

Minutes

City of Yarra Bicycle Advisory Committee

20 February 2019

Richmond Town Hall, 6.30–8.00pm

Meeting Room

Attendees: Cr Fristacky, Cr McEvoy (Chair), Tim Barker, Peter Eckersley, Simon Exon, Troy Parsons, Alyson Macdonald, Marcus Coghlan, Richard Ward, Bruce Echberg, Michael Bond, Jeremy Lawrence, Saskin MacDonald, Chloe Wright

Apologies: Graeme Cross

1. Acknowledgement to Country

2. Wellington Street Stage 2

- Council has received funding from the Safe Systems Road Infrastructure Program (SSRIP) team at VicRoads for the project
- The project has recently been out for tender and the bids are currently being evaluated
- Construction is intended to be from May to August this year
- Peter E presented the drawings and explained the rationale behind the designs
- It was noted that BAC members would like the opportunity to provide feedback on detailed drawings for schemes such as this where this is appropriate

3. Bennett Street Priority Crossing

- Peter E presented a draft design of a new priority crossing for the Capital City Trail at Bennett Street in Fitzroy North
- It is expected to be constructed after the completion of the M41 works in May/June this year
- Feedback from BAC members included installing “advanced warning” signage on the approaches to the crossing and a speed cushion for vehicles from the northbound approach

4. Gipps/Hoddle West Intersection

- The new design has been approved by VicRoads but a new traffic signal plan is yet to be finalised

ACTION: BAC members to draft a letter to the CEO of VicRoads asking for more funding and better delivery of safe cycling infrastructure

5. Fitzroy North LAPM

- Community did not support road closures on the Capital City Trail at Rae Street and Brunswick Street so priority crossings will be recommended by council officers
- Council will review and decide on the recommendations in the LAPM report on March 5
- Concerns were raised about pedestrian/cyclist conflict on the Capital City Trail and Edinburgh Gardens
- A contraflow bike lane has been proposed for Park Street in Fitzroy North to ease congestion and mitigate conflict on the Capital City Trail. Strategic Transport team will update BAC when it has more information on the proposal.

ACTION: Strategic Transport to invite the Traffic Manager, Dennis Cheng, to speak at the next BAC meeting about the LAPM process

6. Rushall Reserve

- Project will be discussed in Council in the coming months due to recent challenges that have arisen regarding costs and risks imposed by third parties

7. Council Budget

- Councillors are currently consulting on the budget for 2019/20 for which cycling infrastructure has been identified as a high priority
- The next Council meeting on March 5 will look at the projects that were considered in the mid-year budget review which will be open to BAC members to make submissions

8. Lessons from Brisbane

- Chloe W has recently joined the Strategic Transport team from the City of Brisbane in the role of Sustainable Transport Officer
- Brisbane Council has a \$100 million budget to deliver cycling infrastructure over 4 years which includes the 2-kilometre Woollangabba cycleway and other off-road trails
- A strong local bike lobby group is currently pushing for a CBD grid network of bike lanes to be built

9. Mandatory Helmet Laws

- Bicycle Network made an announcement late last year calling for a 5-year trial on the relaxation of helmet laws for adults on off-road paths and trails
- It was discussed whether or not Council should publically support the trial
- General consensus was reached by BAC members to support since it is consistent with Council's strategies and policies to encourage cycling
- Freestyle Cyclists will be holding a ["Stop Fining Healthy Transport" ride](#) on March 16

ACTION: Michael B will draft a motion to present at the next BAC meeting in April

10. Canning/Princes Intersection

- Peter E is currently working with VicRoads and City of Melbourne to develop a “Green Wave” for Canning Street from Princes to Elgin Street
- Feedback to improve the intersection also included:
 - widening the bike lanes
 - eliminating the bottleneck outside the Dan O’Connell Hotel
 - removing the parking near the roundabout
 - red time countdown clock for car drivers
 - detector loops for vehicles to trigger better sequencing with the traffic signals at Nicholson and Rathdowne streets
 - Keep Clear linemarkings
 - an underpass for cyclists

Next BAC Meeting: 6.30pm Wednesday the 17th of April in the Wurundjeri Room at Collingwood Town Hall