

PRESENT

Members:

Denise Wilson (Chair)
Councillor Lisa Intemann
Councillor Peter Alley
Adele Graham (Independent member)
Brad Thomas (Independent member)
Craig Nethery (Independent member)
Philip Lloyd (Community representative)
Tony Thorne (Independent member)
Director Infrastructure (Dan Bylsma)
Group Manager Infrastructure Planning (Cameron Hawkins)

Other Attendees:

Group Manager Community (Lucilla Marshall)

The meeting opened at 9:31 am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apology received from Michael Mowle be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Port Macquarie Transport Network Community Consultative Committee Meeting held on 25 May 2020 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Tony Thorne declared a Non-Pecuniary - Less than Significant Interest in Item 06 - Other Transport Improvement Projects, the reason being Mr Thorne is a Director of King and Campbell Pty Ltd which did the detail design for Project 14 which is now complete with the project in construction. King and Campbell Pty Ltd have also lodged a tender on Project 20, Boundary Street Upgrade which is undetermined.

Tony Thorne declared a Non-Pecuniary - Less than Significant Interest in Item 07 - Port Macquarie Transport Network Improvement Planning Project Update, the reason being Mr Thorne, at the time of applying to join the Port Macquarie Transport Network Community Consultative Committee, advised he represented St Agnes Parish and J Newton Construction Pty Ltd and has made submissions on behalf of those landowners on this project.

Craig Nethery declared a Non-Pecuniary - Less than Significant Interest in Item 06 - Other Transport Improvement Projects, the reason being Mr Nethery, partner in StreetWise Road Safety & Traffic Services, have been 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

Discussion held around the need for consistency in messaging to be led through Group Manager Infrastructure Planning across related projects.

Discussion held around Roads Hierarchy and how this is used across roads maintenance activities. The Roads Hierarchy is not a standalone document but rather is used in conjunction with other planning documents to prioritise maintenance works, funding and grant opportunities.

CONSENSUS:

Director Infrastructure to arrange for questions raised by Phil Lloyd at previous meeting and questions from Craig Nethery distributed with this meeting agenda to be provided to members.

06 OTHER TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Tony Thorne declared a Non-Pecuniary - Less than Significant Interest in this item and took part in the consideration and voting thereon.

Craig Nethery declared a Non-Pecuniary - Less than Significant Interest in this item and took part in the consideration and voting thereon.

Phil Lloyd raised a question regarding construction of John Oxley Drive upgrade. Group Manager Infrastructure Planning advised that the design is being completed with funding to be considered in future years for construction. This project would need to be staged and prioritised in accordance with traffic network investigations.

Phil Lloyd raised a question regarding traffic modelling or studies that justify the need for an airport access road, including environmental studies. Group Manager Infrastructure Planning advised that studies and traffic investigations have been undertaken as part of Airport Business Park planning. Early high level environmental work has been undertaken as part of the strategic work to provide a better understanding of the environmental impacts.

Tony Thorne advised that biodiversity issues have been looked at in detail along the proposed airport access road between Lady Nelson Drive and Boundary Street and the biocertification confirmed this section does not impact Koala habitat.

Phil Lloyd questioned if a cost benefit ratio analysis had been conducted for the proposed airport access road. Group Manager Infrastructure Planning advised this has not been undertaken as only strategic concept designs have been completed at this point. The proposed airport access road is not a project in Council's current Operational Plan.

Craig Nethery raised a question regarding Council's confidence in securing additional funds for the Ocean Drive Duplication project. Director Infrastructure advised that local Federal Member made a commitment to discuss this matter with the Deputy Prime Minister and Council staff will provide a briefing to Councillors regarding Council's financial position in relation to these works.

Phil Lloyd questioned if the cost estimate for the Ocean Drive Duplication is realistic. Director Infrastructure advised the latest cost estimate was provided by TfNSW who believe the estimate has a 95% likelihood of being accurate.

Craig Nethery questioned if any other organisations have undertaken an estimate for this work. Group Manager Infrastructure Planning advised TfNSW are the only organisation that has provided a construction cost estimate for the project. The estimate is based on the costs TfNSW's internal delivery section would be able to deliver the project for, taking into account resources, risk and escalations.

CONSENSUS:

The Committee request that:

1. Group Manager Infrastructure Planning provide an report to the Committee on the proposed Airport Access Road following receipt of information from TfNSW. If this information is received prior to the next Committee meeting, this report should be provided as an interim report.
 2. Group Manager Infrastructure Planning provide a copy of the GHD report on the proposed Airport Access Road.
 3. Director Infrastructure provide a copy of the August 2020 Ocean Drive Duplication project report to Council.
 4. Group Manager Infrastructure Planning update this report for future meetings to clearly identify strategic projects and immediate initiatives.
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**07 PORT MACQUARIE TRANSPORT NETWORK IMPROVEMENT PLANNING
PROJECT UPDATE**

Tony Thorne declared a Non-Pecuniary - Less than Significant Interest in this item and took part in the consideration and voting thereon.

Group Manager Community advised Value Management Workshops will involve Committee members, representatives from other relevant Committees, key agencies and Councillors.

Group Manager Infrastructure Planning confirmed the dates listed for these workshops in the meeting agenda are correct and face to face meetings are being planned, noting COVID requirements need to be met.

Group Manager Infrastructure Planning advised that 'Do minimum' refers to future projects that are planned and funded.

Tony Thorne questioned if criteria for considering options will be determined at or prior to the Pre-Value Management Workshop. Group Manager Infrastructure Planning advised that the purpose of the Pre-Value Management Workshop will be specifically to determine criteria.

Councillor Intemann notes both Workshops are currently planned for the week of Council meeting which is very challenging for Councillors and Council staff.

Director Infrastructure confirmed that participants for the workshops will be Councillors, PMTNCCC members, representative from key external agencies (with input on relevant agencies from TfNSW and DPIE) and one representative from the Access Committee and Sustainability Working Group.

Craig Nethery requests that representatives from Corridor Committee and HEP Committee be involved. Group Manager Community advise that there is no formal Corridor Committee but rather all community members are invited to consult and the HEP Committee is not a formal committee of Council.

Group Manager Infrastructure Planning notes that broader community engagement will occur following the Value Management Workshops on relevant outcomes.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee request that:

1. Group Manager Infrastructure Planning provide a copy of the 'Do minimum technical note'.
 2. Group Manager Infrastructure Planning provide a copy of the constraints mapping.
 3. Group Manager Community and Infrastructure Planning revised dates for the Workshop meetings.
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08 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

The meeting closed at 10:54am.