

**MINUTES OF THE ASC210202 - ASSET AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, 02 February 2021 at 06:30 PM**

**Council Administration Centre, 245 Sturt Road, Sturt**



## **PRESENT**

Councillors Matthew Shilling, Bruce Hull, Nathan Prior, Ian Crossland  
Mayor Kris Hanna (from 8:05 pm)

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillors Sascha Mason, Kendra Clancy, Maggie Duncan, Tim Gard

Tony Lines – General Manager City Services  
Ilia Houridis – General Manager City Development  
Kate McKenzie – Manager Corporate Governance  
Fiona Harvey – Manager Operations  
Mathew Allen – Manager Engineering, Assets and Environment  
Mark Griffin – Unit Manager Engineering  
Carl Lundborg – Operations Engineer  
Brett Jaggard – Unit Manager Open Space Operations  
Ian Seccafien – Coordinator Arboriculture  
Andrew Excell – Department for Infrastructure and Transport  
Louise Herdegen – Executive Officer to the General Manager City Development (Minutes)

## **OPEN MEETING**

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:33 PM

## **KAURNA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We acknowledge the Kurna people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to their elders past and present.

## **ELECTED MEMBER'S DECLARATION**

The Chair asked if any Member wished to disclose an interest in relation to any item being considered at the meeting.

Nil interests disclosed.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Nil**

## **BUSINESS ARISING - Nil**

## **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS - Nil**

## **WORKSHOP / PRESENTATION ITEMS - Nil**

### **Presentation - Department for Infrastructure and Transport**

(Report Reference ASC210202R04)

The presentation from Mr Andrew Excell, Director Transport Network Investment Strategy of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport included the transport strategy, road network with a focus on whole corridors, asset management plans/backlog, stimulus package with a focus on projects within the City of Marion, electric vehicles plan/charging trials and integrated planning and projects.

Key discussion points noted below:

- The issue of insufficient parking at Oaklands Crossing redevelopment has been campaigned for some time and still not resolved. Talk of selling land which could be used for parking. Previous view from DIT was walk up rather than park and ride however DIT now looking at the best way to encourage people to use public transport. If a park and ride is considered the best way at this location, DIT will need to revisit how this can be achieved.
- Hove level crossing removal - in context of wider traffic movement there is arterial benefits, improved travel time and safety. In context of the wider network, it forms part of the Brighton Road Corridor Study.
- Marion Road Upgrade Planning Study has been completed and is being prepared for public release in Q2 2021.
- Change to level crossing/tram crossing was aimed at stopping people queuing over level crossings and to improve safety but acknowledge it did cause congestion. DIT to include in integrated planning approach and how to filter out into next round of studies.
- The intersection of Sturt/Marion Roads is a known dangerous intersection. DIT will be looking at the change to the way people travel using the Southern Expressway now that construction has been completed.
- Discussion on the Majors Road access/egress points on the Southern Expressway. DIT advised that the on and off ramps can work but that estimated low usage makes the project unviable.
- Proposed tunnel on the North-South Corridor and access/egress points. DIT have put together community and business reference groups to assist the project team during the planning and design phase of the project. City of Marion have a representative on this group.
- Greenways network are dedicated walking/cycling routes. City of Marion have done a lot work in this space and assist DIT with planning/constructing, input to where people are walking from/to. 50/50 funding is also available from the State Bicycling Fund.
- Using public transport can add considerable time to travel from place to place. Bus network offers flexibility to change as the community needs change however Government decided not to go ahead with changing bus routes.
- Study underway with Flinders Uni, SAPTA and DIT to investigate the interchange at Flinders to determine the most efficient service. Will be looking at how people will use the site, how they get there, where they are coming from/going to.

## **REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **Draft Transport Plan (Report Reference: ASC210202R02)**

The Manager Engineering, Assets and Environment introduced the Unit Manager Engineering and Operations Engineer to provide a presentation on the draft Transport Plan, the 6 key principles via a short video, followed by a review of the 19 new actions outlined in the plan.

Members provided feedback on the 19 actions for inclusion in a report to Council to seek endorsement for community consultation.

Discussion points noted below:

- The plan consists of 6 principles, 15 outcomes and 42 actions of which 19 do not appear in other plans.
- Council not to take on responsibility for maintaining State assets. Council can add value with enhancements to make areas more inviting for the community.
- Encourage staff to improve communication and collaboration with counterparts in other Council's.
- Shelters to be installed where bus stops are utilised by more than 7 people per weekday average (endorsed by Council on 13 October 2020 in the Transport Asset Management Plan 2020-2030).
- The Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport (DSAPT) have set down a timeline by December 2022 for all existing bus stops and shelters to comply with the standard. Council is on track to achieve this.
- Advocate for improved park and ride facilities underserved throughout the City of Marion.
- RAA interested in moving the car share trial from Marion to Tonsley for the next 12 months.

Mayor Hanna joined the meeting at 8:05 pm

### **Moved Councillor Prior, Seconded Councillor Hull**

That the Asset and Sustainability Committee:

1. Notes the report.
2. Provides feedback on the draft Transport Plan (Attachment 1).

**Carried Unanimously**

### **Tree Management** (Report Reference: ASC210202R03)

The Manager Operations introduced the Unit Manager Open Space Operations and the Coordinator Arboriculture to present an update on the accomplishments and innovations within the Open Space Operations area and seek support to fund additional resources to support the program of works.

The following discussion points were noted:

- The Open Space Operations team has been implementing a new system to help manage the location, maintenance and watering of public trees. The system is a web-based platform (Forestry) and will be live within the next few months. The data generated from this system will enable better decision making for future works and planning. A demonstration of the system was provided at the meeting.
- Opportunity to encourage residents to care for and retain significant trees on private property with the creation of a small fund, similar to the Local Heritage Incentive Fund.
- Concern that garbage trucks are causing damage to the tree canopy in some areas.
- Tree valuation methodologies vary and staff would need to research options.
- Watering new tree plantings is critical. Seeking additional resources to ensure greater survival rate.
- Consider adding a KPI to address mortality rates. A number of practices are embedded in the standard operating procedures to improve survival rates such as additives to the water for better penetration into the soil and using fertilisers to break up clay soils.
- Tree canopy should not impinge on bikeways – suggest clearance standards for footpaths and roads also apply to cycleways.
- Balancing the risk and benefit of trees near playgrounds. Trees to be placed close enough to

provide shade without infrastructure being in the fall zone.

- Trees near powerlines in high fire danger areas are assessed and maintained regularly. In low fire danger areas, trees are pruned from powerlines as needed.
- Potential to use sensors around specific trees to monitor growth rates, soil condition, water levels, assessing recent rainfall to determine if water required etc. Further consideration required for this technology.
- Looking at options to encourage community involvement to assist in watering new tree plantings on hot days.
- When locations are identified for new street tree plantings, consultation takes place with the residents such as letter drops outlining objectives and outcomes, advertising signage on streets to notify community, staff available to answer questions/concerns.
- Discussion on tree canopy coverage and how the statistics may be affected by 'no tree' areas.

### **Procedural Motion**

#### **Moved Councillor Crossland, Seconded Councillor Prior**

That the meeting be extended to the end of discussion of the Tree Management item. The remaining item to be deferred to the next meeting.

**Carried**

Meeting extended at 9:32 pm

Mayor Hanna left the meeting at 9:33 pm

Key focus points:

- Support for the tree planting to continue however further clarification to be provided on the additional resources and benefits to ensure watering levels are sufficient to maximise survival rates.
- Consider using other water supplies rather relying on Oaklands. This may have savings in travel costs/time.
- Investigate irrigation options if water trucks are unable to access the whole street where new trees have been planted.
- Potential policy to encourage care of/retention of significant trees on private property, along the lines of the Local Heritage Incentive Fund and in line with similar programs offered in other councils.
- Tree protectors are used in high risk areas as part of the Treescaping project.
- Presentation well received and staff acknowledged for their good work in this area.

#### **Moved Councillor Crossland, Seconded Councillor Prior**

That the Asset and Sustainability Committee:

1. Notes the presentation.
2. Recommends a council report be prepared for March 2021 to achieve targets set such as expedite tree planting, alternative watering options, increase advanced trees, additional resources of a water tanker and operator, additional arborist, potential tree fund (similar to the Local Heritage Incentive Fund) and explore grant programs for private land.

**Carried Unanimously**

**REPORTS FOR NOTING - Nil**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**MEETING CLOSURE** - Meeting Declared Closed at 9:56 PM

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**CHAIRPERSON**