

Sustainable Transport Plan

COMMUNITY REFERENCE PANEL

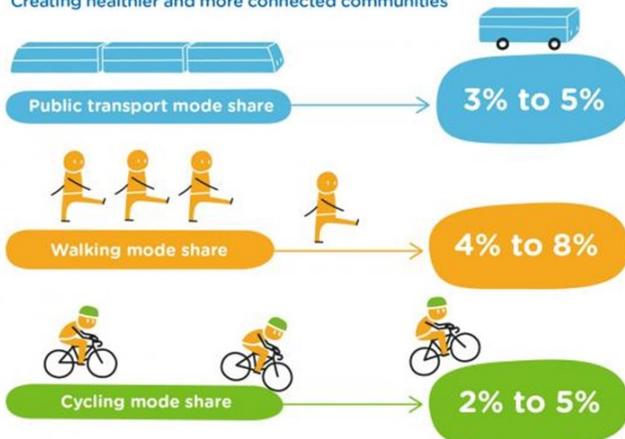
Community Reference Panel (CRP) members attended workshop sessions on the Sustainable Transport Plan for the new Tweed Valley Hospital in June 2019.

Transport consultants Bitzios hosted the workshop session, and talked through the sustainable transport planning process.

One of the focus areas of the transport plan is looking at the active and public transport targets set out by the NSW Government, and understanding the challenges to reaching these targets.

Our target to increase public and active transport use in Regional NSW

Creating healthier and more connected communities



Transport for NSW target for regional areas

Do you know how people currently use active transport to get to The Tweed Hospital?

- Public transport – 2 %
- Walking – 2 %
- Cycling – 2 %

What are we trying to achieve with a Sustainable Transport Plan for the new Tweed Valley Hospital?

- Reduce dependency on private vehicles
- Reduce car parking demand
- Encourage the use of transport modes that have a low environmental impact
- Provide information to make planning trips to and from the hospital easier
- Identify viable and attractive alternatives to private vehicle trips, including cycling, walking, public transport and carpooling.

Panel members asked to consider:

- The travel options available (i.e. private vehicle, public transport, community transport, walking, cycling)
- Who is most likely to use each of the options available (i.e. staff, patients, visitors, carers, emergency presentations)
- The challenges to people choosing public or active travel options
- The solutions and incentives that could be put in place to choose alternative forms of transport.

Bitzios representative, Andrew Elke, said for the transport plan to be sustainable, we need to focus on realistic targets and genuine options for the community to access, promoting alternative transport options.



This will involve working closely with transport providers to increase the frequency and connectivity of services, improving active transport routes such as walking paths and bike trails in the vicinity of the site, and their connection to other walking/bike trails in the area.

During the workshop the group raised a number of points that will be considered as part of the development of the Sustainable Transport Plan, including:

- Road upgrades needed in the area
- There is no public transport to Kingscliff from Queensland (currently, bus companies across the border do not connect)
- The provision of end-of-trip facilities for staff walking or cycling to work

- Cyclists and pedestrians safety, including lighting and clear pathways
- Safety for motorists if they are sharing a road with cyclists
- Need to consider initiatives such as community transport, not just infrastructure
- Accommodating mobility scooters, with wider paths and charging stations available.

Bitzios confirmed that the Sustainable Transport Plan will consider the impacts of future housing developments that have previously been approved in the area.



Panel members at the Sustainable Transport Plan working group session

