

Bicycle Network – Rod Barton

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

There is certainly a community need for greater active transport opportunities in the North-Eastern Metropolitan Region. There are a number of shovel ready projects I support that have been proposed by local councils, which will provide cyclists with safe and practical bike trails.

It is my belief that the Government should be doing more to promote a bike riding lifestyle for Victorians, young and old. Much of the general population are interested in cycling but have concerns about safety. Providing safe active transport infrastructure alongside behaviour change programs will encourage Victorians to hop on a bike. I am working towards improving bike riding conditions, advocating for more infrastructure, and creating fairer legislation for bike riders.

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

As an independent voice for transport issues, I will advocate for improved active transport infrastructure. Specifically, I will be asking the Government to fund the following projects:

- Construction of a Box Hill Rail Trail along the rail corridor from Mont Albert to Box Hill.
- Extension of the Main Yarra Trail east by 3.7km to Warrandyte Township.
- Completion of the Eastern rail Trail from the CBD to Warburton where there exists 6.5km of missing track.
- Connecting Mount Waverley Station and Jordanville Station with a shared pathway to create a continuous trail connecting Holmesglen and Glen Waverley activity centres.
- Connecting Yarra Glen to Healesville with a shared path.

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

As a minor party, I do not have the resources to comment on large scale budget allocations. However, I absolutely support greater investment in active transport infrastructure and intend on using the levers at my disposal to encourage the Government to take active transport seriously.

I strongly believe that active transport is critical in the journey to net-zero. Active travel is not only great for personal health and wellbeing but is also recognized as the most sustainable form of transport, with a net zero carbon footprint. This should be reflected in the budget.