

TIP SHEET

Infrastructure which could assist in getting more students riding and walking more often

What is covered by Local Councils

Bike Parking

- ❖ Councils will often install on street bike parking.
- ❖ Councils will occasionally contribute towards an existing bike shed funding effort. For example: After more than two years of campaigning and fundraising activity, Ballarat North Primary School's dream of a new bike shed is finally fulfilled. Also, Moonee Valley Local Council offered 2 schools \$2,500 to improve their bike parking facilities.



Links to bike paths



- ❖ Councils work to improve their bike network. If your students and teachers regularly use these paths or would use nearby paths it is definitely worth asking for a connection.
- ❖ Bike paths could have other uses instead of allowing active commuting. Having access to bike paths could be useful in school sporting activities and excursions.
- ❖ Creating a dot map of where your students live is great for working out the best possible location for connections & bike paths. Please call us on (03) 8636 8888 if you need assistance.

Crossings

- ❖ **Staffed school crossings** (eg. Lollipop crossings): You may need a new one, need a crossing moved or have a redundant crossing.
- ❖ **Signalised crossings** are the responsibility of Vic Roads.
- ❖ **Zebra/Wombat crossings** can be installed by local councils, but are not always endorsed depending on the view of your council. A wombat crossing is a zebra crossing on a speed hump as pictured. We avidly support Wombat and Zebra crossings. Wombat/Zebra crossings are best situated at school gates and/or major traffic flows and while wombat crossings are expensive, councils have greater confidence in them



No Parking Zones

- ❖ Creating 'No Parking Zones' around your school will discourage parents dropping their children off at school therefore reducing congestion around the school. You will find that residents will be very supportive in your efforts to reduce congestion.
- ❖ Part Way is Ok! For children who live a long distance from the school, 'drop off zones' could be implemented. Parents could drive their children to a designated drop off zone for them to walk/ride the rest of the way. The children will get an opportunity to exercise and congestion around the school will be minimised.

Kurb Ramps



- ❖ Smooth kerb (or pram) ramps need to be provided when cyclists have to ride from a path down to a road surface or visa versa. Ask for Kurb ramps to be improved around your school.

What is not covered by Local Councils..

Railways/Underpasses: Railways and underpasses are the responsibility of Vic Track in Victoria and not Local Councils

Traffic Signals: Traffic Signals are the responsibility of the State Government (Vic Roads or the RTA). You can however, ask your Local Government to write a letter of support. Traffic signals that your school could benefit from include:

- ❖ Intersection control upgrades
- ❖ Signaled pedestrian crossings
- ❖ Changing the timing of the 'ticking' at traffic light crossings
- ❖ Installation of 40kph LED signals, as Port Phillip City Council has done. Due to the increase in active travel within the municipality, Port Phillip community members successfully advocated to VicRoads to have their 40kph zones extended and for LED lights to be installed.



If you have any queries please contact the Ride2School team on 8636 8888 or email ride2school@bv.com.au

Good Luck!