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TRENDS IN CITY TRANSPORT

In 2000 Council adopted an **Integrated Movement Strategy** (IMS) which looked at all modes of transport and movement in and through the city. One of the objectives of this year's Annual Business Plan is to review that strategy. An initial step in preparation for that review has been to gather data on changing travel patterns over the past decade in order to determine trends and then decide how to use our resources to respond to those changes

Transport trends identified during the period 2000 to 2009 include:

- A move toward more sustainable transport modes, with the share of journey to work by walking, cycling and public transport rising from 35% to 42% from 2001 to 2006.
- A decline in trips by private vehicle entering the city of about 5% from 2000 to 2008
- A steady increase in trips by public transport, with bus passenger numbers rising by 17% from 2002 to 2008.
- A large increase in trips by bicycle – almost 50% increase from 2003 to 2008 (admittedly off a fairly low base)
- An increase in pedestrian trips into the City – 4% from 2003 to 2008 as measured by cordon counts but a 61% increase in terms of journeys to work, because of the increased number of workers who live in the City.
- The City workforce growing faster than workers car parking spaces with the number of workers per space increasing from 1.95 in 2002 to 2.49 in 2008 (an increase of 27%).
- The residential population rising faster than the number of residential parking spaces. The number of city households that are either carless or have only one car rose by 21% from 2001 to 2006. In 2006, 70% of City households had either no car or only one car.

Bus travel currently dominates the public transport system (75% of all trips) and is likely to continue to do so in the medium term. This highlights the importance of managing bus movement in the City and the need to design and upgrade the public realm to support the increasing number of bus users that generate significant pedestrian activity and use of public spaces. At the end of the journey every driver/passenger becomes a pedestrian!



Currently the Council is working with DTEI in the design of the O'Bahn extension into **Grenfell/Currie Streets** and design concepts for **Victoria Square**, whilst aiming primarily to create a pedestrian-friendly and activated space, are also looking to accommodate bus movements and the enhanced use of the tram when it extends to Bowden.

For me it is pleasing to see that there is a move away from the dominance of the motor car as a mode of city transport and it is to be hoped that this will continue as we see parking fees continue to rise at a faster rate than public transport (currently a multitrip ticket for a week's travel costs \$29 compared with the average early-bird rate at commercial car parks now being \$12.43 per day or over \$62 per week).

To make movement in the city more convenient, comfortable and sustainable we need to see

- More 'park and ride' facilities with free transport within the city limits. (it works in other cities, why not here?)
- More dedicated bus lanes which could perhaps also be used by private cars with at least 2 occupants (it is very frustrating to see car after car coming streaming into the city conveying just the driver)
- A substantial reduction in the number of car parks being constructed in the City.
- A continuation of our Bicycle Action Plan with continuous safe routes on all our major access roads.

EAST END MAKEOVER BEGINS

Work has begun on the upgrading of footpaths in **Rundle Street**. The work which will cost in the order of \$900,000 has begun at the corner of Pulteney St and will involve widened footpaths with jointless black concrete paving highlighted with strips of Kanmantoo stone. The overall design will include integrated artworks and landscaping to greatly improve the experience of shopping and supping in Rundle Street. Already we are seeing increased private sector investment with a strong emphasis on high fashion and other specialist shops. And this week we celebrated the **Third Anniversary of the Sunday Street Market** which Council is currently looking to further enhance.



TANDANYA ARTS FAIR

Last Saturday without very much fanfare, Tandanya staged a display of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Fair at Rymill Park Extension. Over 40 artists exhibited their work including Conrad Blackman, Sam Lester Heather Shearer and artists from the APY Lands and Ceduna Arts and Crafts. Entertainment was provided by various musicians including Drum Atwene (pictured at the left) and the Kurna Plains School Choir.

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL Meeting held 7 October 2009 (next meeting Wednesday 2/11/09)

(Note: I was not present at this meeting of the Panel)

■ Non-Complying Application

▪ It was agreed to **Proceed to Assessment** of an application to construct 6, 2 storey row dwellings on vacant land at **81-91 Tynte Street North Adelaide** subject to 4 advices to be forwarded to the applicant.(DA/537/2009)

■ Applications for consideration on Merit

▪ **Consent was granted** to construct a 1st floor addition to dwelling consisting of a study and a bedroom above existing garage at the rear of the property at **155 East Terrace, Adelaide** (DA/1035/2008)

▪ **Consent was granted** to construct a 4 storey residential building containing 7 apartments on vacant land at **28 Storr St, Adelaide** (DA/518/2009)

▪ **Consent was granted** for alterations and additions to **17 Buxton St North Adelaide** (DA/416/2009)

▪ **Consent was granted** to construct a 2 storey dwelling at **Lot 10 Tormore PI North Adelaide** (DA/25/2009)

■ Other Applications

▪ The Panel **supported** an ERD Court compromise proposal for development of **37-39 Old St NA** (DA/648/2008)

▪ The Panel **supported** an ERD Court compromise for a MU development at **242-248 Franklin St** (DA/502/2009)

THE PARK LANDS AUTHORITY Meeting 15 October 2009 (next meeting Thursday 19 November at 5.30pm)

(Note: I was not present at this meeting of the Authority)

The consultant team engaged by the **Brown Hill and Keswick Creek Storm Water Project** provided an overview of the current feasibility study which is looking at options for improved storm water management in the **South Park Lands**. Presenters were **Keith Downard** from Tonkin Consulting and **James Hayter** from Oxygen.

COUNCIL AND KEY COMMITTEES

■ **Motions on Notice** were moved by Cr **Henningsen** on parking permits for SACA and Tennis SA; by Cr **Wilkinson** on 1) Bluestone kerbing in the city, 2) Illumination of St Peters Cathedral spires and 3) Requiring a return to previous practice of receiving all Category 2 Representations; by Cr **Clarke** on Proposal for the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress to visit India and Cr **Clearihan** withdrew a motion dealing with the Arts and Culture Grants Program.

■ (12.1) Council adopted a response to the Draft Local Government (Accountability Framework) Amendment Bill.

■ (12.2) Council agreed to a **DTEI** request to reduce fees for a temporary Tram construction compound in **Park 25**.

■ (12.3) Council deferred its 2nd \$300k donation to the **Festival of Arts** pending resolution of its Board appointment

■ (12.4) Council was advised by the Motor Sports Board that the **Clipsal prescribed period** for the 2010 event would run from 1 December 09 to 28 May 10. This is a considerably longer period than has occurred before (except last year when major infrastructure was being upgraded) and Council has asked for some concessions on the timing of certain activities which lead to more restriction of public use of the Park Lands. **It is very disappointing that the full benefit of Council's plans for the redevelopment of Victoria Park will be seriously impeded.**

■ (12.5) Congratulations to Cr **Michael Henningsen** on being appointed to the position of **Deputy Lord Mayor** who will replace Cr Stephen Yarwood whose term as DLM expires on 11 November 2009.

■ (12.7) The **New Year's Eve Fireworks Spectacular** will again be hosted by Council on the banks of the Torrens.

■ (12.8) Council has agreed to the use of parts of Park 26 for the staging of the **World Tennis Challenge**. The event will coincide with a 20/20 Cricket Match at the Oval and will require use of Park Lands' areas for car parking.

■ (12.9) Council agreed to the closure of parts of Angas Street for the **Christian Life Centre – Carols on Angas** on Sunday 20 December. A move to defer the item to consider waiving certain fees and charges was defeated.

■ (12.10) Council agreed that a private road off **Hocking Ct** should be declared a public road (S 210 of the LG Act)

■ (12.11) It was agreed to make permanent, one-way traffic movements in parts of **Dunn St North Adelaide** and to further consider traffic islands to eliminate confusion by motorists on one-way/two-way movements in the street.

■ (13.1) Council agreed to minor changes to traffic controls in **Wellington Sq NA and Corryton St** in the city's SE.

■ Council considered items in confidence dealing with 1) Tenders for **North Tce Stage 3 (Prince Henry Gardens)** and 2) **Whitmore Square Eco-Housing Development**. North Tce work is to start soon and be finished by March.

CITY STRATEGY COMMITTEE

■ (5.1) Council endorsed the Policy and Operating Guidelines for **Events in the Park Lands** for the purpose of public consultation and for seeking the advice of the Adelaide Park Lands Authority. The documents aim to provide a balance between encouraging active use of the Park Lands versus the need to ensure that they are well-maintained, are respectful of the needs of adjacent residents and the broader community and that loss of general public access is limited. **In my opinion Council strategies to increase the population of the city (and the surrounding suburbs - 30 Year Plan) need to be supported by recreational opportunities for those residents.**

■ (5.2) Council received the Quarterly Progress Report on the implementation of the **Carbon Neutral Council Action Plan**. Achievements of the Quarter include commissioning of the Rundle Lantern Solar Installation, confirmation of the very effective feasibility of a co-generation plant at the Aquatic Centre and the trialling and installation of energy-saving technologies in locations such as UParks and the Central Market.

■ (5.3) Council received a report on the activities of the **Reconciliation Committee** over the period July to Sept 09.

■ (5.6 and 5.7) Council adopted landscape plans for West Tce and Hindmarsh Square – North-East quadrant.

CITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

■ (5.1 & 5.2) The Committee received reports on Fee-Based Facilities which showed that all are on track to achieve Outcomes and on Corporate Property which showed a favourable variance of \$398k as at 31 August 2009.