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Jorge Jorquera, Candidate for Footscray

Victorian Socialists

RESPONSE:

“Victorian Socialists strongly support better public transport and bicycle policies in order to reduce traffic congestion, provide more inclusive transport choices, reduce transport-related greenhouse gas emissions and improve people’s health.

As a VS Councillor for Maribyrnong (Yarraville ward) since 2020, I have been campaigning around “active transport” since day one on Council. In fact our first action was a local bike ride organised with The Greens and BikeWest: Community Ride for Safe Cycling Infrastructure. A hundred+ local residents participated.

I’ve also been working a lot with the people running the Community Bike Hub, around getting and improving facilities for community bike repair etc.

You can read our full transport policy at

<https://victoriansocialists.org.au/policies/transport>. Here’s what we say specifically about bicycle policies:

1. Improve and extend bicycle paths and lanes by:
 - a) Prioritising protected bicycle paths and lanes over street parking.
 - b) Ensuring that protected bicycle lanes continue at intersections so that bicycles are not forced to merge with traffic.
2. Introduce a free bike share scheme for the Melbourne CBD and inner suburbs.
3. Build missing links in the bicycle network.
4. Invest \$20 per person per year, or \$126 million, into cycling infrastructure.
5. Expand secure bike parking at public transport hubs such as train stations.”