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Labor Party

RESPONSE:

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

As a keen cyclist who lives in the Brunswick electorate, I believe there are many opportunities for us to improve active transport infrastructure - some of which is already underway.

I am committed to improving Melbourne's active transport network and working with the Brunswick community and stakeholders to understand how they use the active transport network and where the needs are across the electorates.

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

As part of removing the 8 level crossings between Park Street and Albion Street, the Andrews Labor Government is building separated bike and pedestrian paths underneath the elevated rail, which will connect Royal Park to Bell Street safely for cyclists and pedestrians.

As local member, I will actively lead the consultation between the Brunswick community and the Level Crossing Removal Project to make sure that the best active transport outcomes are achieved as part of the project.

The Andrews Labor Government also recently funded a new planning study to examine how to improve connectivity and safety on two of the city's busiest bike and pedestrian paths - the Merri Creek Trail and the Capital City Trail.

I will work with the community to ensure that their aspirations for the network inform the planning study for these projects. I will also work with the Minister for Public Transport, who looks after active transport, to advocate for active transport projects informed by community aspirations.

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

Rather than focus on spend I am focussed on delivering outcomes that matter, which will improve cycling for the people of Brunswick such as my partner and I.