

Draft 'Easy Ride' cycling routes



In February 2018, Whitehorse City Council invited community feedback on draft 'Easy Ride' cycling routes developed as part of the Whitehorse Cycling Strategy.

More than 90 comments were received on the draft routes through community meetings, a drop-in session and written submissions.

Overall, the six draft routes were considered a good starting point for the creation of a low stress cycling network across Whitehorse and many great suggestions were made to improve the routes.

The key findings are summarised below.

- It is essential that routes **connect** to key destinations, such as parks, schools and shops.

"The route links to the Pipe Track, which is a good plan for the future."

- A strong focus on **traffic management** along the routes is needed to ensure that they are safe and low stress.

"The area around Box Hill Hospital is an extremely high traffic area and would need a redesign to make it OK for cyclists."

- Good **wayfinding** is important, particularly as a way to encourage new cyclists to use the routes.

"It is very important that the Easy Ride routes become self-evident and self-guiding the first time and don't take much learning."

- Beyond signage, **other treatments**, such as sealing gravel paths, widening footpaths into shared paths and providing rest areas were suggested as ways to make the routes easier to use.

"Drinking fountains and resting stops in parks is also important to encourage use."

- A number of **alterations to the routes** were proposed to improve safety, directness and ease of use.

"Consider an alternate route to Nunawading train station."

Next steps

Throughout 2018/19 Council officers will:

- Work through all of the feedback and amend the draft routes to make them safer and easier to use.
- Select the first route and develop detailed designs, including traffic treatments, wayfinding and path improvements.
- Undertake community engagement, regarding the design of the selected route.
- Seek funding to construct the route.

With lessons learnt from the first route, Council will plan for the design and construction of further routes.



Further information

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