

Resolution of Council

14 May 2018

Item 12.4

Publicly Funded Bike Share

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Vitoulkas -

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) recent research has indicated widespread support for a publicly funded bike share scheme. The research indicates that there is a "high level of support for...a public bike share program," with 72% of respondents supporting the implementation of a bike share program similar to that in Melbourne.
- (ii) following a motion posed by Councillor Scott at the Council meeting on 29 July 2013 calling on the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to conduct a feasibility study into the implementation of a publicly funded bike share scheme in the City, a motion was unanimously carried by Council that cycling infrastructure needed to be developed prior to a bike share scheme being implemented; and
- (iii) circumstances have changed in the intervening period as there has been a dramatic increase in bike share operations, which are privately owned and largely unregulated, in the City since this time; and

(B) Council:

- (i) request the CEO to conduct a feasibility study into the viability of a City-owned and operated bike share scheme, to operate in the local government area;
- (ii) request the CEO to investigate mechanisms for reducing clutter from bikes on City streets, including alteration to planning controls to introduce requirements of integrating bicycle storage into new developments;
- (iii) request that the CEO report on the results of these studies via the CEO Update; and

- (iv) continue its advocacy work to the NSW Government for clear regulation of bike share schemes operating in the City and neighbouring councils, and for the Lord Mayor to write to the NSW Minister for Transport, the Hon. Andrew Constance MP, and the NSW Premier, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, expressing this view.
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The above motion was not carried. The resolution as follows was carried.

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- (iii) circumstances have changed in the intervening period as there has been a dramatic increase in bike share operations, which are privately owned and largely unregulated, in the City since this time;
- (iv) a feasibility study has been undertaken for a bike share 'docked system' across the City of Sydney, Randwick Council and Inner West Council that found the cost of Stage One to be \$25 million;
- (v) the Lord Mayor wrote to the NSW Premier, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP on 9 June 2017 and to the NSW Minister for Transport, the Hon. Andrew Constance MP on 17 November 2017 asking that the Government develop a best-practice approach to bike share;
- (vi) the NSW Premier referred the letter to the Minister for Innovation, the Minister for Roads and Maritime Services and the Minister for Local Government, all of whom deferred the matter back to Council;
- (vii) the City of Sydney, and the Inner West, Woollahra, Waverley, Randwick and Canada Bay Councils are working together and calling on the NSW Government to introduce clear and consistent regulations to manage bike share; and
- (viii) the City of Sydney Development Control Plan requires new developments to include bike parking onsite; and

(D) Council:

- (i) call on the NSW Government for clear regulation of bike share schemes operating in the City and neighbouring Councils, led and managed by the NSW Point to Point Transport Commissioner; and

- (ii) along with the other inner Sydney Councils, continue to advocate for the introduction of new legislation, which could include: a requirement for bike share operators to apply for a permit and associated fees and charges to operate; identify appropriate places for bikes to be placed in the public domain; and education of bike users on parking etiquette.

Motion carried.