

Minutes

City of Yarra Bicycle Advisory Committee

12 June 2019

6.30–8.00pm, Wurundjeri Room

Collingwood Town Hall

Attendees: Cr James Searle (Chair), Chloe Wright, Rebecca Sims, Simon Exon, Troy Parsons, Marcus Coghlan, Bruce Echberg, Steve Barnett

Apologies: Cr Jackie Fristacky, Cr Bridgid O'Brien, Peter Eckersley, Alyson Macdonald, Graeme Cross

1. Acknowledgement to Country

2. External Presentations

2.1 Carlton North LAPM

- Rebecca S provided an update about the upcoming Carlton North Local Area Place Making (LAPM) study and the new approach for future LAPM's
- Council is refreshing the process for LAPM's, with a more holistic approach and focus on aspirations for the liveability of a precinct. Place making and collaboration with other areas of Council (Urban Design, Open Space etc.) will be a core component of future LAPM's. LAPM's will consider wider opportunities such as activation of spaces, improved access to activity centres, and what is the best mode of transport at different locations
- Consultation with a wider range of the community will also be a key objective for the process. Rebecca S asked BAC members to share ideas to engage with members of the community who may not typically provide feedback during LAPM consultation
- BAC members provided a number of suggestions, including:
 - Road closures and street parties as a way to encourage the community to be more imaginative and innovative
 - Community walking tour or bike ride to highlight issues and opportunities in the area
 - Engage with people on foot i.e. at dog parks, Capital City Trail, Rathdowne Village, Canning Street, libraries and primary schools.

- Marcus C has been a resident of Carlton North for 25 years and is happy to offer further input
- Rebecca S asked the BAC members to highlight positives and negatives in Carlton North on 'post it' notes and maps of the area
- BAC members discussed a number of positives, including the success of Canning Street due to the street's permeability, low traffic volumes (as a result of road closures), connectivity and wide bike lanes
- Negatives discussed included dangerous intersections (Richardson Street and Canning Street), poor signal phasing at intersections, and the need for another east-west bicycle route
- Marcus S noted that reducing speed limits to 30km/h could significantly improve safety in the area, and highlighted that there has been a substantial improvement since reducing speed limits from 60km/h to 40km/h
- BAC members highlighted opportunities for place making in Carlton North, including using available space (i.e. Canning Street median) and reclaiming road space for pocket parks, kerb extensions and pedestrian zones
- Bruce E noted that a previous streetscape plan was developed for Carlton North by City of Melbourne prior to Council amalgamations and suggested that it would be worthwhile to refer back to this work
- Next Steps: Rebecca S noted that the approach for the LAPM is currently being coordinated and will be presented to Council in mid-July. Following this, the first community meeting could potentially be held in August 2019
- BAC members agreed that a ride with Rebecca S around Carlton North would be an effective way of highlighting issues and opportunities in the area. Marcus C offered to be the BAC representative for the ride and it was agreed that the ride would be scheduled to occur in the next 4 weeks
- Bruce E queried if Urban Design could prepare a precinct master plan for Carlton North. Rebecca S said she would confirm if this could be included in the scope

ACTION: Rebecca S to organise a ride around Carlton North with Marcus C and any other interested BAC members

3. Old Business

3.1 Wellington Street Stage 2

- Chloe W shared photos of progress at the Wellington Street Stage 2 bike lanes. Works are being finalised on the western side of the road and construction is now commencing on the eastern side
- The project is on track to be completed by early September 2019

3.2 Rathdowne Street

- Improvements at Rathdowne Street have been completed, including: removal of two car parking spaces at the south bound lane of the Rathdowne / Princes Street intersection, a bluestone island at the corner of Rathdowne Street and Davis Street and green surface treatment

3.3 Walmer Street Bridge Update

- A scoping study and business case was commissioned by the State Government. VicRoads recently announced that this study found the costs to be significant and that a full business case is required

3.4 North East Link

- City of Yarra made a submission on the NEL Environment Effects Statement
- Panel hearings are likely to occur in August 2019. There is an opportunity for Yarra to seek funding from the NEL project to help manage potential traffic impacts and improve Yarra's bicycle network

4. New Business

4.1 Lessons from Perth

- A presentation was made by Troy P of cycling and walking infrastructure in Perth
- Examples were shown of shared paths, wayfinding signage, protected intersection crossings, pocket parks, and the use of red asphalt in verge space to provide active travel routes to schools

4.2 Australian Bicycle Summit Delegate's Report

- The delegate's report includes a summary of the presentations at the Australian Bicycle Summit held in May. The report has been circulated to BAC members

4.3 Yarra's Bicycle Strategy

- Troy P noted that a significant number of projects listed in Yarra's Bicycle Strategy have been completed and suggested that completion of future projects should be recognised at BAC meetings

Next BAC Meeting: 6.30pm Wednesday 14 August in the Wurundjeri Room at Collingwood Town Hall