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## Traffic Sub-Committee Minutes

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday May 14 2019

**Meeting Type:** Traffic Sub- Committee Meeting

**Time & Location:** 10:00am Cooroy RSL

**Present:**

Ron McCarthy, Ray Pratt, Duncan McQueen, Rod Ritchie, Jennifer Sadler, Ross Hielscher, Phil McGrath

**Apologies:** Julia Walkden, Clytie Glass, Pam McQueen, Ray Kelly.

Chairperson Rod Ritchie opened the meeting at 10.04am, welcomed members and explained that the purpose of today's meeting was to refine the roundabout concept drawings for the Elm and Diamond St intersections developed by Ray Pratt and Ross Hielscher to be presented to the council's Traffic Advisory Committee on Friday May 17.

Ross Hielscher and Ray Pratt presented their concept drawings that incorporated these key components presented below

1. Reduced speed limit to 40km zone
2. Roundabout at Diamond and Elm St intersection
3. New transit centre close to railway line
4. All buses to enter railway car parking area for passenger connection with different entry points from south and north to avoid turnaround problems
5. All traffic to exit left only from railway and passage around the roundabout
6. New retail areas to consider appropriate car parking inflow/outflow
7. 3 new raised pedestrian crossings
8. Cycle lanes

There was a lot of discussion and agreement about the design, and several changes made to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.

There was discussion about other safety issues i.e. the vulnerability of tourists who aren't aware of the entrance to the west side of town from the train station and bus stops, who mistakenly try to access the town over the traffic bridge, and those who have to huddle under the bus shelter for protection in the rain. It was agreed that a transit centre would help to eliminate these inadequacies.

Phil McGrath pointed out that Cooroy is the only small town in the larger area that is not by-passed by traffic that is travelling to Noosa. He advised the committee on the approach to take

for the best outcome with TMR.

It was agreed that Ray Pratt and Rod Ritchie would get together for the final draft to present to council. Ross Hielscher will help out.

It was agreed unanimously that the Cooroy Chamber of Commerce be kept informed and invited to participate in future Traffic Sub-Committee meetings.

Meeting closed at 11.20am