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Victorian Greens

## **RESPONSE:**

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

I love riding my bike around Melbourne, but many of our inner city roads are not as safe as they should be. I often hear from cyclists and pedestrians who have had a close call or witnessed unsafe behaviour on our roads. While we have some great bike lanes in inner Melbourne there are still some areas that desperately need separated lanes - including Royal Parade and Flemington Road.

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

As the local member for Melbourne I have advocated over the past 8 years for upgrades to areas that are currently dangerous for cyclists and/or pedestrians.

The Greens have committed \$2.5 billion for a 'Big Bike Build' of hundreds of kilometres of separated bike lanes and paths across metropolitan Melbourne and regional centres and I've been calling on the government to install separated bike lanes on Flemington Road and Royal Parade to help keep cyclists safe along this key cycle corridor.

We've been successful at getting the State Government to consider pop-up bike lanes for Flemington Road and Royal Parade (northbound) but we need to make sure these happen, and become permanent.

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

Active transport is good for our health and good for the planet, so it is disappointing that the State government has failed to invest in the infrastructure and projects needed to help people embrace active transport. We need a proper investment of between 10-20% of transport spending to be on active transport, to boost our healthy zero-emissions active transport in Victoria.