

<b>ITEM 10.2</b>	<b>DRAFT MOVE – NORTHERN BEACHES TRANSPORT STRATEGY</b>
<b>REPORTING MANAGER</b>	<b>ACTING EXECUTIVE MANAGER TRANSPORT &amp; CIVIL INFRASTRUCTURE</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2018/406816</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>1 <a href="#">☞</a> Draft Transport Strategy (Included In Attachments Booklet)</b>

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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### PURPOSE

To seek Council endorsement to release the draft MOVE – Northern Beaches Transport Strategy for public exhibition.

### SUMMARY

Traffic and road congestion continue to be a major issue for the Northern Beaches community. In response to Mayoral Minute 02/2017, Council released the Transport Strategy Discussion Paper in April 2018 to seek feedback on the community's aspirations, priorities and vision for how moving around, to and from the Northern Beaches will be achieved in the next 20 years. Council received over 2000 submissions from an extensive community engagement program that also included consulting with local Members of Parliament, key State Government agencies and departments, advocacy groups and community groups.

The feedback received from this process was used by Council in collaboration with the Transport and Traffic Strategic Reference Group to produce the draft MOVE - Northern Beaches Transport Strategy. The future of transport on the Northern Beaches is encapsulated by the vision to “enable freedom of movement to, from and within the Northern Beaches using a safe, smart, efficient, integrated and sustainable transport network”.

This vision will be realised through the focusing on clear directions under each of the following themes:

- Accessible and Liveable Place
- Active Travel
- Public Transport
- Efficient Road Network
- Smart Parking Management.

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### RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING GENERAL MANAGER ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

That:

- A. Council endorse the public exhibition of the draft MOVE – Northern Beaches Transport Strategy for a period of 28 days.
  - B. The outcomes of the public exhibition be presented to Council following the conclusion of the exhibition period.
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## REPORT

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### BACKGROUND

A well-functioning transport network is vital to the Northern Beaches' future. Being able to safely and efficiently move people and goods supports the liveability and economy of the Northern Beaches.

Mayoral Minute 02/2017 called for the development of the Northern Beaches Transport Strategy with particular emphasis on creating better east west linkages to key employment centres outside the Sydney central business district.

In response Council developed a transport discussion paper to facilitate a conversation with our community. The discussion paper was released for community engagement between Saturday 14 April and Sunday 13 May 2018. The community engagement period generated 2000 responses from the community received through Your Say Northern Beaches and written correspondence. Council also conducted a number of information sessions where the community could directly engage with transport experts and strategic planners. Council also directly engaged with local Members of Parliament, key State Government agencies and departments, advocacy groups and community groups. It was clear from the feedback that a demand for better public transport and more active transport options is shared throughout our community.

In collaboration with the Transport and Traffic Strategic Reference Group Council has responded to this feedback with the draft MOVE - Northern Beaches Transport Strategy. This Strategy provides the framework for the delivery of our future transport network over the next 20 years. The strategy aims to change how we move around on the Northern Beaches and how we travel to other areas in Sydney, so that we can be less reliant on cars and use a more accessible, frequent and better public transport service. It also looks at how we can support active transport into the future, how we manage parking and the road network, as well as how we integrate transport with our new and existing precincts, towns and villages.

The vision espoused by the Strategy is to:

*“enable freedom of movement to, from and within the Northern Beaches using a safe, smart, efficient, integrated and sustainable transport network”.*

This vision will be achieved through focusing on over 30 key directions which support the following themes:

- Accessible and Liveable Place
- Active Travel
- Public Transport
- Efficient Road Network
- Smart Parking Management.

The Strategy sets ambitious targets for the Northern Beaches by 2038:

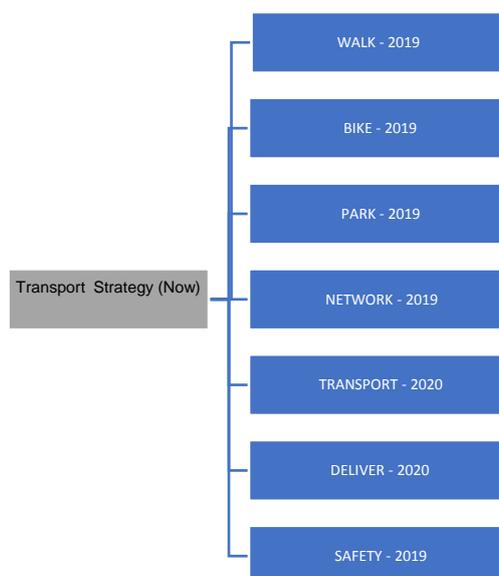
- A quarter of all trips by public transport
- Double the active travel trips; especially for households, commuters and school students
- Thirty percent reduction in trips by cars
- Thirty percent reduction in Carbon emissions from transport

- Towards zero deaths on our roads.

The themes and priority directions proposed to achieve these targets in the Draft Strategy are outlined below.

Themes	Priority Directions
<b>Accessible and Liveable Places</b>	Create and enhance “Places for People” that are integrated with public transport, creating vibrant, connected places with wide footpaths, safe cycling options, and where the car is not the first option
<b>Active Travel</b>	<p>Prioritise smart, active travel network improvements through technology, end of trip facilities, and way-finding signage.</p> <p>Expanding the footpath and shared path networks to improve connectivity and safety that make walking and cycling attractive alternatives to the car, providing a safe environment for all users</p>
<b>Public Transport</b>	<p>Partner with the NSW Government to implement a Bus Rapid Transit service by 2020 between Dee Why, Frenchs Forest, and Chatswood; followed by services between Mona Vale and Macquarie Park</p> <p>Plan for a rapid transit service on the Northern Beaches in the longer term</p>
<b>Efficient Road Network</b>	Support the delivery of the Beaches Link Tunnel subject to the inclusion of public transport and minimising impacts on local residents
<b>Smart Parking Management</b>	Develop local parking management plans for town and village centres

It is planned the Strategy will be implemented through specific actions contained in the following program of Action Plans that will commence development immediately after the adoption of the Transport Strategy:



## CONSULTATION

Council is planning on conducting a wide ranging and multi streamed engagement program to seek community feedback on the vision for transport across the Northern Beaches. Council is seeking to seek feedback from as a wide a demographic and number of people as possible through avenues such as a strong social media campaign, reaching out to everyone who contributed to the discussion paper, advertising on print and web based media, notifying through the Community Engagement Register, pop up information stalls at popular community events and markets.

Council will also hold four formal drop-in sessions where our transport and planning experts will be available to discuss the strategy, how we will deliver the outcome, and what it will look like and change the way we connect locally and regionally by 2038. The drop-in sessions will be held as follows:

- Manly – Market Lane information drop in
  - Tuesday 4 September 9.30am – 11.30am
- Library information drop in – Mona Vale (foyer)
  - Saturday 8 September 9.30am – 11.30am
- Customer Service information drop in – Dee Why
  - Wednesday 12 September 9.30am – 11.30am
- Library information drop in – Glen Street
  - Saturday 15 September 9.30am – 11.30am
- Collaroy Surf Club drop in Southern car park
  - Saturday 22 September 9.30am – 11.30am

Council will also seek feedback on the response from the community from the Transport and Traffic Strategic Reference Group and the Northern Beaches Council Traffic Committee prior to finalising the Strategy.

## TIMING

Following the community engagement period it is anticipated that a final version of the Strategy will be reported to Council for consideration and adoption prior to the end of 2018. Once adopted, work will commence immediately on developing an action plan to deliver on the Council's vision for transport for the next 20 years.

## FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Strategy contains actions that require substantial financial input from the NSW Government due to the scale of the infrastructure proposed. The local actions will have financial implications and may require additional capital expenditure budget to allow the delivery of the actions. Some of the actions will provide a net financial benefit to the community moving forward for example by alleviating the \$50 million loss in productivity per annum created by worse than metropolitan average congestion. There has been no direct financial modelling undertaken as part of the strategy development as the detail of how the directions are delivered is contained in the seven plans that sit under the strategy.

Assets provided as part of the regional infrastructure projects where ownership reverts to Council will need to be considered in Council's Long Term Financial Plan as the ownership of these assets will have an impact on Council finances for many years through ongoing depreciation and maintenance costs.

## **SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The purpose of the Strategy is to change behaviour in terms of how we travel around the Northern Beaches; however, the outcomes will be of a beneficial nature in terms of improved local community, health benefits through increased active travel and reduction in travel times allowing for more time for people to spend with their families and in the community.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

It is acknowledged that there will be some environmental impacts during the construction of the infrastructure required (and that has been missing from) to allow the Northern Beaches better connection to the rest of Sydney. A reduction in the number of private car journeys in the short term and emerging technologies in the future will see substantial environmental benefits over the next 20 years. Council will ensure that during construction of any of the infrastructure required to fulfil the strategy that it will be done in a sensitive manner that minimises impacts on the local community and natural environment.

## **GOVERNANCE AND RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

The draft Strategy will provide a clear policy framework to direction Council advocacy, planning and implementation of a better transport network for the Northern Beaches community. Council will seek to work in a transparent and collaborative manner with State Government to fulfil the vision of the Draft Strategy.