

Hi all

Draft minutes below fyi (or comment). As is usual, these minutes, along with the report I handed out at the meeting, will go in the business paper for the forthcoming Marrickville Transport Committee meeting on 17 July. The business paper will go out next Monday.

Thanks, Kendall.

**Minutes of the July 2008
Marrickville Bicycle Working Group meeting**

**Held at the 2 July 2008 MASSBUG meeting,
Newtown Neighbourhood Centre**

Council's report to the Working Group is attached as a reference to this business paper, and printed copies of this report were distributed the Working Group meeting. The report gives progress of the following items:

- Bicycle parking works
- RR01 Cooks River to Iron Cove GreenWay planning
- RR07 Newtown to Lewisham implementation
- RR05 Camperdown to Cooks River implementation
- RR11 Cooks River Cycleway implementation
- RR12 Alexandra Canal planning
- 2008/09 Bicycle Strategy budget items
- 2008/09 Transport Strategy budget items
- MASSBUG 'Marrickville Works for Bikes' report

A summary of the discussion is as follows:

- **Misc. local works:** MASSBUG would like two related Bicycle Strategy treatments brought forward into 2008/09. The first is the treatment of the Wilson/King St intersection, whilst the second is the shared footway from Station St to Australia St Newtown. The former involves linemarking and signal modifications, whilst the latter involves installation of shared use signs and removal of footway obstructions and squeeze points. Together these form an important link between Wilson St and Enmore Rd, and the on-road cycling environment is currently difficult. Both are part of Bicycle Strategy RR08 Newtown to Canterbury, which has No.3 priority for implementation, after RR07 and RR05. No other miscellaneous works were mentioned.
- **'Works for Bikes' report:** It was noted that works identified in this MASSBUG report were assigned a high, medium or low priority to assist Council to address the items in turn.
- **Bicycle parking works:** There was general agreement with Council's priorities for the next round of racks being King St south (Newtown to St Peters stations), additional locations on or near King St, then Marrickville and Dulwich Hill main streets. Specific locations suggested were: IGA King St, Dendy Cinema King St, SUBUD Hall cnr Probert & Lennox Sts, Mick Mazza bike shop Marrickville Rd and around Sydenham and Marrickville stations. In this round, Council should attach circular loops to signposts where possible, as is being undertaken in the City of Sydney. These can be installed adjacent to parked cars as they don't obstruct car doors.
- **RR07 implementation:** There were no additional points raised about the Liberty/Trade St roundabout beyond those already submitted by e-mail and summarised in the report to the Working Group. It was noted at the meeting that some minor linemarking had yet to be undertaken. There was general agreement that a green contra-flow lane should be marked along the length of Mary St, although it was also noted that this street is narrow. It was suggested that Mary St could be made a 'shared zone' and/or kerbside parking could be removed to create extra space for the contra-flow lane. With regard to potential pedestrian/cyclist conflicts on the pathway through Stanmore Reserve, it was suggested that Council stencil 'slow down' messages on the pathway, as is being considered by the City of Sydney for similar locations.
- **RR05 implementation:** Although Council is proposing to implement this route from north to south (i.e. Camperdown to Cooks River), it was suggested that the route could be implemented the other way around. This would immediately create linkages into the popular Cooks River Cycleway (RR11). A MASSBUG member asked if implementation of this route involved creation of 'storage boxes' at intersections. This is not known at this stage, but Council plans to obtain feedback from MASSBUG on RR05 in around one month's time.
- **RR11 implementation:** Positive comments were received about the recently completed pathway upgrades through Mackey Park and part of Warren Park.

- **RR12 planning:** Fencing in relation to desalination pipeline works had been erected, and access has been continuously maintained, as had been promised, from Tempe Reserve across the footbridge over the Alexandra Canal. MASSBUG would like to see detailed plans for the pipeline (including gradients) in the area adjacent to the footbridge as soon as possible.
- **Inner Sydney Regional Bikeplan:** The Working Group noted that the Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney had recently written to relevant mayors to inform them that it would shortly employ a consultant to undertake an expanded second stage of the formerly known SSROC Regional Bicycle Network Mapping Project. Marrickville and other participating councils have been asked to supply relevant information to the City. MASSBUG has asked that Marrickville Council include information on the MASSBUG Green Ring project.
- **Storage for MASSBUG tandem:** Gosford Council has offered MASSBUG a redundant tandem bicycle, and MASSBUG has asked if Marrickville Council could organise storage and lending arrangements for this bicycle at the Debbie Abbie Borgia Centre. Storage in this location would allow MASSBUG to meet requests that have been made recently for recreational rides with people who have vision impairments.

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