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Mr. Michael Deegan
Chief Executive,
Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure,
77 Grenfell Street
Adelaide, SA, 5000

Dear Mr Deegan,

Audio-tactile line marking

It has been brought to our attention that a number of roads used frequently by cyclists (most notably Main South Road, Sellicks Hill) have been treated with Audio Tactile Line Markings (ATLM) in a way that is not compliant with DPTI's Operational Instructions (Audio Tactile Line Markings - 2.13).

ATLMs are particularly unpleasant and dangerous for cyclists to ride along or to cross, especially at speed or in the wet. This is not typically a problem where there is a wide sealed shoulder that is well maintained and cleared of debris, but most of South Australia's country roads have intermittent, inconsistent or poorly maintained shoulders that necessitate frequent crossing of the white line to avoid obstructions.

The Operational instruction states that the shoulder should be a minimum of 0.5m, and preferably 1m wide. It seems that this has not been adhered to, leaving a margin behind the markings that is too narrow to be used by cyclists, forcing them to ride fully in the main carriageway. It should be noted that this is part of the route of BikeSA's forthcoming 'Coast to Coast' ride, and will be used by a large number of riders.

We would ask that ATLMs are only used where there is room to cycle on the shoulder behind them, and discontinued where a cyclist would be forced to cross them where the shoulder narrows or ends. We would ask that all non-compliant installations are either remedied or removed. It is not acceptable to make the roads safer for drivers at the expense of vulnerable road users.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'F Patterson'.

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Chair, Bicycle Institute of South Australia