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## **RESPONSE:**

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

We have some of the best natural conditions for walking and recreational cycling: beautiful coastline, mainly flat and wide roads, plenty of strip shopping hubs and great parks. However, we can do better on safety and user confidence. For example, St Kilda Road is one of our busiest, but also one of our most dangerous bike routes and this deters riders from hopping on the bike to commute to the city for work. Our cyclists need to have safe, protected bike and walking lanes to encourage more riding and uptake of active transport for everyday activities like getting the kids to school and doing the grocery shopping. In short, it's something we can do better.

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

Victorian Greens MP, Sam Hibbins, has recently announced a commitment of \$2.5 billion dollars over the next four years to implement our 'Big Bike Build' with hundreds of kilometres of safe and separated bike lanes. Our package will fund pedestrian signals at the following locations in Albert Park: on Williamstown Road at Beacon Road to support the new Port Melbourne Secondary College and at Raglan Street to replace the existing unsafe zebra crossing and at Blessington Street and Marine Parade in St Kilda, to support the Marina Development.

### **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 provides benefits to health, decongestion of roads, and lower emissions. We need much more generous investment in active transport in Victoria. In my view, a fair spend sits in the vicinity of 10-20% as recommended by the United Nations.