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Venue:	Room 3, Level 5, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde	
Date:	Monday, 13 th April 2015	
Time:	Started at: pm 6.00pm Closed at: 7.40pm	
Chair:	Clr Perram	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith	
Staff Convenor:	Nina Fard	
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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	
		Mr George Dedes	Group Manager – Public Works	City of Ryde
		Mr Anthony Ogle	Manager – Asset Systems	City of Ryde
	✓	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
Patrick Bastawrous	Traffic Engineer	City of Ryde
Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

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1. Present:	Noted	
Apologies:	As noted above.	
2. Confirmation of Minutes from 2nd March 2015 The Minutes from the meeting held on 2 nd March 2015 were confirmed and endorsed.	Minutes confirmed and endorsed.	

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<p>3. Business Arising from Meeting held on 2nd March 2015</p> <p>Shrimptons Creek Cycleway- line marking upgrade</p> <p>The line marking along the Shrimptons Creek cycleway is complete.</p> <p>The kerb ramp to Lesley Street has been completed.</p> <p>Cycle bridge at Vimiera Road over Epping Road</p> <p>Nina has been in contact with RMS re the non-compliant bollards in use. RMS will not replace the bollards but will place “reflective tape” on them.</p> <p>Update from Macquarie University.</p> <p>Still no response from Macquarie University re use of the university grounds by cyclists. Comments from Bicycle Committee to be included in any future consideration of a development proposal affecting the 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>Delhi Road – northbound where it crosses M2</p> <p>Verbal advice received from RMS that the issue regarding the two sets of lights at Delhi Road, M2 Bridge, is valid but there are no immediate plans to improve the intersection.</p> <p>Bollard Replacement</p> <p>Bike North to provide Nina with suggested locations for the installation of replacement bollards that comply with RMS design standards.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Advice from RMS re placement of reflective tape was noted but the Committee does not believe this is an adequate outcome.</p> <p>The information was noted.</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>Nina has sent a further email to the RMS seeking a more favourable response with regard to changes at this intersection. Action is required to remove the danger which currently exists due to the location of lights and lines. Currently, once they enter the intersection, motorists/cyclists, can be caught on the wrong side of the traffic lights and are unable to see when they change. This can result in motorists driving into oncoming traffic.</p> <p>Bike North to provide details to Nina.</p>	<p>Nina is to update the committee members when a response is received from the RMS.</p>
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	<p><u>Capital Works Funding</u></p> <p>A future discussion on this matter and the funding process adopted by RMS to be listed on next agenda.</p>	<p>Future agenda item to be discussion of funding process adopted by RMS.</p> <p>A map showing important routes through the City of Ryde to be considered at a future meeting.</p> <p>Decisions to be made about routes which are considered important/critical so they can be put to RMS for consideration in future priority funding applications.</p>	
4.	<p>Blaxland Road Cycleway – Benson Lane/Anzac Ave options</p> <p>Following examination of the plan, it is considered that the cycleway could commence at Benson Lane. The ramp and bollards proposed are not required if the cycleway merges with Benson Lane at this point. The minimum work required would be to grind the lip of the layback for a safer transition.</p> <p>It was suggested that green bike paint and a bike logo be used at the entry to Benson Lane and also at the front of the service station.</p> <p>Signage showing bike route and distance to Eastwood and other locations to be provided at the completion of this work.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
5.	<p>M2 Diversionary route (Coxs Road – handover to COR)</p> <p>It was noted that no work has been carried out on the bike markings since approximately 4 years ago.</p> <p>Poor quality paint was used and surface requires repainting and/or remarking.</p> <p>The area between Wicks Road and Ryrie Place has no marking and the grass is very high. The committee believes Transurban should restore the pathway to good quality prior to its transfer to Council.</p> <p>It was suggested that the site should be either decommissioned or handed over in good condition.</p>	<p>Bike North members to undertake an audit of the cycleway and advise Nina of the works required to bring this route up to a suitable standard.</p>	

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<p>6. Speed of cyclists – Lancaster Ave – Melrose Park</p> <p>Nina advised that some residents of Lancaster Avenue have complained about the speed of cyclists using that street.</p> <p>Committee members do not believe cyclists could exceed the 50km/h speed limit on this road, but it is not possible to measure their speed accurately.</p> <p>Most cyclists are recreational cyclists but some commuters also use the route.</p> <p>It was noted that the emphasis is on drivers to ensure there are no cyclists/pedestrians crossing the driveway when exiting their property.</p> <p>It was noted that there is a long term objective for the cycleway to continue along the waterfront (section of riverfront between Meadowbank Park and Korpie Reserve where properties are zoned for open space) instead of along Lancaster Ave. This is subject to rezoned land being acquired by the Department of Planning through voluntary process to enable this proposal to proceed.</p> <p>It was further noted that the draft Meadowbank Park Masterplan showed a pathway along the riverfront for part of this section.</p>	<p>Nina to suggest to complainants that vision would be improved if they reverse into driveways and can therefore leave driveways in a forward manner.</p> <p>Nina to discuss with Council staff the possibility of writing to the Department of Planning to encourage the department to acquire the remaining open space zoned riverfront land to enable continuation of the bike path from Meadowbank Park to Korpie Reserve. This would allow cyclists to avoid the section of Lancaster Avenue where conflict is an issue. Such letter to point out that when missing links in the riverfront bike path being constructed in the Parramatta Council area are completed, Lancaster Avenue will be the only remaining on-road section between Parramatta and Meadowbank.</p> <p>If staff agree that such a letter should be prepared, a copy is to be sent to this committee.</p> <p>The letter to quote bike numbers obtained from relevant counters.</p>	
<p>7. Bicycle Count stations data update</p> <p>The latest bike count figures were not available at the meeting. It was noted that the figures are received in such a format that they cannot be emailed to committee members because the attachment will not open without the MetroCount software.</p> <p>It is considered vital that the raw data provided by MetroCount is not lost when the results are summarised. Information to be sought as to be best way to retain the raw data for future analysis when required.</p>	<p>Nina to enquire with staff at Parramatta Council re export of data from MetroCount into format that can be provided to Committee and used to provide useful information.</p> <p>For the purpose of identifying trends, a single number to be obtained from each count station and reported on a monthly basis.</p> <p>Nina to ensure that past data is retained and a report including the extracted detail created.</p>	

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<p>8. General Business</p> <p>Roundabout design – Morrison Road</p> <p>The committee viewed plans of the proposed traffic calming works on Morrison Road.</p> <p>Cyclist safety should be improved as part of any upgrade project. The LATM should reduce speed and volume – with roundabout speed projected to be 40kph.</p> <p>It was noted that residential unit developments proposed for Meadowbank and Gladesville will place pressure on Morrison Road and potentially increase risk for cyclists.</p> <p>RMS is paying for all works except for three roundabouts</p> <p>Community consultation will be carried out prior to any final decisions being taken.</p> <p>Quarry Road Ryde</p> <p>The committee passed on its comments that it would prefer the bike rack at the upgraded centre to be placed in front of the vet surgery rather than the currently suggested location.</p> <p>The preferred site is visible and provides good security.</p> <p>Roundabout speed humps</p> <p>It was noted that the rubber speed humps at the roundabout at Midway are working well in slowing traffic.</p> <p>It was noted that the similar speed humps in Parkes Ave are difficult to see as the white markings on the edges are wearing off.</p> <p>Remaining budget 2015</p> <p>Suggestions were sought as to items on which to expend the remaining funds (approx. \$12,000) for this financial year,</p> <p>It was noted that Council does not own a pushbike.</p> <p>The Committee would like to suggest that funds by spent in part, to purchase a bike for staff useage.</p>	<p>Nina to ensure that the regional bike route is maintained on any proposed change to traffic facilities design on Morrison Road.</p> <p>The bike strategy is to be reviewed to examine treatments previously proposed.</p> <p>A continuous bike lane must be included if flat top humps are to be used.</p> <p>Bike logos should also be used at roundabouts.</p> <p>Comments are to be passed to Nina.</p> <p>Nina to pass on the suggested location for the bike rack to the relevant Project Development staff.</p> <p>Nina to enquire if it is possible to paint more long lasting edges on the speed humps.</p> <p>It was agreed the majority of funds should go toward providing signage in locations such as: <u>Meadowbank station</u> – showing directions and distance to Homebush Bay, Macquarie Park etc the new path along Blaxland Road from Top Ryde. Directions/distances/and times to ride to West Ryde, Macquarie Park and Eastwood to be included <u>Meadowbank cycleway</u> near Parramatta boundary <u>Meadowbank Wharf</u></p> <p>Members of committee to ride these routes and advise Nina or approximate distances for signage.</p>	
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<p>Deburghs Bridge</p> <p>During the planning and preliminary design stage of this project, it was discovered that works will have to be undertaken on Crown Land and Council will need approval from National Parks. To obtain necessary approvals a REF will need to be undertaken along with consultation. This additional time and cost will not make this a feasible project to be completed this financial year.</p> <p>Hunts Ave – Bikes excepted sign</p> <p>The Committee asked that its thanks be recorded for installing a sign at the intersection of Hunts Ave and Balaclava Roads which reads in part – No right turn – bikes excepted.</p> <p>This decision is considered a precedent and a list of other locations where such a sign could be installed will be submitted for future consideration.</p> <p>Rowe Street East Masterplan</p> <p>Clr Perram provided advice as to the decision of the Works Committee at its meeting of 31st March regarding the rejuvenation of Rowe Street East.</p> <p>He advised that he has asked that a report be submitted to a future Works Committee stating the preferred route for bikes to travel to Eastwood Station in conjunction with the upgrade of Rowe Street East.</p> <p>It was also noted that additional bike parking is required on the eastern side of the railway</p> <p>Position of telegraph poles – Blaxland Road</p> <p>Nina advised that Telstra have provided advice that the old pole on Blaxland Road near the Motor Registry will be removed but that the new pole located nearby but in the middle of the bike path, will not be relocated.</p> <p>Telstra Pit outside fire station – Blaxland Road Ryde</p> <p>Advice was received that the Telstra pit has sunk further into the pavement making for a dangerous bike hazard.</p> <p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>DATE: Monday 15 June 2015 TIME: 6.00pm VENUE: Level 5, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Details of other locations where a similar “bike excepted” sign could be installed to be submitted to a future meeting of this committee.</p> <p>Comments on the proposed changes to Rowe Street East and bike routes to the station to be made by interested committee members.</p> <p>The information was noted but the Committee expressed its dismay that such an outcome could occur</p> <p>Nina to contact Telstra re this matter.</p>	