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The Hon Stephan Knoll MP
Member for Schubert

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Dear Ms ^{Kate}Gilfillan

Thank you for your letter regarding recommendations for cycling infrastructure for the 2019-20 financial year.

It is acknowledged that the State Bicycle Fund is an important ongoing program that delivers funding assistance to local councils for cycling infrastructure projects. While I appreciate this matter is important to you, the level of funding for 2019-20 is yet to be determined with the state budget due to be handed down later this month.

The following information is provided by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (the department) in response to your proposed project questions.

Gawler Greenway

The Gawler Greenway between Islington and Mawson Lakes is currently under construction and the \$3 million project is being delivered as part of the 'Metropolitan Adelaide Design and Construct Bundle'. The department is working closely with the City of Salisbury and the City of Playford to implement the section of the Gawler Greenway between Mawson Lakes and Elizabeth.

City Bikeways

The department advises a formal request for additional funding has not been received from the City of Adelaide.

Mike Turtur Bikeway

The department is currently negotiating with the City of Unley regarding this section of path and to formalise an agreement with Council regarding ongoing roles and responsibilities.

West Boundary Railway Route

The department has advised that while this route has merit, (particularly the northern end that proposes a connection into the Royal Adelaide Hospital site), the wider project largely duplicates two existing routes, being the shared use path along West Terrace and the Park Lands Trail. The Adelaide Park Lands are under the care and control of the City of Adelaide and subsequently, the wider project is not considered a priority at this time. The department will however liaise with the City of Adelaide regarding the proposal to link the Park Lands Trail to the Royal Adelaide Hospital via the rail land.

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Coast Park

The Coast Park project is an initiative to develop a coastal linear park from North Haven to Sellicks Beach. The project is being implemented in stages in partnership with local government. Councils are encouraged to apply for funding from the Planning and Development Fund to undertake the remaining sections of this project. Current works include the development of a shared-use path through the Minda campus at North Brighton. This project will provide cycling and walking access along a section of coastline previously inaccessible to cyclists.

Park 'n' Ride

The department is continuing to roll-out the provision of bike parking at targeted public transport stations by providing secure bike cages and is also partnering with local government to provide bicycle parking rails at stops and stations.

Sudholz Road

The department advises that the section of road between North East Road and the Paradise Interchange carries approximately 40 000 vehicles per day and therefore it would be difficult to install protected bicycle lanes without removing a traffic lane or widening the roadway. While this is not a feasible option, as an alternative and safe option cyclists may choose to ride on the footpath.

Great Southern Bikeway

The South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) is in the early planning stages for this project, therefore I encourage you to liaise with SATC in relation to this matter.

Barossa Region

The Jack Bobridge Track was developed by The Barossa Council and the department is happy to discuss opportunities for funding assistance for the Council to undertake further development of the bikeway.

Crafers - Amy Gillett Bikeway link

The department would be pleased to liaise with the Adelaide Hills Council to improve conditions for bicycle riders between Crafers and Stirling and beyond.

McLaren Vale Region

Bowering Hill Road, Tuit Road and Old Coach Road between Maslin Beach Road and Aldinga are under the care and control of the City of Onkaparinga. Accordingly, Council is encouraged to apply for funding from the Planning and Development Fund to undertake this project.

For information, the Planning and Development Fund operates under the *Development Act* and will continue under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act*. The Fund provides grants to local government for open space projects including trails and linear parks. Over the last five years, the fund has provided approximately \$21 million towards public space projects with a significant shared-use path component including trails and linear park networks.

The department takes an integrated multi-modal approach to transport and land use planning, which considers the State's key challenges and objectives, and balances the needs of all road users within the funding available. This approach is demonstrated across all major transport and land use plans.

Where appropriate, the department works to optimise cycling travel times by providing:

- low-traffic, low speed environments for cycling and walking,
- safe and convenient road crossings,
- smooth pavement and sealed shoulders,
- space specifically for cyclists, including continuous designated and dedicated road space or paths, and
- separation between cyclists and moving traffic; and provide priority for cyclists.

It is important to note that through the establishment of Infrastructure SA, a 20 year Infrastructure Strategy will be prepared to identify priority infrastructure investment needs for the state. This will be a crucial process in informing future budgets for the State Government, and I would encourage the Bicycle Institute of SA to participate in this process.

Please be assured that the State Government will continue to invest towards improving conditions for bicycle riders in South Australia. While dedicated cycling programs exist it is important to note that all new department road projects and road upgrades will consider the needs of all road users and where appropriate provide for cyclists.

Yours sincerely



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