



**Minutes of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee
held on Tuesday, 9 April 2024 at 6.30 pm
Council Chamber, Council Administration Centre
245 Sturt Road, Sturt**

PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor Kris Hanna
Councillor Joseph Masika
Councillor Nathan Prior
Councillor Raelene Telfer
Councillor Luke Naismith
Councillor Jason Veliskou
Councillor Sarah Luscombe (Chair)

Councillor Jayne Hoffmann
Councillor Ian Crossland
Councillor Renuka Lama
Councillor Jana Mates
Councillor Amar Singh

In Attendance

Chief Executive Officer - Tony Harrison
General Manager City Services - Ben Keen
General Manager City Development – Tony Lines
General Manager Corporate Services – Angela Allison
Manager Engineering, Assets and Environment - Mathew Allen
Unit Manager Engineering – Carl Lundborg
Executive Officer to the General Manager City Services - Colleen Madsen
Chief Financial Officer – Ray Barnwell
Transport Engineer, Sara Hurditch

1 Open Meeting

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.30pm.

2 Kaurna Acknowledgement

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

3 Elected Member Declaration of Interest (if any)

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

The following interests were disclosed:

- Nil

4 Confirmation of Minutes**4.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2024**

Report Reference IEC240402R4.1

Moved Councillor Crossland**Seconded Councillor Mates**

That the minutes of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee Meeting held on 13 February

2024 be taken as read and confirmed with the following correction:

On page 5, spelling of Councillor Maika is corrected to Councillor Masika.

Carried unanimously

5 Business Arising

5.1 Business Arising Statement - Action Items

Report Reference	IEC240409R5.1
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Moved Councillor Prior

Seconded Councillor Hoffmann

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Notes the business arising statement, meeting schedule and upcoming items.

Carried unanimously

6 Confidential Items - Nil

7 Reports for Discussion

7.1 Streetscapes

Report Reference	IEC240409R7.1
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Manager Engineering, Assets and Environmental Sustainability, Mathew Allen and Unit Manager Engineering, Carl Lundborg provided a brief overview of the Streetscape program and various options for a future program.

Since the 2019 streetscape program (15-year program) was endorsed, there has been an approximate 30% increase in costs.

To maximise the funding allocation for the Streetscape program, the following 5 options were presented to the Committee for consideration.

1. Maintain current program and project timeframes.
2. Remove the Streetscape Program.
3. Reduce the Streetscape Program.
4. Increase the Duration of the Streetscape Program.
5. Reduce Service Levels.

Following discussion on each of the above options the Chair conducted a straw poll., the committee was not in favour of options one or two, however would consider a combination of options three, four and five.

The Committee discussed various scenarios of options three to five including:

- Importance of environment impact.

- Permeable pavers discussed, noting their environmental benefits and cost implications.
- Emphasis placed on utilising permeable pavers where significant benefits exist with reducing use in other projects.
- Comparison made between service standard and cost of standard versus permeable pavers.
- Alawoona Avenue project underway with contractual arrangements in place.
- Options considered need to align with the community vision.
- Discussion on cost-saving measures without compromising service quality.
- Budget reduction target is \$2.2m annually, aiming for a saving of approximately \$1m per annum.
- Staff to develop a revised Matrix, prioritising the program balance, and working with Councillors to identify potential project removals and program duration extensions, and detailed information to inform the 4-year program of works.

Raglan Avenue

Raglan Avenue to be delivered over 2 years – Stage 1 Marion Road to Eastern Avenue – Stage 2 Eastern Avenue to Rail Crossing.

- 90% design complete, ready to go to community consultation, currently on hold due to tonight's discussion.
- Roundabout has a safety priority due to 9 casualty crashes between 2018 to 2022.
- \$510k Federal Government's Local Roads and Infrastructure Grant funding for Stage 1 can potentially be reallocated to another project; staff would need to apply for extension beyond 30 June 2024.
- Funding originally redirected from the MCC project to Stage 1. Perceived risk to request another redirection.
- The draft 2024-25 Capital Work program includes a \$2.2m funding allocation for Stage 2.
- Savings of \$1.3m this year and \$2.2m next year if project does not go ahead.
- Staff to confirm grant eligibility for Stage 2 instead of Stage 1.

The Chair conducted a straw poll on the following options for Raglan Avenue:

1. Stop the project.
2. Go ahead as planned (no changes).
3. Consider an alternate version of the plan – undertake Stage 2 (roundabout to rail crossing) and remove Stage 1. (May be a variance in price of \$100k to \$150k to include roundabout works).

Majority of Members (9) voted for option 3.

7:40 pm the Chair invited Members to take a short break.

7:53 pm the meeting resumed.

Further discussion on Raglan Avenue included:

- Clarification summary by the CEO:
 - No longer undertake Stage 1 (in this year's budget, including the \$510k grant) and allocate those funds into a condensed Stage 2 saving \$2.2m overall. Council Members could determine how to utilise those funds.
 - Councillors would like an opportunity to have time to re-profile the streetscape program for years 2 to 10 with \$2.2m annual budget.
- Incorporate an environmental weighting in the matrix.
- Additional information to be presented at a Forum to support streetscape decisions.

Moved Councillor Veliskou

Seconded Councillor Masika

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Provides feedback on the current and future Streetscape Program.
2. Supports staff to develop a revised Streetscape Program with a 4-year Streetscape Plan with defined service levels, project costings and timeframes.
3. Recommends proceeding with the Raglan Avenue streetscape with a revised scope from the Towers Terrace roundabout to the rail crossing.

carried

7.2 Footpaths

Report Reference

IEC240409R7.2

Manager Engineering, Assets and Environmental Sustainability, Mathew Allen and Unit Manager Engineering, Carl Lundborg presented the Committee with a report on an alternative approach to the footpath program and the kerb ramp upgrade program.

Discussion by the Committee included the following.

Do we include a footpath disposal program?

- The majority of the committee were supportive.
- Community consultation, to include at least 50% of the street must reject the footpath removal proposal.

Alternative kerb ramp program

- Majority of the committee are supportive of aligning future kerb ramp upgrades to other infrastructure programs.
- Number of requests from residents vary regarding non-compliance.
- Cost per ramp \$2,500.
- Prior to this program kerb ramps were included in other projects.

- Continuation of upgrading kerb ramps is included in service levels and DDA compliance.
- Noted we have an ageing population.
- Meet all reasonable resident requests and in addition continue with the program when in conjunction with other works – a suggestion of approximately \$50,000 per year over and above the ordinary footpath budget.

Footpaths

- Committee suggests reducing budget to \$375,000 per annum for years 2-10.
- Life of a block paved footpath is estimated at 30 years.
- Staff conducting a 4-6 week audit. Data analysis will help inform future renewal investment and be presented back to the committee.
- Program set for next financial year with a budget of \$730,000.

Moved Councillor Telfer

Seconded Mayor Hanna

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Provided the following feedback regarding the footpath and kerb ramp service levels and proposed footpath disposal program for consideration in the Draft Transport Asset Management Plan (2024).
 - Continue with upgrading kerb ramps to meet resident requests and DDA compliance up to \$50,000 per annum.
 - Support the footpath disposal program with the criteria that community consultation should be at least 50% of the residents in the street respond and at least 50% of the houses must reject the footpath removal proposal.
 - Consider reducing the footpath budget for years 2 to 10 in the Long-Term Financial Plan to \$375,000 per annum.

carried unanimously

7.3 Draft Walking and Cycling Plan

Report Reference IEC240409R7.3

The General Manager City Services, Ben Keen, Manager Engineering, Assets and Environment, Mathew Allen and Transport Engineer, Sara Hurditch presented on the Walking and Cycling Plan and presented four budget scenarios for the Committee to consider.

Scenario 1 (\$100,000 p.a.)

Scenario 2 (\$400,000p.a.)

Scenario 3 (\$750,000 p.a.)

Scenario 4 (\$1,000,000 p.a.)

Mr Keen provided an explanation of how the table of deliverable projects within the report could be considered.

Committee discussion included:

- Committee discussed categorising projects as unfunded and discussed opportunities for grant funding.
- Staff advised there is not 50/50 funding - State Bike Fund allocates up to \$200k per project, opening in April with notification in October each year.
- Committee suggested a \$200,000 annual option over a stretched timeline to achieve projects in the \$400,000 category.
- Noted this action is proposed to commence in the financial year 2025-26.

The Chair conducted a straw poll on the above scenarios, with the addition of the \$200,000 option. There was a tie between \$200,000 and \$400,000 (5 each).

- Staff recently met with DIT in relation to number 39 on the list – Mitchell Park Railway Station Connections and advised DIT is willing to asphalt the connections to the station and put in a sealed path in those two locations.
- Clarification provided on the Chrysler Trail. The project relates to the connection between Trott Grove and Boyle Street.
- The Chair proposed a \$300,000 scenario, which was accepted by the Committee. There would need to be an understanding of expenditure averages and project prioritisation.
- Project discussions should precede staff planning.
- Staff engaged at ward briefings in October/November last year to discuss the proposed projects, incorporating feedback into the project list.
- List was derived from strategic network of primary and secondary routes with current projects' timelines.
- Staff will work with a \$300,000 budget scenario, presenting proposed projects for feedback at ward briefings.
- Options discussed for projects exceeding \$300,000, Included carrying over funds or staggering over two years.

Moved Mayor Hanna

Seconded Councillor Prior

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Provided feedback on the following scenario to consider for the Draft Walking & Cycling Plan:
 - The Committee supports a budget allocation of \$300,000 per annum; staff to present at each of the ward briefings a revised list of projects, prior to the 28 May General Council meeting.
2. Supports staff to present the Draft Walking and Cycling Guidelines and Plan to the 28 May 2024 General Council Meeting for community engagement endorsement.

Carried unanimously

8 Reports for Noting - Nil**9 Workshop / Presentation Items - Nil****10 Other Business****11 Meeting Closure**

The meeting shall conclude on or before 9.30pm unless there is a specific motion adopted at the meeting to continue beyond that time.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.26pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 11 DAY OF JUNE 2024

CHAIRPERSON