



9 October 2020

Dear Mayor Aldridge OAM and Mr Harry,

Re: Health and active living peak bodies recommend trail extension

Walking SA, the Bicycle Institute of South Australia, Heart Foundation and Bike SA would like to commend the Salisbury council for the work that they do in creating great places and programs for their community and visitors to walk and cycle for recreation. Recently we have been excited to see:

- a new section of path completed connecting Montague Road to Mawson lakes
- the underpass at the intersection of Montague/Main North Road underway
- further sections of the Galwer Greenway completed and more in the planning phase connecting the Salisbury railway station with Parafield railway station
- planned upgrades to the underpass of Port Wakefield Road at Bolivar to reduce flooding

Your commitment to the health and wellbeing of your community is to be commended, as is the success of your Salisbury Social Rides program.

We have identified an opportunity to further extend your network of shared trails, utilising existing land and repurposing. **There is considerable public interest in a new shared use path linking the Tapa Marinthi Yala (TMY) shared use path to St Kilda.** The new path could extend under the Northern Connector (just past the Dry Creek Trail junction heading South) at Globe Derby by utilising the service road to St Kilda. An underpass in the area suggests Council has plans for such a path.

As you would know, when people have access to a network of safe, enjoyable places to walk and ride, it significantly increases the likelihood of a transport mode shift from the car to bike or foot, yielding all of the benefits to the individual and the community. The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that street design matters for our health and wellbeing. Long distance walking and cycling paths are also a drawcard for recreation-based tourism, and the extension to St Kilda provides the opportunity to showcase the St Kilda Mangroves and Interpretative Centre.

Could you please provide us with information on Salisbury council's intentions for a shared use path to St Kilda - is a plan being progressed? Please feel free to call or email Katie Gilfillan to discuss on behalf of Walking SA, Heart Foundation, Bicycle Institute of South Australia and Bike SA.

We also note that your Public Health Plan is supportive of cycling and walking, and promotes increased cycle ways. We would be happy to provide support and expert advice on your proposed walking and cycling strategy mentioned in the Plan.

Regards,

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On behalf of Walking SA, Heart Foundation, Bicycle Institute of South Australia and Bike SA.