



Minutes - Special Meeting Mass Transit

Monday 7.00 pm, 14 June 2021

North Shore Community Centre

1. Opening, and Acknowledgment of Country

Welcome to Attendees

2. Attendance and apologies

i. Attendance:

Melva Hobson (MCG), Estelle Blair (C&NSCC), Greg Smith (SCAAN), Lesley Dimmock (FOB), Kate Harvey (FOB and MTAG), Maxwell Standage (MADCA), Rowan Stanley (MRA), Trevor Rice (SCAAN), Tracey Goodwin-McDonald (MTAG), Ken Husband (LACA), Ian Hope (LACA), Pam Rogowski (Palmwoods Living History Society), Mark Evans (ECM), Lindsay Holt (BRLUPA), Tony Barry (CRA), Brian Anker (DW), Brian Raison (DW), Tony Philbrick (DW/Associate), Lynette Saxton (DW/Resident), Edwin Hammet (CaNSCC), Angela Hatfield (FOY), Bernie Mendis (MCG), Tony Gibson (Assoc.), Judy Svensen

ii. **Apologies:** Richard Dennis (SSCA), Susie Chapman (MCG), John Hare (PBCA), Michael Spicer (PFAFA), Keith Sweatman (YADCA), Ken Mewburn (TAPP), Kathryn Hyman (TWWS), Narelle McCarthy (SCEC), Natalie Frost (SCEC), Graeme Smith (CRA), Jim Stewart (Ride Sharers), Charles Toms (MRA), Kim Luff (NRA), Colin Verrall (Assoc.), Megan Knight (Assoc.)

3. Declaration of interests

Melva Hobson is a member of LGIA Super

4. Business of the Special Meeting

4.1 OSCAR submission to SCRC re Mass Transit proposal

SCRC's Mass Transit Options Paper is on exhibition until 22 June 2021. This special meeting was called to ascertain a combined Groups view to enable OSCAR to make a representative submission.

Part A – SC Regional Transport Strategy

A presentation on the SC Regional Strategy was given by Greg Smith, OSCAR representative to the TCRG, followed by discussion from the floor. Four alternatives are presented in the Strategy:

1. A local mass transit system in the Sunshine Coast Urban Corridor
2. Continuing upgrades to the Beerwah to Nambour rail line
3. The provision of regional rail from Beerwah to Maroochydore City Centre in the CAMCOS corridor
4. A high frequency bus network and a feeder bus network linking key locations further along the coast and in the hinterland

Representatives were asked to prioritise these alternatives, to provide information on preferred transport modes to assist OSCAR prepare its submission on the Mass Transit Options Paper

Part B – Options for coastal corridor

A presentation on the nine options discussed in the Options Paper was given by Greg Smith and Lindsay Holt. More discussion followed and groups were given the opportunity to state their issues and position on the Options. Nine options were discussed in the Paper:

1. Business as usual (the Do Nothing option)
2. Road network upgrades
3. Region-wide bus service enhancements
4. Region-wide bus network upgrades
5. Quality bus corridor (along the coastal corridor)
6. Bus Rapid Transit
7. Light Rail Transit
8. Trackless Tram
9. Wireless Light Rail Transit

Part C – Members’ prioritisation

Representatives were asked to consider, prioritise and/or comment on these options, to provide information to assist OSCAR prepare its submission on the Mass Transit Options Paper on behalf of their members.

Part D – Urban Form discussion

Members and group representatives discussed the information on proposed intensification of urban development along the Coastal Corridor, including considering Factsheet 14 supplied by SCRC. Additional comments were recorded, to inform the OSCAR submission.

Part E – Development of motion to put to the meeting

A draft motion was discussed by representatives and further refined out of session. The final position is as follows:

OSCAR proposed the following consensus position regarding the Mass Transit proposal by SCRC

1. OSCAR does not support the SCRC's 5 preferred transit options but does support an option that provides region-wide bus service enhancements operating on new and existing routes with greater frequency, more direct routes and better connections but also incorporating the provision of new technology including a more modern and agile bus fleet and also incorporating the development of rapid transport along the CAMCOS route (Ref: page 55 Regional Transport Plans, South East Queensland 2021) which does not indicate heavy rail as the only option).

In OSCAR's view, this represents an immediate and affordable solution for staged improvements to public transport in the region with an investigation of CAMCOS as a future stage also supported.

OSCAR further believes that population increases appropriate for various coast communities should be driven by the planning scheme which in turn guides appropriate transport strategies and not the other way around.

2. We believe the Council should, in conjunction with State Government, review the Options Analysis Report to incorporate:

- more rigorous testing of the assumptions in the draft report and a review of the appropriateness of weightings given to increased densities in the coastal corridor in

- assessing the comparative performance of options
- impacts of a mass transit solution in the Urban Corridor including:
 - the current Planning Scheme and implications for PS 2024
 - availability of Federal and State funding and the likely extent of any Council contribution
 - implications of the full range of environmental impacts along the coastal corridor
 - implications of TMR's plans for the region – eg the Mooloolah River interchange, additional Kawana Way lanes, and planned additional road south from Maroochydore
 - developments in transport infrastructure and technology including provision of "on-demand" public transport and rental e-bikes etc
 - Olympics 2032 technology and infrastructure requirements on the Sunshine Coast
 - connectivity with the regional transport system and role in the regional transport strategy (road, rail, other public and active transport elements)

Part F – OSCAR votes

As we were not at a point for voting, it was agreed that the statement would be circulated via and Update or email for members to comment.

4.2 OSCAR nomination to SCRC CRG for the Planning Scheme

Melva Hobson expressed interest in the nomination, pointing out that it was to further community engagement, rather than provide planning input to the development of the draft 2024 Planning Scheme. She provided details of her community engagement experience. No other interest was expressed at the meeting.

Moved Estelle Blair, Seconded Kate Harvey, that Melva Hobson be OSCAR's nominee to the Community Reference Group. Carried.

5.0 Meeting date and location for next OSCAR general meeting

Meeting date 24 June 2021, by Zoom

6.0 Closed of meeting

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.