

P & C August Meeting

Tunnel Report

1. Recent Transport for NSW Activities

With the lockdown there was a short while where Transport were not undertaking any works closer to the School.

The cessation of work has ended and they are progressing with early works.

Recent activities include:

- i. tree removal in Anzac Park, Cammeray Golf Course and Rosalind Street. The School has received mulch from those removals.
- ii. temporary moving of the footpath along Ernest St, the 'temporary' path provided is not flat and has a bit of an incline in one part, so care required for the very young and elderly.
- iii. area on the corner of Ernest St and Cammeray Ave resumed for temporary 'staging post', fenced off with heavy equipment and lots of pipes. The new footpath goes around that area.
- iv. substantial area of the Golf Course converted to an area for equipment and parking, contour not changed much with sand and gravel placed on top.
- v. part of the cul de sac in Cammeray Avenue resumed for storage.
- vi. the Rosalind St area now converted, not much contour change except near the road where it appears to have been concreted. The rest of the area has had sand and/or gravel added on top.

After completing what they are doing Transport for NSW are supposed to remediate the area back to its previous position (or as close as possible). In other areas where similar projects have been done, there has been interesting interpretations of what that means, the Contractors in meetings have represented they will do their best to remediate well.

2. Recent Community Meeting

I attended a meeting held by a local Precinct Group (a Council based community group) who had Transport for NSW representatives attending to speak and answer questions.

Not a lot of new material save-

- i. they are still to award the tender for the WFU works, but that work is to start late this year.
- ii. Notwithstanding the proximity of the commencement of WFU, they could not enlighten the community as to where the works would be undertaken and how much of the existing surrounds would be removed. They did note the WFU works would include the installation of the exit and entry portals for the tunnel projects.
- iii. with WHT, they are looking at a development partner option as a way forward.

- iv. when asked what positive legacy would there be for Cammeray residents they told us about the fancy construction to occur at Berry Bay (Waverton). When they were queried about that not being anywhere near Cammeray the reply was some people just have to cope with the negative impact of these large projects without getting any benefits, for the perceived greater good to the Greater Sydney community.

3. Community Consultation

The Government has passed new guidelines on what is required with community consultation for large Government Projects, there are explanatory webinars coming up to assist folk in understanding these new rules. Hopefully they will assist the P & C in working with Transport for NSW in getting as best result as possible.

4. Next Transport Meeting

We are endeavouring to organise our next quarterly meeting with the people at Transport for NSW and the Contractors.

We are going to request a representative of the contamination experts be present to discuss their reports and clarify details and queries. Given some issues with the early works reports which cover minor issues, it would be good to know how they will manage and report when the really serious stuff contamination wise starts later this year.

If anyone has something want raised please let us know asap so we can add it to the agenda.

5. Legislative Council Inquiry

The P & C's submission has been listed on the Inquiry site so will form part of the inquiry.

We have written to the Inquiry personnel and indicated given the special position of the School the P & C should appear and be heard at the Inquiry hearings. The Inquiry Committee determines who is invited to appear.

The hearings will be in mid-September unless moved due to ongoing COVID restrictions, if in place.

6. Expert Evidence

We are trying to locate an expert in air quality who can assist in providing non conflicted advice in relation to the threats that will arise during the Freeway Upgrade and Tunnel Works as well as those from the pollution stacks when the motorways are operational.

If anyone in the School community knows an expert, happy to chat to see if they can assist us.

7. Information dissemination

I have endeavoured to keep the School community up to date with the happenings and activities of Transport for NSW by posting the updates on the parents Facebook page, Transport provides a fairly clear outline of their activities. I am not sure there is much need presently for parents to separately join the whtbl email system.