

Item 10**Questions on Notice****Pop-Up Cycleway Surveys**

1. By Councillor Forster

Question

At the City's September 2020 Council Meeting, the Chief Executive Officer advised that City staff were working with Transport for NSW to assess the usage and operation of the pop-up cycleway program. Community members have reported City of Sydney staff conducting surveys of cyclists, but not local residents or business owners, around at least one pop-up cycleway.

1. How are these assessments being conducted?
2. Where are these assessments being conducted?
3. Who is being targeted to participate in these assessments?
4. What are the findings of these assessments?

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Green Square Pool

2. By Councillor Scott

Question

Please detail the history of City of Sydney budget revotes for the Green Square Pool (now referred to as Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre).

Specifically, please provide the number of times the Council has resolved to amend the budget allocation (to revoke for timing or amounts or otherwise), in quarterly reports and otherwise, since the project began to be budgeted by the City of Sydney and the amounts amended.

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Bridge Road Cycleway Consultation

3. By Councillor Phelps

Question

In a letter dated 20 October 2020 from the Lord Mayor to the Hon. Jamie Parker MP, Member for Balmain, the Lord Mayor stated that "Transport for NSW and the City will assess the temporary cycleways while in use and we will consult fully on any proposal for a permanent cycleway on Pyrmont Bridge Road."

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. If the Minister for Transport and Roads, The Hon. Andrew Constance MP, has expressed a view on whether the Bridge Road cycleway will be made permanent?
2. Has anyone from the City of Sydney met or received an invitation to meet with Minister Constance or Transport for NSW to discuss the safety of the Bridge Road cycleway and any proposal for a permanent cycleway on Bridge Road?
3. Whether there is any proposal for a permanent cycleway on Bridge Road currently under consideration, and if so, how the consultation process with stakeholders, including residents, will be arranged?
4. If any market research companies or polling consultants have been engaged to advise Council or conduct community or other consultations on the merits, or otherwise, of a pop-up or permanent cycleway on Bridge Road, Glebe?
5. To your knowledge, have any of the market research companies or polling consultants been authorised to offer any inducement to people to participate in their surveys?
6. What feedback is being provided to Bridge Road residents seeking information?

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Pop-Up Cycleways Costs

4. By Councillor Phelps

Question

Could the Chief Executive Officer please provide an itemised list of how much has been spent for each of the six pop-up cycleways, broken down by cycleway, each associated cost and amount contributed by the City of Sydney and Transport for NSW.

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Pop-Up Cycleway Polling

5. By Councillor Phelps

Question

There have been reports of polls being taken of cyclists using the pop-up cycleways. Participants are being told that this survey is being conducted on behalf of the City of Sydney, and offered entry into a prize draw to receive a \$500 99Bikes voucher for participating. However, when asked by a participant if there was to be any polling done of pedestrians, residents or businesses, the pollster confirmed her brief was limited to polling cyclists only.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. What polls have been conducted on the pop-up cycleways?
2. Who has conducted each of the polls?
3. For each poll that has been conducted, what were the questions asked?
4. How were participants for these polls chosen?
5. When were these polls conducted?
6. What is the expenditure by City of Sydney on polling in relation to these cycleways since 1 July 2020?

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Fitzroy Street Bus Stop Closure

6. By Councillor Phelps

Question

There have been reports from residents that the Fitzroy Street at Marshall Street bus stop near Moore Park Road has been closed as a result of the pop-up cycleway. According to residents this was due to the Bus Drivers Union believing that it was not a safe set up for buses to stop.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please:

1. Investigate these reports and confirm?
2. Advise if the bus stop is to be relocated to maintain amenity for the local community?

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Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2020-2023

7. By Councillor Phelps

Question

At the 9 November 2020 Cultural and Creative Sub-Committee, the City of Sydney's Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2020-2023 was brought up for consideration.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please advise:

1. Which organisations were consulted for the Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan and when?
2. What was the feedback provided to the City by these organisations?

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Agency Staffing Costs

8. By Councillor Scott

Question

I note the \$34.1M referred to for staffing agency contracts in the tabled Quarterly Report.

Please detail the reasons for this contract allocation, and control mechanisms to ensure steps will be taken to ensure the funding will be kept within budget.

Please detail whether expenditure for the 2020/21 financial year is currently within budget.

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Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre

9. By Councillor Scott

Question

Noting that:

- final approved budget for the construction of the Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre was \$106.5M;
- construction is forecast for completion in November 2020;
- the planned opening date for the centre is 1 February 2021, the final month of summer for Sydney; and

- Belgravia Leisure commenced their contract to operate the facility from the end of September 2020;

What is the cost of paying the contracted operator, Belgravia Leisure, for operating a closed pool and gym facility, until February 2020? Please detail what has been spent, and projected costs to be incurred.

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