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Liberal Party



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RESPONSE:

I work very closely with Maroondah City Council on their priorities for improvements to the local area.

The Council have developed an Advocacy Strategy which includes a number of shared pathways and extensions to bike paths.

One of these projects is the Maroondah Boulevard, which the council states will encourage walking and cycling with significant benefits to health and well-being.

This project is in Ringwood, however it will benefit many residents from Croydon and the surrounding area.

I am committed to working with Maroondah City Council to advocate for funding for the \$10mil Ringwood to Croydon shared path. This project involves the construction of a shared use path connecting Ringwood to Croydon, filling in the critical missing link between the Box Hill to Ringwood and Carrum to Warburton trails.

I am seeking funding for safety upgrades to the Bayswater Road/Eastfield Road intersection. This is part of my stated plan for delivering for Croydon and includes cycling and pedestrian enhancements at the intersection.

There is the proposed construction of a shared user path surrounding Hughes Park. The Council state that this will facilitate the critical 'last mile' connection to the Brushy Creek Trail and are seeking full funding support for this project.

I am also working to secure the \$1mil funding support the Council is seeking for the proposed construction of a bridge over Tarralla Creek and a shared path to provide a direct connection to The Mall shopping centre.

These are the current priorities I am focusing on and would be happy to discuss the further funding needed for the Box Hill to Hawthorn project you have listed.

I actively participate in both walking and cycling in the local area and would be happy to discuss these and other projects with you.