

**Minutes of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee
held on Tuesday, 10 September 2024 at 6.30 pm
Council Chamber, Council Administration Centre
245 Sturt Road, Sturt**

PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor Kris Hanna

Councillor Ian Crossland (7:03 pm)

Councillor Sarah Luscombe

Councillor Nathan Prior

Councillor Raelene Telfer

Councillor Jayne Hoffmann (Chair)

Councillor Jana Mates

Councillor Matt Taylor

Councillor Jason Veliskou

In Attendance

General Manager City Services - Angela Allison

Manager Engineering, Assets and Environment - Mathew Allen

Unit Manager Engineering - Carl Lundborg

Unit Manager Environmental Sustainability - Rebecca Neumann

Executive Officer to General Manager City Services – Tracey Stringer

Guests

Agenda Item 7.1

Community and Stakeholder Engagement Manager - Daniel Thorpe (DIT)

Delivery Manager - Neil Walsh (DIT)

Construction Director - Dallas Keen (DIT)

Alliance General Manager - Nigel Schmidt. (DIT Alliance)

Agenda Item 7.2

Professor Chris Daniels, Presiding Member, Green Adelaide

Brenton Grear, Director, Green Adelaide.

1 Open Meeting

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.30pm.

2 Kurna Acknowledgement

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

3 Elected Member Declaration of Interest**Moved Councillor Taylor****Seconded Councillor Mates**

The following interests were disclosed:

- NIL

Carried unanimously

4 Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 6 August 2024

Report Reference IEC240910R4.1

Moved Councillor Luscombe

Seconded Councillor Veliskou

That the minutes of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee Meeting held on 6 August 2024 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried unanimously

5 Business Arising

5.1 Business Arising Statement - Action Items

Report Reference IEC240910R5.1

Moved Councillor Mates

Seconded Councillor Luscombe

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 Tram Grade Separation Project

Report Reference IEC240910R7.1

Representatives from the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) and the General Manager for the Project Alliance presented an update on the Tram Grade Separation Project. This Project is jointly funded by the Federal and State Governments and includes:

- Removing two level crossings – Glenelg tram line – corner of Marion Road and Cross Rd
- Removing the level crossing at Morphet Rd, Morphetville (T2D project)
- Existing tram overpass at South Road to be re-built (T2D project)
- Building a Tram Overpass at South Road, Marion Road, Cross Road and Morphet Road

The Project Alliance is made up of State Government (DIT) and commercial partners, delivering the detailed design and field works together. The Project update included a discussion around asset ownership and maintenance, the tramline closure, construction staging and community engagement.

Closure of the Glenelg tram line is scheduled for the second half of 2025; substitute buses travelling along Anzac Highway will be provided for tram patrons.

The Committee expressed the following concerns:

- Limited additional car parking spaces. Tram patrons may need to walk further/park further away from the tram stop. Noting also an increase in tram patrons resulting from new home developments
- Community consultation with tram patrons, that they may be underrepresented in the community feedback
- The robustness of the overpass construction, with respect to issues with the current South Road overpass construction
- The impact on Immanuel College students with the moving of tram stops
- The Mike Turtur bike path, how this will be impacted
- Activation of the community spaces to be created underneath the overpass
- Construction noise and impact on road users and nearby residents.

The guests responded:

- The intent is to improve car parking, without adding many new car parking spaces, by indenting the car parking spaces. This is based on a concern about an increase in the number of vehicles in the area - wanting to encourage active connections, e.g. walking and cycling to the tram stop
- They are working closely with Adelaide Metro and the South Australian Public Transport Authority
- They have not received any feedback from the College regarding the Project
- They are working on a minor reconfiguration to the bike path. The Committee requested the new bike path design is provided to council
- The Council and SAJC will be involved in designing and maintaining the community spaces adjacent the racecourse, noting the ownership of these community spaces is likely to remain State Government owned however is yet to be discussed.
- Some work will need to be scheduled during the day however as much as possible work will be scheduled as night works.

Moved Councillor Veliskou

Seconded Councillor Prior

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Notes the Tram Grade Separation Project update.

Carried unanimously

7.2 Green Adelaide Update

Report Reference

IEC240910R7.2

Professor Chris Daniels, Chair, Green Adelaide and Brenton Gear, Director, Green Adelaide presented to the Committee, including:

- Green Adelaide Board and the vision for Metropolitan Adelaide – working in the urban spaces
 - Second 5-Year Plan is in the early stages of development, welcoming collaboration with the City of Marion
 - Projects include:
 - Bold rewilding: Rewilding the Torrens with Platypus
 - Urban Greening Strategy – metropolitan Adelaide's 1st Greening Strategy on behalf of the State Government
 - Urban heat and tree canopy mapping
 - Revitalised Breakout Creek
 - Field River
 - Improving biodiversity outcomes, habitats and species of concern – numerous priority sites in City of Marion
- Overview of grants to invest in community, local government, individuals and businesses green ideas; Grants include:
- Sustainable Native Food Forest – City of Marion is a partner
 - Weed management
 - Revegetation of native grasses including Marino Conservation Park
 - Cooler, greener, wilder grant - Alawoona Avenue Reserve Raingarden improving water quality
- Projects with crossover or opportunities for collaboration include the Field River restoration, rewilding the Southern Purple-Spotted Gudgeon and preservation of ducks at the Oaklands Wetlands

The Committee discussed:

- Distribution of funding, in that City of Marion residents contribute to the Landscape Priorities Fund through their rates
- Concerns relating to the removal of trees on private land and caring for large mature trees
- Sturt River and Field River
- Importance of biodiversity

Moved Councillor Luscombe

Seconded Mayor Hanna

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Notes the presentation from Green Adelaide.

Carried unanimously

7.3 Streetscape Program - Prioritisation Matrix Review

Report Reference

IEC240910R7.3

Staff presented an update on the progress of the Streetscape Program including a new prioritisation matrix for future projects which would support decision making for selecting and ranking projects.

The Committee discussed the five criteria for the prioritisation matrix and weighting, including:

Significance

Concerns about major roads receiving higher scores due to their significance, potentially overshadowing local streets

Discussed the significance of the atmosphere and feel of a road or street, i.e. the City of Marion a nice place to drive through and fostering community pride

Some streetscapes were noted to be in less-than-optimal condition due to insufficient maintenance, emphasising the need for regular upkeep

Social and Environmental - incorporating water-sensitive urban designs, increasing tree coverage and improving character; weighting discussed; should social and environmental have a higher weighting than it currently has.

Road condition and undulation discussed due to reactive clay soil and costs of maintaining these streets or roads

Social - building identity and character within the streets, e.g. heritage lighting or themed aesthetics, contributing to placemaking for communities

Environmental –addressing urban heat islands and biodiversity corridors

Aligning street upgrades with other projects

Funding Partner – financial considerations, seeking external partners to co-fund streetscape projects, e.g. State Government grants, Green Adelaide, Black Spot funding.

Safety and Condition – condition of streetscape assets to determine if they are near or at the end of their lifecycle; safety aspects for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles - high risk of crashes

Streets with poor condition score higher – high risk; streets in better condition, recently upgraded with less/slower traffic and few accidents, score lower

Efficiency – Funding Partner and Efficiency could overlap, possibly skewing the rating as major nearby developments could lead to funding opportunities and efficiency in aligning projects, noting financial considerations are crucial for project initiation.

Balance of financial aspects with broader social and environmental goals

The Committee discussed:

- An emphasis on continuity and connections between proposed redeveloped streets (Miller Street).
- The current 15-Year list of projects and the best way to add more projects
- General support for using the Matrix to finalise the 4-Year Streetscape Plan based on the balance of the 15-year uncompleted projects. The Plan should be reviewed after the initial period to ensure it reflects the needs and priorities at that time at which new projects could be considered.

- Projects need to be assessed regularly regarding how they are performing and being maintained
- Need to balance projects, ongoing commitments and efficient use of limited resources, while ensuring that the community's needs and priorities are addressed fairly and strategically.

Moved Councillor Telfer

Seconded Councillor Crossland

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Notes the feedback on the new Streetscape Prioritisation Matrix
2. Supports a 4-Year Streetscape Plan to be presented to General Council

Carried unanimously

7:22 pm Councillor Veliskou left the meeting
7:25 pm Councillor Veliskou re-entered the meeting
7:34 pm Councillor Prior left the meeting
7:37 pm Councillor Prior re-entered the meeting
8:40 pm Councillor Taylor left the meeting
8:42 pm Councillor Taylor re-entered the meeting

8 Reports for Noting - Nil

9 Workshop / Presentation Items - Nil

10 Other Business

11 Meeting Closure

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

The meeting was declared closed at 9.28pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 8 DAY OF OCTOBER 2024

CHAIRPERSON