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<b>Meeting name:</b> Beach Road Corridor Strategy Key Stakeholder Reference Group						
<b>Date</b>	14/4/2011	<b>Start</b>	6 pm	<b>Finish</b>	8 pm	<b>Location</b> Bayside City Council
<b>Meeting objective:</b>	To provide feedback to assist with the development of the Beach Road Corridor Strategy and Route 33 Beach Road 'No Stopping' Trial					
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Lisa Bowman, <b>PLUM Communication</b>					
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Traffix Group:</b> Ross Thompson <b>Bayside City Council:</b> , Charles Turner, Peter Butterworth <b>VicRoads:</b> Trevor Smith, Jim Chrysis <b>Kingston City Council:</b> Brian Trower <b>Parks Victoria</b> – Bridget Isaac <b>Cyclesport Victoria:</b> Kipp Kauffman, David Grant <b>Sandringham Hospital:</b> Dr James Taylor <b>Bicycle Victoria:</b> Jason den Hollander <b>Bayside Community Representatives:</b> Chris Sutton, Diana Whaley, David Elmslie, Barbara Latham, John Cain					
<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>PLUM Communications:</b> Rachel Edington <b>Bayside City Council:</b> Guy Wilson-Browne, Mark Ritch <b>Kingston City Council</b> - Tony Rijs, Peter Bain <b>Bayside Representatives:</b> Michael Kadamani, <b>Bicycle Victoria:</b> Harry Barber <b>Department of Transport</b> – Brian de George <b>Victoria Police:</b> Sgt Herb Lonsing <b>Amy Gillett Foundation:</b> Simon Gillett					



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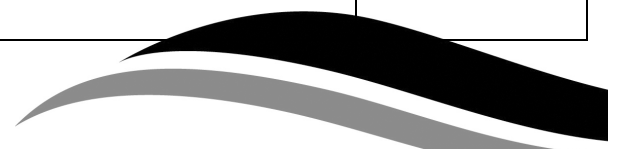
	Item	Who
1.	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>	Lisa Bowman
2.	<p><b>Screening of video of cyclists behaviours</b></p> <p>Bayside City Council invited Benjamin Sale of Other Side Productions to show a video of cyclist behaviour taken on a typical day to highlight issues for the group as part of the review process.</p> <p>David Grant, CycleSport Victoria, objected to the screening of this video and asked that it not be shown as it will be derogatory to bike riders. His understanding was that VicRoads would be showing a video of all road users.</p> <p>Charles Turner, Bayside City Council, stated that the video was being screened to show issues on Beach Road to highlight both good and bad behaviour.</p> <p>Jason den Hollander, Bicycle Victoria, stated that the SRG members had not been advised that the proposed video to be shown was commissioned by Murray Thompson MP.</p> <p>David Grant and Kipp Kaufmann of CycleSport Victoria left the meeting at 6.15pm.</p> <p>The screening of the video then proceeded without further comment or discussion, and concluded at 6.30pm.</p> <p><b>Amendment – refer Minutes for the Beach Road Corridor Strategy Key Stakeholder Reference Group Meeting 11 May 2011</b></p> <p>The video was shown and generated a number of comments from members including the bad crossing of a road by a family, the behaviours of the 'hell rider' cyclists and the mixture of user behaviours by cyclists, motorists and pedestrians.</p>	Charles Turner
3.	<p><b>Draft options for Beach Road Strategy</b></p> <p>Ross Thompson explained that additional suggestions for treatments could be considered and that there was still time to incorporate these into the plan before concept designs are prepared. Ross then went through the proposed treatments:</p> <p><b>Discussion on Proposed Treatment Options</b></p> <p><b>1. Pedestrian crossing near Normanby Street</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- traffic at Esplanade and Normanby Street can be busy due to Cabrini Hospital and Church St shops.</li> <li>- Jim Chrysis, VicRoads, noted that Kingston City Council has minimal treatments.</li> <li>- Ross Thompson stated that as there have not been many crashes there and treatments are based on observations and complaints.</li> <li>- Jim Chrysis advised that surveys and warrants for these treatments have not yet been analysed.</li> </ul>	Ross Thompson





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<p>3.</p>	<p><b>Draft options for Beach Road Strategy (cont'd)</b></p> <p><b>2. Pedestrian Crossing near Green Point</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- signals would be linked to South Road signals.</li><li>- question on who crosses at Green Point and this includes visitors / personal trainers.</li><li>- Dr James Taylor stated that the POS at Green Point may not improve the situation.</li></ul> <p>South Road question on whether the intersection will be further changed. VicRoads advised that the Beach/South Road intersection will stay but an SRG resident representative expressed concern about the design. The left turn into South Road is an issue for cyclists approaching this intersection. Bicycle Victoria questioned lane widths.</p> <p><b>3. Indented parking near Hampton Lifesaving Club</b></p> <p>Ross Thompson asked about indented parking on the beach side, and SRG members indicated that this idea was supported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- It was noted there is recently installed POS at New Street.</li><li>- VicRoads advised that the Department of Transport are still looking at New Street, with regard to the railway crossing.</li><li>- Dr James Taylor is concerned about kite boarders setting up on the shared pedestrian/bicycle path in this location if the indented parking was too close to the path.</li><li>- Brigid Isaac, Parks Victoria queried the space between indented parking spaces and the shared path however this detail not known yet.</li></ul> <p><b>4. Pedestrian Crossing near Bamfield Street</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- A query on whether members believed there are too many signals along this section of Beach Road and there was discussion about the regular distance between pedestrian signals within Kingston.</li><li>- Bicycle Victoria asked whether they were able to assist with traffic issues at Jetty Road.</li><li>- A suggestion of zebra crossings was mentioned, however VicRoads advised that these have to be in a speed managed environment</li></ul> <p><b>5. Intersection Safety Improvements at Balcombe Road</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- This location has the highest crash rate and is a priority safety issue. The operation of the roundabout could contribute to this with entry speed and site distances a potential problem.</li><li>- Jason indicated this being one of the worst site for bicycle crashes in the state.</li><li>- Ross said investigation is underway to improve this location as part of the review.</li><li>- Jim Chrysis suggested movement bans at the roundabout.</li></ul>	
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<p>3.</p>	<p><b>Draft options for Beach Road Strategy (cont'd)</b></p> <p><b>6. Indented parking just south of Balcombe Road</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ross said parking within the shopping centre creates a problem.</li><li>- Potential to realign the road so as to indent the parking</li><li>- To be incorporated into item 5. As part of the review of the roundabout.</li></ul> <p><b>7. Pedestrian near Keys Street</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Diana Whaley said this location is dangerous for pedestrians and traffic exiting Keys Street particularly now the redeveloped Beaumaris Hotel is open and resulting in significant on street parking..</li></ul> <p><b>8. Review existing road cross-section</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ross noted the narrow cycle lane noted in single lane section and asked what are the options.</li><li>- Dr James Taylor said this area and the parking and single lane treatments had been raised as an issue in the "Lema Report" in 2003</li><li>- Chris Sutton discussed the foreshore Bay Trail extension east from Cromer Road and raised concerns about the loss of vegetation and the cliff top path. The Beaumaris Conservation Society wants the central median on Beach Road to be removed so the new shared path will not impact on the vegetation.</li><li>- Charles agreed to show plans and discuss at the next meeting.</li><li>- Brigid indicated she would be able to add to the discussion in relation to foreshore impacts at the next meeting in context of the new trail.</li></ul> <p><b>9. Traffic signals at Warrigal Road</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ross discussed the issues and congestion that can occur here.</li><li>- Suggestion for signals at Parkers Road due to traffic confusion however Ross said Warrigal Road has higher crash rate.</li></ul> <p><b>10. Intersection safety improvements at roundabout at Nepean Hwy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Diana raised the fact that multiple U turns at this roundabout and drivers find it hard to detect if the vehicles are about to exit or not.</li></ul> <p><b>11 to 14: Signage and parking management treatments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Some supported a 50km/h speed limit.</li><li>- Cost of electronic signage is high.</li><li>- Jason indicated BV considered signage can be ineffectual not producing an outcome – sometimes installed as a token measure also do not want to distract drivers.</li><li>- It would be good to identify as a priority cyclist route.</li><li>- Dr James Taylor suggested TAC type billboard signage.</li><li>- Discussion about adverts that would be concentrated and targeted.</li><li>- Diana suggested a promotion to get children involved.</li><li>- Make the foreshore parking cheaper to encourage off street parking as some people avoiding fees.</li></ul>	
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<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Public consultation paper for Draft treatment options</b></p> <p>The draft options and information about the methodology and development of these options are available in the Let Us Know What You Think consultation paper at <a href="http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/beachroad">www.bayside.vic.gov.au/beachroad</a>.</p> <p>Copies of Let Us Know What You Think are also being distributed to resident's homes and businesses situated in the Beach Road corridor.</p> <p>Members of the public are also invited to view the draft options and pick up a copy of the consultation paper at the Bayside Council Offices, 76 Royal Avenue, Sandringham.</p> <p>There will also be information in the Bayside Leader newspaper and Councils 'Lets Talk Bayside' newsletter.</p> <p>There will be some discussion about the Bay Trail being a committed project as part of the available funding for the implementation of the strategy.</p> <p>Feedback on the options is open until May 31 (to be confirmed).</p> <p>Query from Dr James Taylor about VicRoads projects or investigations. Trevor Smith indicated that the Normanby Street right turn ban project is a committed and funded project, the Warrigal Road intersection was investigated however there are insufficient crashes to warrant signals under normal programs and the intersection of Beach Road and Balcombe Road has been identified as a black spot however a solution has not been identified.</p>	<p>Lisa Bowman</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Update on 'No Stopping' trial</b></p> <p>Trevor Smith said that VicRoads had sent a questionnaire out to properties along R33 closing on 30 April. At that time, 400 out of 1500 or 28% had responded.</p> <p>He handed out a sample document of a survey to be undertaken of pedestrians.</p> <p>He also indicated that aerial surveillance using a helicopter may be undertaking on 9 April.</p> <p>He made available VicRoads code of conduct for bike riders and this can be distributed to bike shops etc.</p> <p>Query about giving Beach Road residents special permission to park on nature strips? State Road Rules prohibit parking on nature strips and this would create a precedent for other streets.</p>	<p>VicRoads</p>





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<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Review of process for Beach Road Strategy Development</b></p> <p>Lisa said there would be more work completed on the treatment options such as cost estimates and projects would be ranked as per the evaluation criteria.</p> <p>Due to the available funding, certain projects may have a better chance of being funded.</p> <p>Any new ideas would be welcome.</p> <p>Dr James Taylor said he would do a presentation on the bicycle accident study at our next meeting.</p> <p>VicRoads will also report their findings on the no stopping trial and aerial survey.</p>	<p>Lisa Bowman</p>
	<p><b>Close</b></p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.30pm</p> <p><b>Next meeting - 6pm on Wednesday 11 May 2011 at Bayside City Council.</b></p>	

