

Newsletter – 8th April 2018

We suggest that members refer to the last newsletter dated [31st December 2017](#) that is on our website which will provide you with a background to the end of 2017.

1. NSW State Government Committee

1.1 Presentation to the NSW State Government Committee on 3 April 2018

At the 2nd meeting of the State Government Committee on 24th November 2017, it was agreed the next meeting would be held in late January- early February 2018. The meeting was finally held, following prompting from the SHHL Association, on 3rd April 2018.

During the first quarter of 2018, we conducted a high-level scoping study, with input from various consultants, and presented these findings in a Video and Report to the NSW State Government Committee.

You can view the Video and the Report on our website [here](#).

Rino Matarazzo presented Sydney Trains' update which comprised the plans of 15th August 2017 with minimal written proposals based on those plans and which Mr Matarazzo had previously addressed at the 2nd Committee meeting. For your information, we have included Mr Matarazzo's presentation at the back of the [Report](#) from the SHHL Association.

1.2 Outcomes from the NSW State Government Committee on 3 April 2018

At the meeting on 3rd April, the Association requested from the Chair, Felicity Wilson:

- Future meetings to be held monthly.

Agreed.

- Sydney Trains to work closer with the Association and to prepare an agreed pathway for presentation at the next meeting scheduled for 14 May.

Agreed.

- The SHHL pathway to be leased to North Sydney Council.

(Howard Collins has advised Sydney Trains does not wish to operate or maintain the High Line. Hence, it is appropriate that the High Line, a linear park, should be under the care of North Sydney Council. North Sydney Council has indicated its in-principle agreement to such an arrangement.)

Agreed to investigate.

- The Premier to confirm that the State Government will pay for the Highline.

Deferred pending further information.

2. Concern: Sydney Trains

For some time, we have been concerned with the inordinate delay by Sydney Trains in responding to information required and our concerns are borne out by the lack of assistance and cooperation since September 2017.

- Sydney Trains on 22nd December 2017 released to the SHHL Association a copy of the overview they completed on 15th August 2017.
- No additional work was completed by Sydney Trains on the project between August to December 2017.
- It wasn't until 2nd March 2018 that we were able to meet again with Mr Matarazzo from Sydney Trains. Mr Matarazzo advised at that meeting that his team was undertaking a survey of the installations on the line and the possible relocation of service troughing and stanchions. The study would take 4 months and had been underway for 2 weeks. We had asked for this information in August / September 2017.
- We have a continuing concern that there may be other plans in play by Government Departments and Sydney Trains, in particular relating to the six rail lines in Lavender Bay immediately north of Luna Park.

3. Working with expert consultants

The Association briefed various consultants as follows in the preparation of our scoping study:

Glascott Landscape & Civil costed the

- Pathway from Union Street entrance to the Sydney Trains Depot in Lavender Bay.
- Fencing for the same area.
- Landscaping and drainage for the same area.

Southern Cross Protection

- Investigated and costed CCTV for the tunnel.

Floth Sustainable Building Consultants

- Investigated the need for mechanical ventilation for the tunnel and costed the installation if required.
- Provided indicative costs of a new service trough from the northern side of the line to the southern side.
- Provided indicative costs for new stanchions on the southern side of the line to replace those currently located on the northern side.

Philips

- Prepared a lighting plan for the tunnel and the eastern and western sections of the walkway.

Mark Waters developed

- A new video.

Tim Throsby prepared

- Additional concept illustrations and updated earlier illustrations to reflect fence height requirements.

Nearmap

- Provided access to their aerial mapping services to allow full investigations of the rail corridor and the structures. This aerial mapping revealed the full extent of the RailCorp ownership along the Waverton to Luna Park corridor. It should be of concern to local residents.

As a result of these initial reports, the Association estimates, at this stage of investigations, a construction cost of approx \$5 million. Considering the matters that we have yet to investigate fully and the unknown Sydney Trains' issues, the final costs may be approx \$10 million.

4. Membership renewals

The Association now has a system to handle membership renewals. This has taken rather longer than anticipated and hence no renewal notices have been sent to members. Thank you for your patience. Renewal notices will be sent out this week.

As we previously stated in earlier newsletters 'there is therefore a need to have a strong membership base not only for funding purposes but when dealing with both State and Federal Governments. With the next State election within the next 12 months the importance of increasing local Association members is obvious. Any assistance you may provide in building up the membership base is most welcome'.

Information on membership is available on the SHHL website at
<https://www.sydneyharbourhighline.org.au/>

Regards

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