Alf Torrisi	Community Representative	Bike North
	✓	Paul McDonald	Community Representative	Parramatta Cycling Club
		Felix Lo	Community Representative	
✓		Mark Ames	General Manager	Connect Macquarie Park
✓		Marios Elles	Community Representative	
		Craig McMurdo	Community Representative	Bike North
✓		Allison Pryor	Community Representative	Bike North

Additional Attendees

Name	Position Title	Organisation
Muddasir Ilyas	Senior Traffic Engineer – Transport Services	City of Ryde
Lisa Pears (apology)	Road Safety Officer	City of Ryde
Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

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<p>1. Attendance and Apologies</p> <p>Councillor Purcell welcomed all present to the meeting and provided an Acknowledgement to Country.</p> <p>Attendance and Apologies were noted as above.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>2. Confirmation of Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from meeting held on 23rd November 2020</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting held on 23rd November 2020 were confirmed.</p>	Noted.
<p>3. Integrated Transport Strategy</p>	

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<p>David Anderson Senior Coordinator – Transport Planning – City of Ryde provided the following information and update about the ITS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The City of Ryde has a history of producing such strategies; - Each day, 60,000 people leave the Ryde area to work but 85,000 come into the city to work; - Macquarie Park is central to this influx of employees; - Drivers and passengers make up most trips; - Bus, other and train make up 13%; - There is lots of scope for people to use bikes more often to get to work, although it is usually considered a recreational activity; - To reduce traffic in the future, there needs to be change in driver behaviour now, through working from home, using alternate transport forms etc; - A team is looking at the missing links in bicycle pathways which should help in encouraging travel by bike; - Medium/high density housing continues to increase, and employment and housing will continue to increase in the area; - There are 3 transport spines in the City which all have pinch points; - Competitive public and private transport options, are needed, especially in Macquarie Park; - In 2007, Council produced its first ITS with the aim of finding ways to reduce air pollution; - The current strategy was completed in 2015 with the aim of finding the missing links in all forms of transport; - The 2015 Strategy, made 72 recommendations; - The latest strategy being undertaken now is looking at advocacy to fund missing infrastructure and links; - There is a desire to bring major projects forward and to build confidence in coordinated planning; - Development, population and employment will increase in the future; - Want to look at ebikes and other forms of transport to see the role they can play; - Want to provide guidance internally be viewing DA's to accommodate needs; - Want to look at public/private situation to get best results; - Will look at the ITS's of neighbouring Councils; - Have reviewed the last plans and looked at what came out of that; - Have met with areas of Council and groups such as this to find out needs; - Have done data analysis and looked at impact of COVID; - Will then write the document for approval around mid year; - Will then use the document to go to Government to hopefully get funding for the things supported; - Marios noted that many people express to him that they don't want to use bikes to travel to this area as they don't feel safe on the roads; - Allyson said that electric bikes and micro mobility devices are well suited to the topography in this area and the whole northern area; - They are popular overseas and could be used here to great advantage; - Mark said many people tell him they would be happy to integrate bikes, walking etc into their travel plans ie from the metro hubs or wherever to the workplace or destination; - These facilities need to be integrated and should be considered in this strategy. 	<p>The information was noted</p>	
<p>4. Lighting project for Shrimptons Creek shared user path</p> <p>Michael Longworth – Senior Coordinator Parks Planning at City of Ryde provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding is available to light the shared user path for approx. 2 km between Bridge Rd and Epping Road; - The “Have your Say” period for comments from the community is complete; - Not many responses were received from cyclists, but there were a few from environmentalists who want care taken that the path won't interfere with native animals who live near the path; - Submissions can still be sent if anyone on this committee wishes to make a submission; - Mark asked has flooding been considered in the design of the lighting and the path? - Michael replied, yes, this has been considered; 	<p>The information was noted</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mark said lots of people he talks to, particularly women and children, are not comfortable using the path at present; - Michael provided advice that the lights will operate from 5am until sunrise year-round and turn off at 11:30pm in summer and 10:30pm in winter; - Mark was asked to provide feedback on following that advice 	
5.	<p>Bike Strategy Update</p> <p>Stephanie Crossley of Crossley Transport Planning provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stephanie provided her first update about a month ago and is here tonight to provide an update to this committee on works to date. - The aim of the strategy is to review the 2014 Strategy and realign it with current plans - It is hoped to continue what is working well and improve in areas that are not - Connectivity is very important – people want connections to centres, open space, etc - People want to be able to use ebikes to do anything they want in Ryde. This should be possible – it is not at present - To deliver bike infrastructure is expensive – it takes years to deliver an entire route - A question was raised as to whether pop-up routes can be created as occurred overseas during COVID? - Not much data exists at present, but need to capture this so it is understood what people think - Mark asked if this strategy will work to change that – the answer was yes. No point making decisions without having data to back it up, - Sometimes it was noted there is conflict between different groups over the same issue ie with regard to the use of granite for footpaths/ shared user paths, it might look good but is slippery for bikes. Need an overall decision process so everyone is involved - Need to give people the chance to take part in decision making process - It was noted that Macquarie Park has good connections. The connection between Epping and Mac Park is good and the connection between Eastwood and Mac Park is improving. - Bike connections in the Gladesville area are poor - There are lots of green routes in the CoR and possibly Shrimptons Creek could be used too - It was noted that it is often the last mile which is missing when people catch public transport but need to get to their final destination. - Bike lanes, shared lanes are the major method of bike use on major routes - On local roads, the markings are not as obvious and often affect parking provisions - Healthy Streets framework from the UK is considered a fantastic opportunity to improve all streets, not just for cyclists but for everyone - It puts people and their health at the centre of decisions - If people choose to cycle and walk and feel welcome, you have created a healthy street - Mark noted that this approach takes a whole of community approach and lessens the potential for people to only look at issues from their own point of view be it a motorist, cyclist or pedestrian. - All present said they would support such an approach - Allyson said she would like the behavioural and infrastructure detail placed in the plan - Mark advised that Sydney City has looked at behaviour change and has produced work on this topic - Pop up bike infrastructure helps people get used to something before it becomes permanent. 	<p>The information was noted</p>
6.	<p>Major Works Update</p> <p><u>(RR05) Pittwater Road – Shared Use Path</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work has commenced on stage 2 which consists of Stages 2A and 2B; - Community consultation is complete for stage 2A; - Stage 2A Between Bronhill Ave and Renee St is being constructed; - Stage 2B will cover the section from Victoria Road to High Street; - This section will also be delivered in the next financial year; - Construction on Kitty’s Creek bridge widening has commenced and expected to complete in this financial year. 	<p>Noted.</p>

