



# SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSPORT ADVISORY GROUP

Thursday 9 June, 2022 at 6pm

Venue: Via Zoom City of Vincent Administration and Civic Centre 244 Vincent Street Leederville UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

#### Attendees:

<u>City of Vincent Councillors</u> Cr Loden (Chairperson), Cr Hallett

<u>Community Representatives</u> Chris Cutress, Helen Griffiths, Ian Kininmonth, Jacinta Key, Adam Wilmot, Katherine Celenza

## City of Vincent Officers

Director Infrastructure & Environment, Sustainability & Innovation Co-ordinator, Sustainability & Innovation Advisor, Active Transport Officer, Co-ordinator Strategic Planning

### 1. Welcome/Declaration of Opening

Councillor Loden opened the meeting at 6:04pm and delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

# 2. Apologies

Chief Executive Officer, Helen Griffiths, Chris Wilson

# 3. Confirmation of the Minutes

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 March, 2022 be received and confirmed as true and correct record.

#### 4. Business

## 4.1 Trees on private property

The Co-ordinator Strategic Planning provided an update and advised that greening on public land has been our main focus to date. This approach has limitations as we will run out of space on public land to plant trees. The incentive and other approaches that have been used in Vincent and other Councils were discussed including:

- In Kalamunda, a certain scale of tree is required to be retained.
- In Stirling, an incentive approach means that developments that retain trees can acquire a fast tracked approval.
- The City of Vincent Built Form Policy has an incentive approach where a mature tree retention is worth more than 'x' number of small trees. The City also has a significant tree registry (currently reviewing this policy).

WALGA is advocating to the State Government regarding the retention of trees on private land.

Comments were sought from STAG members regarding how much Vincent places a value on the retention of trees. STAG members provided advice relating to mechanisms to protect trees including:

- Introduction of a policy to protect 100 trees per year.
- Including provisions in the planning scheme.

The next steps will be a minor review of all heritage policies, to go to Council later in the year. This will feed into the Greening Plan.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** STAG members to note update.

## 4.2 Update regarding electric vehicles and infrastructure

WALGA's Regional Road Safety Advisor provided an update to the group:

- WALGA is seeking to assist Local Governments who might want to seek funding from the Federal ARENA program. An Expression of Interest was sent to all Local Governments during April to determine if an aggregate bid for funding is viable.
- WALGA is supporting Local Governments to respond to requests from commercial EV charging infrastructure providers seeking access to carparks under various licence and lease arrangements.
- Work concerning building standards and inclusion of charging facilities into the standards (particular to apartment buildings) is underway.
- On street charging infrastructure is identified as a gap in some of the work and has also been identified as a policy challenge with further work needed around this. There are concerns around regulations and ownership of the verge and parking areas.

The group was asked whether there was support for WALGA to provide advocacy in the area of street charging infrastructure.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** STAG members to note update and provide broad support for advocacy work.

#### 4.3 Norfolk Neighbourhood Safe Active Street

- A new Safe Active Street is being considered for an area of North Perth/Mount Lawley.
- Stage 1 of community consultation for this project has been completed and an overview of feedback presented.
- There is currently strong community support for introducing new cul-de-sacs with pocket parks, mid-block parks and other design elements which allow walking and cycling and reduce motor vehicle through-traffic.
- Based on this feedback, a first-draft Concept Design will include these elements and the design will be taken to the Council Workshop on 28 June, and then the community for Stage 2 consultation.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** STAG members to note update.

#### 4.4 WALGA Road Safety Update

WALGA's Regional Road Safety Advisor provided an update to the group and reminded the group about the Road Safety Awards.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** STAG members to note update and the Road Safety Report circulated.

# 4.5 Status Update of Previous Agenda Items

Item	Current Status	Next Step
Future Climate	Discussed at 29 October 2020	Circulate relevant sections
Technology Review	STAG.	as they are completed, to
		inform decision making by
		Council on relevant matters

# 4.6 Other business

The Sustainability and Innovation Advisor reminded the group about the underground power project report circulated with the meeting papers. This would have positive sustainability implications including increased tree canopy and environmentally friendly LED lighting in new pole infrastructure.

## 5. Close/Next Meeting

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 7:42pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4 August at 6pm.

Signed

Councillor (Chairperson)

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_