

MINUTES OF SMART TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2025

- Present: Councillor S Ngai (Chairperson) (Roseville Ward)
Councillor M Devlin (Deputy Chair) (Comenarra Ward)
Bryn Vanderfield, Community Member
David Thomson, Bike North representative
Jacqui Turner, Community Member
Prachi Kulkarni, Community Member
Ruby Campbell, Community Member
Rod Sharples, Community Member
Peter Thompson, Community Member
Tara Russell, Community Member
- Staff Present: Strategic Traffic Engineer, Joseph Piccoli
Manager Urban Planning, Antony Fabbro
Manager Governance & Corporate Strategy, Christopher M Jones (GB.1)
- Others Present:
- Apologies: Kay Tennant, Community Member

The Meeting commenced at 6:34 PM

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interest was declared.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None

NOTING OF MINUTES

Minutes of Smart Transport Advisory Committee

File: S02696

Meeting held 2 July 2025

GB.1 to GB.4

RECOMMENDATION:

That Minutes numbered GB.1 to GB.4 circulated to Councillors were taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the Meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Code of Conduct

File: S02696

Vide: GB.1

The Manager Governance & Corporate Strategy provided a handout to the members present, which summarised key points from the Council Advisory and Reference Committee Guideline that relate to this committee, as well as the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest relevant to the operation of the committee. The content of the handout was explained to the committee members by the Manager Governance & Corporate Strategy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the matter be received and noted.

Car Share

File: S02696

Vide: GB.2

The members expressed some doubt in relation to key statistics and results of member surveys provided by the operators, but nonetheless were of the view that car share could provide benefits to the community by reducing car ownership. Inviting operators to present to the committee was suggested. It was mentioned that electric car share vehicles would achieve a smart transport objective, so EV charging of dedicated car share vehicles would need to be considered.

It was also suggested that allocating dedicated car share spaces within town centres could reduce complaints from residents regarding “free-floating” car share vehicles in lower density residential areas. There was some concern that with the implementation of TODs, on-street parking could be reduced, and consideration would need to be given on how kerbside space is allocated to specific user groups, including car share.

There was some discussion that the provision of dedicated car share spaces may not result in competition from operators. The Strategic Traffic Engineer advised that other Councils have or are considering limits on the number of allocated car share spaces within a single precinct or street that are assigned to any one operator, to mitigate this. He also noted that one operator advised that residents often become members of multiple car share operations, to improve their chances of finding an available vehicle, and he indicated that allocation of dedicated car share spaces to one or more operators can be considered by Council as part of an expression of interest/request for proposals.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. That the Committee notes the information provided.
- B. That expressions of interest/request for proposals from car share providers be progressed for fixed space car share operation in the LGA.

Overview of the Green Grid Strategy

File: S02696

Vide: GB.3

The Strategic Traffic Engineer gave a brief presentation introducing the Green Grid Strategy and implementation/engagement, with the plan being to undertake community engagement on a ward-by-ward basis moving from south to north to further refine the proposed routes and to identify preferred/priority routes, to inform the action and implementation plan.

There was broad support for the Green Grid Strategy, with the varied benefits of increased tree canopy and improved active travel options discussed, although members noted the potential for conflicts between shared walking/cycling and cycling/vehicle environments, which need to be considered in the planning of street treatments.

As part of the community engagement, it was recommended that schools, clubs and other community groups be engaged. It was felt that combining Green Grid route/s with active travel routes to school presented an opportunity to encourage independence for students and reduce congestion around schools, so buy-in from schools and other groups was important.

Accessibility and disability access was raised as a key consideration, and topography/street gradients was highlighted as an important factor in determining routes. It was felt that consideration should be given to increased footpath maintenance requirements as a result of increased street trees, and it was suggested there may be some tension between street trees that provide for walking/minimise maintenance vs street trees that support wildlife.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. That the Committee notes the information provided.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairperson advised that the next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 26 November, with the likely agenda items being Active Transport to Schools, and Micromobility.

The Strategic Traffic Engineer informed the members of a free Bike Tune-up & Collection Day Council event on Saturday 27 September at St Ives Showground, where visitors can book a quick bicycle tune-up and donate old bicycles and parts.

The Meeting closed at 8:09pm