

Transport Community Reference Group

Date: **Wednesday, 22 February 2023**

Time: **9.30 – 11.30 am**

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

Attendance:

Paul William-Smith	Community representative
Hugh Butler - online	Community representative
Rebecca Bennett - <i>Online</i>	Community representative
John Boardman - Online	Kinetic (Sunbus)
Tim Mitchell - <i>Online</i>	RACQ
Greg Smith	Organisation SC Association of Residents
Narelle McCarthy	SC Environment Council
Paul Camilleri - <i>Online</i>	University of the Sunshine Coast
Cr Rick Baberowski (Chair)	Division 1, Community Portfolio – Arts, Heritage, Transport
Julie Edwards	A/Manager, Transport and Infrastructure Planning
Yolanda Burt	Coordinator, Transport Strategy and Policy
Rodney Zinn	Coordinator, Traffic and Transportation
Matt Pitot	Senior Transport Planner, Transport Strategy & Policy
Jason Kreuger	Coordinator Strategic Planning

Guests:

Melanie DeiRossi	Project Director (B2N Project) TMR
Carol Lewis	Communications Advisor (B2N Project) TMR

Apologies:

Cr Winston Johnston	Division 5, Service Excellence Portfolio
Scott Taylor	Group Executive, Built Infrastructure
Mikhaila Frampton	Comlink Australia
James Saltmer	Kinetic (Sunbus)
Michael Bradley	Community representative
Richard Logan	Community representative
Don Pitt	Manager, Transport Infrastructure Management
Cate Moloney	Meeting secretariat
George Pegoraro	Principal Transport Engineer

1. Welcome & Apologies

- The Chair opened the meeting and apologies noted as above.
- Introduction to new members Julie Edwards and Yolanda Burt.

2. Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade Project Update (Melanie and Carol, TMR)

- B2N is one of the few remaining sections of single track remaining in Australia which has commuter, freight and long-distance rail all using the line.
- The timing of B2N project (Stage 1 and 2) and how it is sequenced with a future possible Beerwah to Maroochydore Rail Extension together with the Sunshine Coast Public Transport project is currently under consideration.
- It is important TMR consider the meshing of road and rail infrastructure projects and how it will protect wildlife corridors, which is a key community concern.
- There are electrical exclusion zones within the rail corridor (endless in the vertical and 3m in the horizontal) which need to be considered. All wildlife crossing will be beneath the rail corridor. TMR are investigating dry fauna passage beneath both the rail and road corridors.

- More information is sought from TMR on fauna crossings required, in particular plans for Stage 2 and Ferny Forest. TMR were advised the community would like to be involved in the design process (while not locked in) for Stage 2.
- Not providing EV charging capability as part of the Landsborough Park n Ride expansion was considered by some as a missed opportunity, the location potentially ideal for slow charging which is more cost-effective solution. TMR's perspective was that commuters were likely to be all-day parkers and only the cars that got to the spaces first would have a chance to use them i.e. one car to use the bay on any given day.
- Clarification was sought on exactly how many stages there are for the entire project. Whole business case identifies stage 1 (live and in the ground now), with future stages unfunded. The number of future stages will be subject to available funding and opportunities to package delivery within allocated funding. Early works to be completed mid-year. TMR can't confirm completion of design and construction of stage 1 at this time.
- B2N will not result in rail duplication all the way to Nambour. It will, however, include passing loops and station upgrades.
- Members request the slides be made available for forwarding on to members' networks. TMR advised confirmation required for access/distribution of presentation slides. Council to be advised.

Action: Slides be forwarded to members once approved by TMR.

3. Preliminary consultation on the New Planning Scheme (Jason Krueger, SCC)

- Jason presented outcomes from the non-statutory preliminary consultation for the New Planning Scheme (refer to slides).

Action: Slides be forwarded to members with the meeting notes.

- Council commended on recalibration of consultation and ability to pivot to community requests.
- Active transport considerations such as walkable communities - are those principles applying to infill or only new development? In greenfield they can be completed as part of the overall development, but infill is more complicated. Recognise Mass Transit team have done a lot of work in this space.
- The Active Transport Plan update is currently under review. LGIP cannot fund all the needed upgrades and we will need to find other ways to fund active transport outcomes. 2032 Olympics presents an opportunity to complete the missing links and upgrade existing links to suitable standards.
- Council is focussed on drafting in preparation for First State Interest Review this year, with no fixed timeframes at this stage on community consultation.

4. New Planning Scheme Transport Elements (Matt Pitot, SCC)

- Matt presented on the outcomes of the review of the Planning Scheme's transport elements and discussed the focus for the New Planning Scheme (refer to slides).

Action: Slides be forwarded to members with the meeting notes.

- Community consultation on the transport elements will be part of the broader New Planning Scheme statutory consultation process.

5. Legislation changes to scooters and upcoming trial (Rod Zinn, SCC)

- This item has been deferred to the May meeting due to time constraints.

6. e-Bus fleet (John Boardman, Kinetic)

- John provided an update on the EV vehicle fleet for Sunshine Coast.
- Currently have five e-bus fleet out of 93 vehicles on the Sunshine Coast with another six scheduled for late March (yet to be confirmed by TMR).
- TMR have not yet identified which routes will benefit from the new e-bus coming.
- Some members expressed disappointment that there is no way of knowing what route or service will be an e-bus. Ideally the new e-buses will be allocated to the 600 and 620 wherever possible.
- We need to be mindful of charging capability at the depot. Can only be charged in Caloundra. 6 charging facilities for 11 buses so will be difficult to charge the buses through those stations.
- TCRG would advocate for locking down one or two routes as e bus routes.

7. General Business

- Rodney provided an update on the Road Safety Plan. The plan is to release this document prior to Road Safety Week. This document will not address micro mobility safety and conflicts on the pathway network, which are dealt with through State legislation, local laws and the EOI e-scooter tender.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 24 May 2023, to be held at Sunshine Coast City Hall, Maroochydore.