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Clarke Martin, Candidate for Sandringham

Independent

RESPONSE:

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

In our seat the cycle infrastructure has really been focused on recreation use. We now need to step up into the day to day use of cycling for shopping, appointments and getting to our train stations for work. We have large sections of the Seat that are not serviced by a train station and thus have a real need for active transport to connect. We need our Supermarkets to be upgraded to accept shoppers arriving on bikes that have baskets and are electric. Our shopping villages are not set up for day to day bike use either. Lastly I rode into the city from Beaumaris for over 7 years to work using the Nepean Highway as the corridor as it was faster and safer than the bike tracks on the service road and Beach road. I believe that the green line that stops at Glenhuntly Rd should be extended along the highway to Mordialloc. This would be part of the proposed 7 cycling commuter corridors.

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

As the former Mayor and now an elected Councillor I have been very active voting on Strategy plans and advocating for State Government reforms. If elected my efforts will be ramped up.

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

At this stage I'm not sure about cutting budgets into percentages. I am more interested in having cycling built into all urban planning, major infrastructure and private investment. To become 'Amsterdam' not just infrastructure but Melbournians psych needs to change to include cycling in their day to day lives.