

## Transport Community Reference Group

Date: **Wednesday, 11 May 2022**

Time: **9.30 – 11.30 am**

Location: *Council Chambers - Cnr Currie & Bury Streets, Nambour or via MS Teams*

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### Attendance:

Paul William-Smith	Community member
Hugh Butler	Community member (online)
Rebecca Bennett	Community member (online)
Richard Logan	Community member
Michael Bradley	Community member
Derek Mollison	Community member
Eli ten Dam	Suncoast Cabs (online)
John O'Brien	Sunbus
Tim Mitchell	RACQ
Greg Smith	Organisation SC Association of Residents (online)
Narelle McCarthy	SC Environment Council (online)
Paul Camilleri	University of the Sunshine Coast (online)
Ann Marie DeRose	University of the Sunshine Coast (online)
Cr Winston Johnston (Chair)	Division 5, Service Excellence Portfolio
Tom Jamieson	Group Executive, Built Infrastructure
Nick Cooney	Manager, Transport and Infrastructure Planning
Don Pitt	Manager, Transport Infrastructure Management (online)
George Pegoraro	Co-ordinator, Transport Strategy & Policy
Rodney Zinn	Co-ordinator, Traffic and Transportation (online)
Matt Pitot	Senior Planner, Transport Strategy & Policy
Cate Moloney	Meeting secretariat

### Apologies:

Cr Rick Baberowski	Division 1, Community Portfolio – Arts, Heritage, Transport
Mikhaila Frampton	Comlink Australia
Clark Chappel	Suncoast Cabs

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### 1. Welcome & Apologies

Cr Johnston opened the meeting in the Chair's absence and welcomed members. Apologies were noted as above.

### 2. Sunshine Coast Council Active Transport Advisory Committee update

An update on the status of the Sunshine Coast Council Active Transport Advisory Committee was given by Nick Cooney.

### 3. Presentation by Richard Logan – Active Transport

Richard Logan gave an informative presentation on Active Transport to the group, recognising good points in the infrastructure provided, and appropriately highlighting deficiencies in the planning and design, operational and safety of the pathways, with many examples to support the recommendations. A copy of the presentation is attached to the meeting notes for information:

The following points were discussed:

- Council is currently updating the Active Transport Plan, and members will be advised when the draft is available for comment
- Council policy on Corridor Hierarchy to prioritise active transport is being developed
- What active transport infrastructure is delivered should cater for all different types of cyclists

- Consideration of consultation between Developers, TMR, Council and users for new infrastructure was identified as a great combined source of knowledge, experience and expertise to be tapped into.

#### **4. Outline of Transport Levy 2021/22 Projects**

George Pegoraro gave an outline of Council's Transport Levy 2021/22 projects. A copy of the presentation is attached to the meeting notes for information and reference of the matters presented.

#### **5. SCC Major Transport Projects underway**

Nick Cooney gave an update on the following projects:

- [Mooloolaba Transport Corridor Upgrade](#) - talking to its early beginnings in the mid 90's to the advanced stage it is now at with construction well advanced. Information on this project is available on Council's website (link above).
- [Caloundra Transport Corridor upgrade](#) - which is just approaching the detailed design stage. This joint TMR/SCC project will contribute greatly to addressing the congestion experienced accessing Caloundra. It involves a mix of new corridor and upgrading existing, extending from Nicklin Way to Omrah Ave via Third Ave, Oval Ave and Gosling Street. Details are available on Council's website (link above).

#### **6. General Business**

##### **6.1 Hinterland to Coast – public transport linkage**

George Pegoraro presented an update of public transport in the Hinterland. The following points were discussed:

- QConnect services operate in the Hinterland
- Smart Ticketing may overcome integration issues with ticketing
- Public transport is very difficult to provide and access in the Hinterland
- On-demand provides a possible way to address issues
- Public transport solutions on Hinterland will be different to Coast
- North Coast Rail Line Park n Rides are all at capacity – more parking being constructed
- Limited EV stations
- No bus service to the Maleny hospital
- USC staff and students often advise that a car trip would take less than 20 minutes where public transport takes 1 hour or more due to multiple lines and wait time.

##### **6.2 Electric Vehicles/Charging Stations**

- SCC draft organisational policy currently being considered
- Planning Scheme to identify development requirements
- Council's position on charging stations to be discussed at the next meeting (include fleet and carbon targets)
- SCC fleet moving to electric vehicles as they become more readily available over the next couple of years.

- USC is currently working on expanding charging stations because of the increased demand from staff and students and estimate a steady increase in supply of EV charging stations over the next 10+ years with new stations needing to be added every other year.
- Sunbus has received five e-buses at Caloundra Depot which will be put into service soon.
- Update at the next meeting.

### **6.3 SCC Staff update**

- Nick Cooney retiring from Council on 1 July 2022 after over 35 years of service.
- Tom Jamieson leaving Council on 1 July 2022 after 8 years of service.

The meeting closed at 11.30 am.

**Next Meeting** – 10 August 2022 at 9.30 am