

Victorian Election 2022 Party Response

Victorian Labor

The Andrews Labor Government has invested significantly in improving active transport infrastructure across Victoria. In our time in office, we have invested hundreds of millions of dollars to deliver hundreds of kilometres of new and upgraded walking and cycling infrastructure.

The Government funds active transport as a core part of projects as part of the \$90 billion Big Build with over 100 kilometres delivered and 150 kilometres in development. This includes:

- adding a separate bike and pedestrian path from Bell Street to Moreland Road in Coburg on the Upfield Bike Path which we have committed to continue all the way to Royal Park.
- The North East Link Project includes 25 kilometres of new or upgraded shared paths or dedicated bicycle paths and approximately 10 kilometres of additional new or upgraded shared user paths as complementary project.
- The West Gate Tunnel Project will deliver more than 14 kilometres of new and upgraded walking and cycling paths.
- The Western Roads Upgrade includes new shared paths in the fastest growing parts of
- Melbourne – Truganina, Tarneit, Laverton North, Werribee and Wyndham – so more people can ride or walk to train stations, schools or shops.
- Between Caulfield and Dandenong, a 12-kilometre shared path – known as Djerring Trail – has been built under the elevated parts of the Cranbourne-Pakenham line while in Melbourne’s growing northern suburbs, four kilometres of new shared paths lets people walk or ride between Mernda and South Morang.

In addition, we have invested \$280 million for cycling safety and local active transport projects since 2014, including the following projects for cyclists:

- new bike lanes that physically separate drivers and cyclists to make St Kilda Road safer

- the [Alphington Link](#) which will connect bike riders and pedestrians in Alphington with the Darebin Creek Trail.
- bicycle path upgrades connecting Heidelberg and Rosanna;
- bicycle path upgrades on Woodland Street, Strathmore;
- planning the next phase of the Box Hill to Hawthorn strategic cycling corridor connection;
- multiple upgrades on the Upfield Bike Trail, Brunswick;
- 44 projects across the state as part of the \$100 million Safer Cycling and Pedestrian Safety fund.

We also have also delivered [close to 100 kilometres of new and improved pop-up cycling routes](#) across key inner-Melbourne suburbs. This infrastructure makes it easier and safer for people to ride to and from Melbourne's CBD and within their local area, help ease congestion on roads and provide an active transport option.

The Labor Government also recognises that cyclists are among our most vulnerable road users and something as simple as giving them space can make all the difference in ensuring we can all get home safely. That is why in April 2021 [we introduced the one metre rule](#), which makes it mandatory for motorists to give riders at least one metre clearance when overtaking on roads up to 60km/h, and 1.5 metres on roads with speed limits above 60km/h - clarifying the existing guidelines around passing riders and bringing Victoria into line with other states.

Too many cyclists are killed or seriously injured on our roads, and we need to do more to make our road network safer for cyclists. The Labor Government is committed to continuing to invest in cycling infrastructure right across Victoria to make cycling a safer and more attractive option for Victorians.