

ORDINARY COUNCIL

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4 Your Natural and Built Environment

What we are trying to achieve

A connected, sustainable, accessible community and environment that is protected now and into the future.

What the result will be

We will have:

- Effective management and maintenance of essential water, waste and sewer infrastructure
- A community that is prepared for natural events and climate change
- Sustainable and environmentally sensitive development outcomes that consider the impact on the natural environment
- Accessible transport network for our communities
- Infrastructure provision and maintenance that meets community expectations and needs
- Well planned communities that are linked to encourage and manage growth
- Accessible and protected waterways, foreshores, beaches and bushlands
- An environment that is protected and conserved for future generations
- Renewable energy options that are understood and accessible by the community

How we will get there

- 4.1 Provide (appropriate) infrastructure and services including water cycle management, waste management, and sewer management
- 4.2 Aim to minimise the impact of natural events and climate change, for example, floods, bushfires and coastal erosion
- 4.3 Facilitate development that is compatible with the natural and built environment
- 4.4 Plan for integrated transport systems that help people get around and link our communities
- 4.5 Plan for integrated and connected communities across the Port Macquarie-Hastings area
- 4.6 Restore and protect natural areas
- 4.7 Provide leadership in the development of renewable energy opportunities
- 4.8 Increase awareness of issues affecting our environment, including the preservation of flora and fauna

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Dear Anna

Integrated Strategic Network Masterplan

As you may be aware, Council has been undertaking significant planning work around our future traffic network capabilities.

We have been working closely with Transport for NSW to align plans across both the local and State networks.

A Notice of Motion was raised by one of our Councillors at the 17 March 2021 Council meeting regarding the traffic network and it was resolved as follows:

13.01 NOTICE OF MOTION - TRAFFIC NETWORK

RESOLVED: Hawkins/Pinson

That Council:

1. Note the rapid growth in population of the Port Macquarie Hastings (PMH) Local Government Area (LGA), with the growth likely to continue at an accelerating rate into the future.
2. Note the impact this is having on many aspects of the liveability of the PMH LGA, but especially on the region's road network.
3. Note that the Pacific Highway and Oxley Highway are critically important major thoroughfares for our local community (key components of our local traffic network), but fall outside Council's area of responsibility for strategic planning and funding.
4. Urgently seek alignment and support from the State Government to adopt an Integrated Strategic Network "Masterplan" approach to upgrading the road network for the community focusing on priority projects as below (for example), irrespective as to whether they are Local or State roads, notwithstanding the fact that almost all these projects will likely require significant funding contributions from State and / or Federal Governments.

- Oxley Highway Upgrade - Wrights Road to Lake Road
- Lake Road duplication and upgrade - Ocean Drive to Oxley Highway
- John Oxley Drive duplication and upgrade - Wrights Road to The Ruins Way
- Pacific Highway intersection upgrades

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- Boundary Street duplication and upgrade
 - Alternative access into the Health and Education Precinct
 - Alternative access to the Airport
 - Improved east/west connections from Ocean Drive to Oxley Highway
 - King Creek Road / Oxley Highway intersection
 - Ocean Drive duplication (through Lake Cathie)
 - Revisit the Bonny Hills bypass route selection
5. Request the Chief Executive Officer to prioritise a Councillor / staff workshop to develop the network planning further, confirm the individual projects within a staged/phased framework and develop a community engagement plan with Local, State and Federal Government representatives to seek their input and support.
 6. Develop a Joint Local Government / State Government "Integrated Strategic Road Network Masterplan" outlining the strategic priority projects and indicative timeframes, with a report back to Council in July 2021 to outline the Plan.
 7. Engage with the Federal Government so that (principally via local members) they are at all times well informed and current with respect to Council's priorities and likely funding pressure points.

CARRIED: 6/0

FOR: *Alley, Griffiths, Hawkins, Intemann, Pinson and Turner*

AGAINST: *Nil*


In line with the above resolution, I invite Transport for NSW to work with Council to develop a joint Integrated Strategic Road Network Masterplan. It is our intention that this approach would focus on the whole transport network, prioritising works to see the Port Macquarie-Hastings transport network upgraded to meet community needs now and into the future.

The development of this Joint Masterplan would demonstrate the collaboration between our two levels of Government in providing key infrastructure for regional areas.

I look forward to working with you to arrange a suitable time to progress this work, noting we have been asked to provide a draft outline of the Masterplan to the 21 July 2021 Council meeting.

I can be contacted via email at dan.bylsma@pmhc.nsw.gov.au or via phone on 0448 148 698.

Yours sincerely


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