

## Transport Community Reference Group

Date: Wednesday, 24 May 2023

Time: 9.30 – 11.30 am

Location: *City Hall- Level 6, 54 First Avenue Maroochydore* or via MS Teams

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### Attendance:

Paul William-Smith	Community representative
Michael Bradley	Community representative
Richard Logan	Community representative
Eli Ten Dam	Suncoast Cabs
Greg Smith	Organisation SC Association of Residents
James Boardman	Kinetic (Sunbus)
Narelle McCarthy	SC Environment Council
Tim Mitchell	RACQ
Cr Winston Johnston (Chair)	Division 5, Service Excellence Portfolio
Julie Edwards	A/Manager, Strategic Infrastructure Planning & Policy
Don Pitt	Manager, Transport Infrastructure Management
Yolanda Burt	Co-ordinator, Transport Strategy & Policy
George Pegoraro	Principal Transport Engineer
Rodney Zinn	Co-ordinator, Traffic and Transportation
Matt Pitot	Senior Transport Planner
Nigel Walker	Team Leader Sustainable Transport Services
Cate Moloney	Meeting secretariat
Colleen Penny (presenter)	TravelSmart Officer
Nikki Clements (presenter)	Co-ordinator, Community Land Permits & Parking

### Apologies:

Cr Rick Baberowski	Division 1, Community Portfolio – Arts, Heritage, Transport
Debra Robinson	Group Executive, Customer and Planning Services
Scott Taylor	Group Executive, Built Infrastructure
Hugh Butler	Community representative
Rebecca Bennett	Community representative

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## 1. Welcome & Apologies

Cr Winston Johnston (Chair) opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. Apologies were noted as above.

## 2. Legislation changes to e-scooters and upcoming trial

Rodney Zinn and Nikki Clements provided an update on local laws and legislation changes for legal riding of e-scooters on road and pathway network. A copy of the presentation to be attached to the meeting notes.

The following items were discussed:

- Prohibited and speed limited areas under consideration i.e. high pedestrian volume paths adjacent to shopfronts in parts of Mooloolaba
- Penalties for non-compliance and prohibited areas regulated by police
- Education needs to incorporate consequences for non-compliance
- Safety paramount to implementation of trial
- Council approval required for lease of e-scooters on public land – 18 month trial
- Determine uptake and usage of these devices
- Systems / protocols in place to manage e-scooter parking in approved parking locations

- Universal phone holder on device would be helpful to enable visitors to navigate to dedicated parking locations with their mobile devices
- Devices are geofenced to prevent riding outside of permit area and enable restricted speeds in specific locations
- Narelle shared the following link [Neuron trial in Ballarat](#) and mentioned that it may have been superseded by other Queensland trials.

### **3. ParkSmart – Safer outcomes**

Nikki Clements presented an update on ParkSmart background and trial. ParkSmart is a new way of carrying out regulated parking patrols. The program was endorsed by Council in 2021 in response to the increasing risk to officers of physical and verbal abuse while patrolling on-street parking.

The program takes advantage of technology already in use in other local governments across SEQ and Australia and the preliminary tests show great benefits, including:

- reducing the exposure to risk
- making patrols more efficient
- broadening employment opportunities and
- allowing the team to absorb the growth in demand without more people or resources.

A copy of the full presentation to be attached to the meeting notes.

The following items were discussed:

- Geo-reference accurate enough to know if vehicle has been relocated
- Officer checks video records before an infringement can be issued
- Data is maintained in the cloud and only kept if an infringement is issued
- AI could be relied upon entirely but introduces risk of error. Council believes it important to maintain a human element to ensure we get it right – credibility is key.

### **4. Ridescore update (presented by Colleen Penny)**

Colleen Penny presented an update on the Ridescore Program, a copy of the full presentation to be attached to the meeting notes.

The following points were discussed:

- Partnership with We Ride Australia and funding from TMR and Stockland
- Great community consultation tool with direct communication between Council and parents
- Currently rolled out to 10 schools
- Those schools not performing as well such as Bli Bli are due to safety concerns, traffic growth, unsafe crossings
- Probably a link to close out with TMR to discuss safety issues on state road network that have led to poor active transport usage
- TMR's School Transport Infrastructure Program no longer funding End of Trip facilities. This will have an impact on active transport take up
- Desire to bring walking into the Program, subject to funding
- Nationally recognised program
- Proposal is to report to Council for formal incorporation into core business with ongoing funding and potential to co-fund with partners such as Queensland government and private sector.

## 5. General Business

### a) E-charging stations funding

- A Federal government grant is supposedly in train however details have not yet been released.
- Council will position for a grant application once those details are released

### b) **Southern Sunshine Coast Public Transport Strategy** released by TMR today.

**Next Meeting**            23 August 2023  
                                 8 November 2023