

PRESENT

Members:

Denise Wilson (Chair)
Councillor Intemann
Councillor Alley
Adele Graham
Brad Thomas
Craig Nethery
Michael Mowle
Tony Thorne
Dan Bylsma (Director Infrastructure)
Cam Hawkins (Group Manager Infrastructure Planning)

Other Attendees:

Andy Roberts (Communications Manager)

The meeting opened at 9:04am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apology received from Philip Lloyd be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Minutes of the Port Macquarie Transport Network Community Consultative Committee Meeting held on 6 March 2020 be confirmed.
 2. That additional detail be added to future minutes.
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04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Tony Thorne declared a Non-Pecuniary - Less than Significant interest in Item 06 - Other Transport Improvement Projects, the reason being that Transport Improvement Project 15 The Ruins Way Upgrade, Major Innes Drive to Sitella Street, is a design project King and Campbell Pty Are undertaking for Port Macquarie-Hastings Council. Mr Thorne is a Director of King and Campbell Pty Ltd.

Michael Mowle declared a Pecuniary interest in Item 06 - Other Transport Improvement Projects (John Oxley Drive Upgrade), the reason being Mr Mowle is a Director of Hopkins Consultants, who are undertaking detailed designs for Port Macquarie-Hastings Council.

Craig Nethery declared a Non-Pecuniary - Less than Significant interest in Item 06 - Other Transport Improvement Projects, the reason being Mr Nethery is a partner of StreetWise Road Safety & Traffic Services who are engaged by Lead Consultant (Contractor) to complete independent Desktop Design Road Safety Audits for the nominated projects. Exposure is considered to be limited given Corrective Actions raised in the RSAs do not have to be agreed upon / acted on (in accordance with Austroads Guide to Road Safety).

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee:

1. Note future minutes need to be more comprehensive of issues raised.
 2. Request members review the minutes when received and advise of any additional points to be included.
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06 OTHER TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Tony Thorne declared a Non-Pecuniary - Less than Significant interest in this Item and remained in the meeting.

Michael Mowle declared a Pecuniary interest in this Item and remained in the meeting.

Craig Nethery declared a Non-Pecuniary - Less than Significant interest in this Item and remained in the meeting.

Discussions:

Lake Road

- The importance of ensuring the planning for Lake Road is undertaken in the context of the boarder network and the potential to solely rely on Lake Road as the major East-West link should a crossing of the Nature Reserve never occur was raised.
- Planning for Lake Road is occurring with consideration of Oxley Highway upgrades and the potential to cross the Nature Reserve or not, along with business impacts and property acquisitions along Lake Road.
- Short term planning for the intersection upgrade at Jindalee Road and expansion to two lanes includes consideration of property impacts is underway.
- Lake Road corridor planning is also part of the Transport Network Improvements Planning project.
- Progression of land acquisition with NPWS along Lake Road - until we have a broader understanding of the wider road network impacts and therefore outcomes for Lake Road, we are limited in our capacity to progress this with NPWS.

Funding

- Potential to secure Federal Government funding through COVID measures for Wrights Road and Fernhill Road projects. Projects have not currently progressed to detailed design and funding allocation usually requires projects to be further developed.

Oxley Highway

- Impacts of the pedestrian refuge at intersection of Oxley Highway and Lake Road were discussed. There is only one lane exiting the Oxley Highway onto Lake Road therefore the refuge island is not restricting the ability of having two lanes Traffic engineering is currently pointing to traffic signals at this location which TfNSW are considering as part of an Oxley Highway corridor upgrade.
- Council are working with TfNSW especially around the intersections at Wrights Road and Fernhill Road.
- State Government planning of Oxley Highway corridor upgrade expected to be completed by end of year. No timeframe has been provided for implementation as funding has not yet been committed to this project.

Cycleways / Shared Paths

- Are cycleways and shared paths considered in project designs, particularly for Lake Road. Hastings River Drive has incorporated cycleways. Lake Road designs are a little more difficult due to topography and property constraints but

cycleways/shared paths are considered.

Ocean Drive

- Timelines and events since project inception that has led to an increase in costs.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee:

1. Request the May 2020 Council report on Ocean Drive be included with the minutes of this meeting.
2. Request Committee members engage in an offline email communication regarding Ocean Drive duplication project, in particular the timeline of actions to date, following receipt of Council report.
3. Request the Director Infrastructure circulate a copy of Phil Lloyd's questions and Council responses to the Committee with the minutes of this meeting.

07 PORT MACQUARIE TRANSPORT NETWORK IMPROVEMENT PLANNING PROJECT UPDATE

Discussions:

- Traffic model development was discussed, in particular the validation and calibration of the model in accordance with TfNSW guidelines. There are a lot of U-Turn movements to access businesses which is hard to replicate in the model which is impacting the calibration - staff are working through this in consideration of the TfNSW guidelines. It is key to note that to move through the assurance progress we need to meet the guidelines.
- Group Manager Infrastructure Planning provided a visual indication of extent of the traffic planning/modelling for the Port Macquarie network.
- It was confirmed that there will be a test for new road links as a part of the overall planning.
- Value Management Workshop criteria will be set in the Pre Value Management Workshop.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee note the information provided in this report.

08 GENERAL BUSINESS

08.01 ANNUAL ROAD SURFACE CONDITION SURVEYS

How is Council completing its annual road surface condition surveys in relation to roads hierarchy and resurface planning?

Council plan to complete the entire road network every three years. Reactive risk based maintenance is used in line with best practice guidelines to prioritise works. Preventative maintenance (resurfacing etc) uses the pavement management system as a decision support tool to prioritise works.

08.02 HIGHFIELDS CIRCUIT

Highfields Circuit is considered a local road. Council has applied for State Government grant funding for maintenance to this location and are awaiting the outcome.

08.03 OLD PACIFIC HIGHWAY ASSETS

The Denis and Wilson River Bridges on the old Pacific Highway alignment will remain State Assets and TfNSW are still working through the handback and reclassification of the old highway, now Hastings River Drive as a Regional Road.

08.04 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Regarding future face to face committee meetings, Council is currently working on a 'return to work' process including public meeting protocols however no timeframe has currently been set for this.

08.05 NETWORK IMPROVEMENT PLANNING PROJECT PRE-VALUE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

The network improvement planning project pre-value management workshop is currently scheduled for July will be difficult to run via Skype. Staff will consider rescheduling this if Government guidelines do not allow for face to face meetings.

08.06 CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee:

1. Request the Director Infrastructure create a OneDrive folder for the Committee to share relevant documentation.
 2. Agree to include all Committee members in correspondence related to relevant projects or Committee business.
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The meeting closed at 10:36am.