

12 February 2010

City of Bayside Councillors
76 Royal Avenue
Sandringham VIC 3191

Dear Councillors,

There will be significant community benefits should you choose to join with your neighboring councils and adopt early morning 'No Stopping' zones for Beach Road at weekends.

It has been established that the presence of a few parked cars along Beach Road (in the early morning bike peak) greatly adds to the risk of crash and injury. The statistics tell us that the casualty rate is currently at an unacceptable level. We all have a responsibility to address this issue.

Very few negatives are associated with the proposed time-limited 'No Stopping' zones. The data shows that there is little demand for car parking at these times, therefore any inconvenience is limited to only a handful of people.

By contrast the number of fitness riders who will benefit is substantial. A total of 9111 riders were out on Route 33 on the last count days between 6 and 10 am—5056 on Saturday and 4055 on Sunday. This is three and a half times as many bikes as cars during the same period. The figures show that the Route 33 ride, a popular fitness route since the 1950's, continues to build popularity.

You would have observed that the need for riders to move out to the right to avoid parked cars results in conflict with vehicles and impedes traffic flow, aggravating drivers. The proposal will therefore not only benefit riders but also drivers.

That so many people are using Beach Road to achieve their fitness and health goals should be a matter of great pride to Bayside Council. By adopting the recommendations you will be able to reduce conflict and risk on Beach Road and improve the welfare of the community of riders, and the community of Bayside.

I ask that you support this proposal on Tuesday.

Regards

Jason den Hollander
Facilities Development Manager
Bicycle Victoria

		Winter - July 05	Summer - Feb 06	Spring - Sep 07	Spring - Sep 08	Spring - Sep 09
Saturday	Bikes	1739	3595	4102	3939	5056
	Vehicles	1472	1715	1635	2231	1584
Sunday	Bikes	1749	3215	4105	3539	4055
	Vehicles	803	1127	935	1433	961

