

Date: Tuesday 6 October 2020	Time: 5.30 – 7pm	Venue: Zoom
Meeting No: 6	Meeting Objective: To provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to built and natural facilities and systems within the LGA.	

1. Welcome

- 1.1 **Attendees:**
Darren Cleary General Manager, Hunter Water Corporation (joined 5.45pm)
Kim Lenox Community Representative
Corinne Thompson A/Regional Director, Transport for NSW
Matthew Murray Chief of Staff, Lord Mayor's Office
Joanne Rigby Acting Director Infrastructure & Property, City of Newcastle (Facilitator)
Rachel Howard Executive Assistant to Director Infrastructure and Property (Secretary)
- 1.2 **Apologies:**
Cr Emma White Chairperson
Jonathon Clarke Customer Manager – Urban Planning, Ausgrid
Mark Dunlop General Manager, Keolis Downer
- 1.3 **Guests:**
Liz Mitchell Acting Manager Assets and Projects
Meaghan Bennett Project Planning Coordinator (Item 5)
- 1.4 The Committee agreed that the meeting would be chaired by Joanne Rigby.
- 1.5 The Committee agreed to proceed with an informal meeting with quorum not being achieved.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

- 2.1 Nil.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Business Arising

- 3.1 **Minutes**
- 3.1.1 The minutes of the meeting held 7 July 2020 will be tabled for endorsement at the next Committee meeting. No changes are requested to the draft minutes.
- 3.1.2 Minutes will be placed on City of Newcastle's (CN) website following endorsement.
- 3.2 **Business Arising**
- 3.2.1 Nil

4. Capital Works Program Overview

- 4.1 The Committee received an update on CN's Capital Works Program for 2020/21 from the Acting Manager Assets and Projects. The presentation noted that:
- 4.1.1 The total works program is \$116.3 million.

- 4.1.2 First quarter works include:
- Bathers Way South Newcastle Beach,
 - repairs to City Hall,
 - construction of an inclusive playground at Stevenson Park,
 - No.1 Sportsground upgrade to a regional AFL and cricket facility,
 - Basketball courts at National Park and multipurpose court improvements at Empire Park, and
 - pedestrian improvements in Jesmond and Wickham.
- 4.1.3 Second quarter works include the Merewether to Newcastle shared path, installation of a temporary café at Stockton, tree life extension at Gregson Park, and completion of detailed design for the Cowper and Kokera Street intersection in Wallsend.
- 4.1.4 Works scheduled for the third and fourth quarters include detailed design of Shortland Local Centre, East End Stage 1 construction, Stockton Local Centre upgrade, design of bridges at Nelson and Boscaewn streets in Wallsend, and design and construction of the Hunter Street Bridge over Cottage Creek.
- 4.1.5 CN reactive works continue in Stockton with implementation of the Coastal Management Program, reinstated access points, and ongoing maintenance of existing sandbag structures.

5. Local Centres Forward Program

- 5.1 The Committee received a presentation on CN's Local Centres Forward Program. During the presentation it was noted that:
- 5.1.1 The Local Centres Public Domain Program (PDP) guides infrastructure renewal for local and neighbourhood centres throughout the LGA. The PDP for each centre aims to resolve streetscape, access and traffic issues.
- 5.1.2 The Joslin Street and Llewellyn Street local centres are currently under construction. Stockton and Wallsend Stage 3 (Cowper and Kokera streets) are currently at detailed design stage, with construction scheduled for 2021. James Street Plaza is also at detailed design stage.
- 5.1.3 The Blackbutt Village public domain and traffic plan was approved by the elected Council in September. Construction is scheduled for 2021/2022.
- 5.1.4 The Committee noted that the local centres program has a clear process for moving projects through the defined stages.

6. General Business

- 6.1 Darren Cleary provided a stakeholder update for Hunter Water Corporation (HWC).
- 6.1.1 Smart Water Choices have replaced Level 1 Water Restrictions.
- 6.1.2 HWC are working with stakeholders and the community to engage and reinforce the 'help save water' message.
- 6.1.3 A community engagement campaign will be coming out in the next few weeks.

- 6.2 Corrinne Thompson provided a stakeholder update for Transport for NSW:
 - 6.2.1 Tenders will be called towards the end of the year for intersection upgrades along City Road.
 - 6.2.2 Early works are underway at the Newcastle Inner City Bypass (Rankin Park to Jesmond) shared path bridge. Early works at the southern end are scheduled for early 2021.
 - 6.2.3 A contract has been awarded for the Hexham Straight project to develop a preferred option for community comment.
 - 6.2.4 The freight rail bypass project is progressing.
 - 6.2.5 The Review of Environmental Factors for the Stewart Avenue and King Street intersection is pending release.
 - 6.2.6 Transport for NSW and CN will meet to discuss the impact of the Works Authorisation Deed (WAD) process on current projects.
- 6.3 Kim Lenox asked what more could be contributed from the Community Representative perspective to add value to the meetings.

10. Closing

Future meeting dates:

- 5.30pm, Tuesday 2 February 2021.
- 5.30pm, Tuesday 4 May 2021.
- 5.30pm, Tuesday 3 August 2021.

Location - Lord Mayor's Reception Room, 12 Stewart Avenue, Newcastle West.

Meeting closed 6.18pm