

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP

Tuesday July 29 2014 in Te Mahanga Committee Room One, Wakefield Street 5.30pm to 7.30pm

- 1. Welcome from the Chair**
- 2. Apologies – Greg Orchard, David Lee for early departure**
- 3. Conflict of interest**
- 4. Wellington Urban Growth Plan (15 mins)
Anna Harley, Manager, Transport Strategy and Policy**
- 5. Museum of Wellington City & Sea Development (15 mins)
Rachel Ingram, Head of Learning and Programmes**
- 6. Accessibility Advisory Group annual planning (50 mins)
Jason Strawbridge and Michael Bealing**
- 7. Island Bay cycle way (15 mins)
Paul Barker, Safe and Sustainable Transport Manager**
- 8. Matters arising/Action Points/Adoption of minutes (5 mins)**
- 9. Project reports (5 mins)**
- 10. Other business (5 mins)**
 - International Day of Persons with Disabilities, December 3.**
- 11. Next Meeting
Tuesday 26 August 2014 in Te Mahanga Committee Room One**

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Action Points

Action points from 29 July	Person responsible	Status
Anna Harley to provide the AAG with a list of projects that they might be interested in from the Urban Growth Plan.	AH.	
All to work on Loomio to help select the community projects that will go on the AAG programme	AAG	
Julia will visit Evans Bay dog park	Julia	
All to work on Loomio to help form an activity for the International Day of People with Disabilities.	AAG	
Lisa to set up a meeting with Elizabeth to show her the braille version of Hamilton's accessible map.	Lisa/Julia	

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1. Present

Members:	Jason Strawbridge, Paula Booth, Lee Rutene, Michael Bealing, Christine O'Sullivan, Tim Pate, Julia Mosen, Shannon Krogmann
Apologies:	Greg Orchard, Lee Rutene for lateness, Cr David Lee for early departure
Councillors:	Cr David Lee
Council officers:	Lisa Matthews, Anna Harley, Paul Barker
Guests	Rachel Ingram, Head of Learning and Programmes, Museum of Wellington City & Sea

2. Welcome from the Chair

3. Conflict of Interest

None

4. Wellington Urban Growth Plan

Presentation:

- Want to update the AAG on the progress and work so far.
- This is the combination of the Wellington City Council's Urban Development Strategy and Transport Strategy.
- It will have a 30 year timespan.
- It is anticipated that there will be an extra 50,000 people living in Wellington and an extra 22,000 new homes.
- The strategy has a focus on Wellington being compact, urban and set in nature.
- The existing strategies were fundamentally sound; the biggest challenge was implementing them. This plan aims to do that.
- There are new considerations also including increased focus on hazards and natural resilience post Christchurch earthquake, trends in transport, changes to housing makeup etc.
- This is like a Stage 2 of the strategies that tries to be more action focussed and focussed on what we can impact and what actions we can deliver.
- Growth will be distributed across the city in certain areas – Kilbirnie, Miramar, Southern and Adelaide Rd, Central city, Johnsonville and greenfields development.
- There is a list of projects that will fall out of this strategy. Some of which will be of interest to AAG including a Transport Policy, Road Spaces policy, Road Safety, working on parking etc.
- The timeframes are that the plan is going to the Council committee on the 21st August and out for consultation in September. Projects from the strategy will go into the Long-Term Plan.

Action:

- **Anna Harley** to provide the AAG with a list of projects that they might be interested in.

5. Museum of Wellington City & Sea development

Presentation:

- The Museum is seeking to expand and develop into the ceiling of the current museum.
- Opening the Attic will add 30% more floor space to the Museum and will increase the number of collection objects they are able to display by 40%.
- The Attic will have a distinctly different feel to the floors below – it is reminiscent of a ship's hull with wooden posts, ceiling beams and sash windows.
- The new visitor experiences will include creative artefact display using Victorian-era cabinetry which incorporates multi-media features that will bring Wellington history alive.
- There will be an immersive theatre experience using characters from the history of Te Upoko o te Ika a Maui.
- The exhibition designs are at concept design stage. The designer has been considering the accessibility of the space, referring to NZS4121 and Arts for All guidelines, but would like to consult with the AAG.
- The Museum would like to invite the AAG to contribute.

Discussion:

- Questions were asked regarding:
 - the number of mobility parks – only one in the front of the building,
 - whether there are tours for people with impairments – happy to do organise.
- Rachel has consulted with Autism NZ also.
- The Museum is increasing films with subtitles and uses sign language interpreters sometimes.

Action:

- **Rachel** to send some dates and **Lisa** will set up a Doodle.

6. Accessibility Advisory Group annual planning

Discussion around Council priorities from the Annual Plan and what AAG should get involved in. Under the new Terms of Reference the AAG needs to present a plan to the Council.

Action:

- **Lisa** to send out the forum notes and set up a Loomio space to AAG to continue the discussion in particular, regarding the feedback from the community and the forum.

7. Island Bay cycle way

Presentation:

- Council has significantly shifted in its approach to cycling. It now has invested 4.5 million in cycling.
- The expectation is that if the Council builds cycleways then more people will take up cycling.
- Current project is the Island bay to Waitangi Park cycleway project. It is divided into four sections:
 - Island Bay to Wakefield Park,
 - Wakefield Park to John St,
 - John St to Memorial Park,
 - Memorial Park to Waitangi Park.
- Section one consultation is underway. This is a relative simple process because of the

width of the road.

- Looking at two different types of cycleways:
 - Either having the cycleway on the right of the parking or,
 - Having the cycleway beside the pavement by the left of the car. Parking would be moved two metres away from the pavement and separated by white lines and posts.
- The second option is preferred but raises issues for people getting to their parking especially children.
- There are also issues for wheelchair users which may be overcome by providing more pedestrian ramps (kerb cuts).
- There are also issues of how to deal with bus stops if the second option is used – the bus passenger will be getting off the bus into the cycleway which could be dangerous. One solution could be to move the cycleway onto the pavement behind the bus stop shelter and create a short shared space with cyclists and pedestrians.
- Also the road (although still the same size) will be wider for pedestrians to get across. One solution to this is to provide for more pedestrian crossings. This could be done but would require the removal of a number of right turning corner bays which could slow down traffic.
- Would be interested in the AAG's feedback as this is an opportunity for a learning process.
- Currently there is one mobility park on the Parade but they have not been able to contact the user.
- Research shows that the first option will increase cycle use by 100% and the second option by 200- 300%

Discussion:

- Pressure of getting from car to pavement. In effect, there is traffic on both sides.
- Pedestrians will still have priority in shared space.
- Person with impairment getting out of driving side of car is getting out into a narrower lane of traffic.
- Motorised wheelchairs – can they use the cycleway? Preferred option as pedestrians are too slow.
- Cycle parks numbers are increasing in the city but there is a dilemma around keeping pedestrian space free.
- AAG can either give informal feedback in August or do a submission in September.

8. Matters arising/Adoption of minutes

Approved Christine/Tim

9. Project reports/action points

1. Braille signage – Julia and Jason met with Stephen Harte in Transport regarding braille signage on light poles. They showed him examples from Australia. They have agreed to do a trial in the CBD. Great news!
2. Fenced dog parks – Julia and Jason also met with Amber Bill regarding fenced dog runs and dog parks for guide dogs. There is currently one in Evans Bay but there was no consideration to accessibility in its design including no indicators to the park. The Council is in the process of identifying some new spaces so feedback on Evans Bay may help in the development.

Action:

Julia will visit Evans Bay fenced dog park.

3. International Day of Persons with Disabilities - CCS considering an activity.

AAG to consider offering the Councillors walking tours of specific areas. Maybe also afternoon tea hosted by the Mayor.

Action:

Lisa to set up a Loomio space.

10. Other business

Julia presented Hamilton City Council's braille version of its Accessible Map.

Action:

Lisa to set up a meeting with Elizabeth to show her.

11. Next Meeting

Tuesday August 26 in Te Mahanga Committee Room One.