

Transport Community Reference Group

Date: **Wednesday, 10 August 2022 @ 9.30 – 11.30 am**

Location: **MS Teams online**

Attendance:

Paul William-Smith	Community representative
Hugh Butler	Community representative
Rebecca Bennett	Community representative
Richard Logan	Community representative
Michael Bradley	Community representative
Derek Mollison	Community representative
Eli TenDan	Suncoast Cabs
Greg Smith	Organisation SC Association of Residents
Narelle McCarthy	SC Environment Council
Paul Camilleri	University of the Sunshine Coast
Cr Rick Baberowski (Chair)	Division 1, Community Portfolio – Arts, Heritage, Transport
Cr Winston Johnston	Division 5, Service Excellence Portfolio
Warren Bunker	A/Group Executive, Built Infrastructure
Lisa Parker	Manager, Transport and Infrastructure Planning
Don Pitt	Manager, Transport Infrastructure Management
Rodney Zinn	Co-ordinator, Traffic and Transportation
Matt Pitot	Senior Planner, Transport Strategy & Policy
Cate Moloney	Meeting secretariat

Apologies:

Tim Mitchell	RACQ
Mikhaila Frampton	Comlink Australia
John O'Brien	Sunbus
George Pegoraro	Co-ordinator, Transport Strategy & Policy

1. Welcome & Apologies

- The Chair opened the meeting and apologies were noted above.
- Members were informed of the resignation of Geoffrey Glanville / community representative (7/8/22 due to health reasons). Included with his resignation letter, Geoffrey noted that he would like to see the community representatives have more involvement in the meetings.
- Introduction to Lisa Parker – Manager, Transport and Infrastructure Planning (Nick Cooney's replacement).
- Introduction to Warren Bunker – Acting Group Executive, Built Infrastructure (Tom Jamieson's replacement until the position is filled.)

2. ThinkChange Travel Behaviour Change Program

Matt Pitot gave a presentation on [ThinkChange™](#), Council's branded Travel Behaviour Change Program. ThinkChange is a key action of the Integrated Transport Strategy and was unanimously endorsed by Council at its May 2022 meeting.

At its core, ThinkChange is about helping everyone on the Sunshine Coast identify ways we can all reduce our car use and how far we travel in our cars, so we can all help achieve a healthier, more connected and sustainable Sunshine Coast. To do this, Sunshine Coast Council will partner with organisations, communities and groups willing to effect change.

Matt provided background to the ThinkChange approach and the program of initiatives that Council is now leading or partnering with others to deliver. Matt led discussions on the levers that affect behaviour change and how we as individuals and organisations can make change that leads to a sustainable region.

Council's EV Transition & Charging at Council facilities

Matt Pitot gave an update on the current policies at the Australian, State and Local government level that are supporting the transition to EVs. Discussion then focused on the steps Council is taking to transition its fleet to EVs, facilitate EV charging at its facilities and possible considerations as part of the New Planning Scheme.

Question: What is the average cost in Queensland/Sunshine Coast for the installation of EV charging station and is there available supply and installers? And could there be provision for a shared 'communal' charging station at neighborhood scale?

Response: The above question comprises three key questions which have been addressed separately below.

1. There is no simple answer to the average cost for installation of EV charging stations in QLD/Sunshine Coast, with costs significantly varying dependant on a range of factors including:

- home v public EV charging
- public AC EV v public DC EV charging stations
- vehicle charging connection types
- number of EV charging stations
- existing electrical supply on-site and distance from EV charging station site
- site constraints
- tech connectivity requirements for monitoring use, payments etc
- potential for transformer upgrade and new electrical supply
- a very dynamic economic environment with costs escalating quickly

Very high-level cost estimates tend to range from:

- Home EV - \$1,000 - \$5,000 per station
 - Public AC EV - \$6,000 - \$30,000 per station
 - Public DC EV - \$40,000 - \$100,000 per station
2. There are number of EV charging suppliers/installers/distributors entering the market, with many providing nation-wide installation. For example, EVSE, Schneider Electric, Evolution Australia etc.
3. There is currently a draft EV Charging Station policy under development for Council facilities only. The potential for EV charging facilities at Council public car parks will be considered. Council has already installed EV charging facilities at Brisbane Road Multi-deck Car Park. The private sector also has an important role to play in the provision of EV charging stations available to the public. Maleny is a good example with local businesses investing in EV charging for its customers <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-05-25/electric-car-charging-boom-maleny-queensland/101094314>



[Maleny's electric car charging stations draw in Queensland tourists, as EV popularity explodes - ABC News - Australian Broadcasting Corporation](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-05-25/electric-car-charging-boom-maleny-queensland/101094314)

The electric vehicle charging station at Maple Street Co-op.(ABC Sunshine Coast: Jessica Ross) Despite the bumpy start, it proved electric car owners talk — and they've been talking about the town.

www.abc.net.au

Action: Paul William-Smith to prepare a brief presentation to the group on European approaches to EV charging facilities in public locations.

3. Transport Levy 2022/23 Program

Matt Pitot highlighted the budget allocations for the 2022/23 Transport Levy program.

4. Sunshine Coast Active Transport Advisory Committee (SCATAC) update

Matt Pitot provided an update from the previous SCATAC meeting held on 7 June 2022.

5. General Business

- Future agenda items.
 - Discussion by TCRG on preferred agenda items for future meetings
- November meeting:
 - Southern Sunshine Coast Public Transport Strategy (TMR)
 - Electric buses rollout (Sunbus)
 - Council to request TMR presentation on Beerwah to Maroochydore Rail Extension and Mass Transit Business Case

Next Meeting – 2 November 2022 at 9.30 am