

MASSBUG Meeting, Wed 2nd February 2005

Present: Chris, Michael, Brenda (chair), Chris, Robert, Ian, Peter, Glen, Liz, John, Bruce, Alan, Paul, Matt, Fiona (minutes)

Apologies: Kendall

1. Local Issues

- New Canterbury Road – jersey barriers on southern side between Ducros & Allans narrows the road on this bend in a manner dangerous for cyclists, allowing no escape route. Ask if it is possible to cater for bikes off road with the widened footpath (extension of shared path on eastern side of Ducros St)? Or some other solution? (Michael)
- West Street closure – Chris reported Council response. No news from RTA.
- Princes Hwy between Bellevue & Smith Sts – surface problems including sand, gravel & mismatching levels on concrete slabs (Glen reported to KC, will follow up)
- Alexandra Canal – needs shared path & keep left signage and centreline in rail underpass (Peter)
- Ricketty St Bridge – dangerously poor footpath (Glen)
- Campbell St (west)/Rd (east)? – stone crushing works debris on road (Alan)

2. Marrickville Bike Plan update

Fiona relayed Kendall's update on the Bike Plan. The two briefs are finished, with KC and will go out to tender shortly, subject to any MASSBUG final comments at 16th Feb bike committee meeting. Intention to have three workshops. First on routes & principles, pre-audit & vision at project initiation; second mid-project workshop to verify audit before design; third on design feedback before finalisation of project.

3. Alexandra Canal site meeting

Site meeting found that the route does indeed look feasible. Funding options to be considered.

4. Moncur Street traffic calming works

Discussion about the residents' successful campaign for traffic calming works at the intersection with Moyes St, including pedestrian refuge and planter beds to narrow the roadway.

The meeting agreed that Council should, as a principle, always move garden beds or other squeeze point treatments out from the curb to allow bicycles to pass **behind** the squeeze.

The meeting also agreed another general requirement for Council should be that driveways must be lipless (through DAs and in Council's driveway construction application).

In the case of Moncur Street, as it is a bike route and to allow for right turn movements, rather than move the garden beds forward, MASSBUG requests a painted bike lane alongside the garden beds to clarify the bicycle operating space. This will also help the residents' aim of narrowing (visually) and slowing traffic. Fiona to follow up with Council.

5. Citizen of the Year – Bruce Ashley

MASSBUG congratulated Bruce on his award. Good to see recognition of environmental work and cycling. He was nominated by Council's environment officer.

Greenway: Bruce will write a letter to all stakeholders to progress project.

Parramatta Road Underpass: consultants now looking at heritage & access aspects. Bruce will write to Leichhardt Council to try for a Greenspace grant for the construction.

Mapping: Bruce is currently working on the next version of the RPA map and on the next edition of Bike It! with greatly expanded coverage, due in April. Will be discussing BUG involvement with BUGs in coverage area.

Crossings grant: Bruce to check with Kendall on progress.

6. Oxfam Tsunami fundraising ride in Sri Lanka

Michael's colleagues are doing a fundraising ride, as per the tabled flyer. Donations by contacting them directly. Michael to contact us if more assistance required.

7. Call for City Bike Buddies

8. Strategic Planning meeting this Saturday

9. Rides & Events

10. General Business

A couple of extra local issues arose:

- Marrickville Park western bike route exit to Porter Avenue, deep gutter with big drop not visible at night, maybe continue handrail from fence (Bruce)
- Hoskins Park has a post (on bike route) not visible at night (Bruce)

Short discussion about bikes on trains.

Meeting closed.