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## **RESPONSE:**

### **What is your view regarding the current active transport infrastructure in your electorate?**

There is a lot of work to be done to improve safe cycling and walking in the Northern Metropolitan Region.

There are a number of projects that have been proposed by my Greens colleagues in the Melbourne and Brunswick electorates, including safe, separated bike lanes along Sydney Road, Flemington Road and Royal Parade. Plus, there's many other key routes that would benefit greatly from separated bike lanes and there are a number of pedestrian crossings that are unsafe, along with numerous locations where they need to be installed.

Increasing numbers of people are walking or riding around our local community and many more want to do so if they feel safe. We need more investment in separated bike lanes and safer footpaths and crossing to ensure that active transport is safe and accessible for everyone.

### **What actions will you take to improve active transport in your electorate?**

Myself and my Greens colleagues will continue to advocate for investment in hundreds of kilometres of safe separated bike lanes around the northern metropolitan region and across Victoria, as well as a safe pedestrian network which would include new and improved pedestrian crossings and upgraded footpaths with more space for pedestrians.

### **Active transport spending at the state level is less than 2 per cent. In your view, what is a 'fair spend' for active transport?**

The Victorian Greens have committed \$2.5 billion dollars over the next four years to implement a 'Big Bike Build' with hundreds of kilometres of safe and separated bike superhighways and more safe pedestrian crossings, upgraded footpaths and walkable neighbourhoods across the state.

With transport as Victoria's biggest growing source of emissions, governments must do more to support people to make the switch to climate-friendly transport like bike riding and walking.

The Greens' plan would move Victoria towards the goal of active transport funding being 10 - 20 per cent of transport capital funding as recommended by the United Nations.

As part of the power sharing government in Ireland, the Greens have increased active transport funding to 20 per cent, while in Scotland they have increased it to 10 per cent and here in Victoria we should be aiming for the same.