

# Summary of submissions and responses

# Attachment 2

City of Yarra draft Bicycle Strategy 2010 - 2015

Public consultation period - 23 September 2009 to 22 October 2009

Submitter	Suburb	Issues	Responses
Resident	Clifton Hill	General praise and support for Strategy, with particular reference to educational/behavioural proposed actions. General comments made about legibility of off-road network and improved signage.	Noted.  Comments welcomed and will be considered during the Strategies implementation.
Resident	Unknown	General suggestions about encouraging cycling - including bike parking, bike festivals, social rides and Yarra to work together with other bike interest groups and VicRoads. Chandler Hwy bike route in need of maintenance.	City of Yarra already undertake most of these initiatives and work together with and lobby organisations to improve cycling for its community. These are included in the Strategy. Chandler Hwy to be inspected.
Non resident – bike commuter	Moreland BUG member	Chandler Hwy route suggested for inclusion.  Correct angle of chevrons in 'chevron marked white line' separation diagram.  Comments made about traffic light operations, bicycle signage, legislation about pedestrian crossings and bikes, shared path conflict and choice of bikes for Council staff. Bike path signage on and off road is not adequate.  Fairfield Park pipe bridge needs widening.	Chandler Hwy not considered strategic priority route at this stage. Suggested route will be investigated. Opportunities may arise through anticipated Amcor development. Correction made to diagram.  Comments welcomed and will be considered during the Strategies implementation.  Comments welcomed and will be considered during the Strategies implementation. Recognised. Bridge is Yarra Valley Water asset until 2015 then part ownership is transferred to Yarra. Yarra will consider widening the bridge at that stage.
Resident	Unknown	General praise and support for Strategy action, principals and strategies. Maintain bike lanes i.e free from debris, glass, surface condition. Additional/alternative north-south route to Sandringham Rail Route suggested along Stephenson/Balmain/Cremorne/Swan Streets. Provide good quality bike entrance into Yarra from the east i.e Hawthorn Bridge and Victoria Street Bridge. Alternative routes suggested to the 5 off-road priority routes identified in the Strategy.	Noted. Regular inspection and maintenance regime included in the Strategy. Sandringham Rail Route to remain in Strategy as a proposed north-south route. Suggested route will be investigated. Hawthorn Bridge - Yarra has previously addressed this with VicRoads. Victoria Street Bridge – being considered by the <i>Victoria Street Structure Plan</i> . Noted. Five off-road priority routes to remain as identified in the Strategy.
DAC	City of Yarra	Suggested that reference be made to disability access and inclusion.	Paragraph provided by DAC added to the Strategy.
Resident	Unknown	General traffic management questions asked. Include index.	Answers provided in email response. The Strategy includes a comprehensive contents page - index not added.
Resident	Unknown	Praise for establishment of Bike Strategy and support for priority routes included in the Strategy. General comments made about improving cycling through better infrastructure, a better commuter bicycle network, bike lane maintenance, better bike parking and funding for cycling.	Noted.  These aspects are included in the Strategy.

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Resident	Clifton Hill	Support for bike lane separation treatments and praise for Yarra's commitment to cycling.	Noted.
DAC member	City of Yarra	<p>The Strategy does not consider the needs of children and older people.</p> <p>Cyclists have poor etiquette and show little concern for other path users in parks.</p> <p>The Strategy will further degrade the amenity of pedestrians on shared paths in parks and is concerned that the Strategy prioritises bikes over pedestrians in areas traditionally intended for pedestrians.</p>	<p>The aim of the Strategy is to make cycling as safe and comfortable as possible, to attract cyclists of all levels and ages.</p> <p>The Strategy addresses riding etiquette and proposes educational programs. A primary aim of the Strategy is to improve on road bike facilities, which will provide an attractive alternative to off road shared paths. The Strategy proposes improvements to shared paths to better accommodate the needs of both pedestrians and cyclists.</p> <p>Noted. Relevant Strategy actions summarised above.</p>
Resident	Cremorne	<p>General support for Strategy to encourage cycling.</p> <p>How will cycling numbers go from 1.4 to 4.2% in the Richmond (southern area) with no funding commitment made to this area?</p> <p>Why does the Strategy not commit to IMAP Punt Rd route from Heidelberg Rd to Yarra River?</p> <p>Additional/alternative north-south route to Sandringham Rail Route suggested along Stephenson/Balmain/Cremorne/Swan Streets.</p> <p>Consider extending Lennox St route from Highett St to Swan St.</p> <p>Suggested east-west bike route in Richmond area – Gough/Balmain/Brighton/Madden/Coppin Streets.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Richmond East-West Route is included as one of the five priority funding routes. This route feeds into the Victoria-Yarra Gardens development precinct with up to 1600 new dwellings. Yarra will continue to explore new bike routes in the southern part of Richmond.</p> <p>North-south routes identified in the Strategy provide better cycling amenity to busy Punt Road.</p> <p>Sandringham Rail Route to remain in Strategy as a proposed north-south route. Suggested route will be investigated.</p> <p>The Lennox Street route will be inspected and assessed as a viable bike route. Will be considered and inspected on site. Possible future additional Richmond East-West route south of Swan Street.</p>
Korn Technologies	Ivanhoe East	<p>General overview of sustainable transport context in Melbourne and support for strategies and principals included in the Strategy, including separation measures.</p> <p>Provide electric bike charging stations in partnership with private companies.</p> <p>Have electric bikes in council Staff fleet.</p> <p>Convert car parking into bike parking.</p> <p>The Strategy to consider the sustainable transport needs of Yarra's Strategic Redevelopment Sites, eg. Alphington Mill site and Amcor site.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted. Possible future consideration.</p> <p>Noted. Possible future consideration.</p> <p>Supported. This is included in the Strategy. Yarra already progressing this initiative.</p> <p>Strategic Transport and Strategic Planning staff are already working together on this issue.</p>
Spensley Street Primary School parent	Clifton Hill	Suggested improvements to Merri Creek path under Heidelberg Road which is used by commuting children – gradient is too steep, creating a hazard and disincentive for children to ride. Is a 'switchback' path a possible solution?	These issues raised are being considered by the <i>Merri Creek Trail Review</i> .
Yarra Bicycle Users Group.		<p>Overall the Strategy is an excellent document that provides background and future scope to improve and maintain cycling facilities.</p> <p>The Strategy provides a strong base for funding applications and long term planning.</p> <p>Suggestions made to address shared path conflict between pedestrians and cyclists.</p> <p>What steps can Yarra take to improve cyclist compliance and relationship with</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Supported. Suggestions welcomed and will be considered, possibly through the BAC working group.</p> <p>Educational programs to be developed as per Strategy Action 7.</p>

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		<p>other road users.  Will Yarra continue to investigate and implement smaller bike infrastructure improvements.  Separation measures must be planned, built and maintained to a high standard if new cyclists are to be attracted.  Shared routes are becoming overcrowded - use signage to make cyclist aware of nearby alternatives.  Chandler Highway should be included in the Strategy.</p> <p>Where is funding expected to come from to deliver the Strategy?  Will Yarra work with Parks Victoria?</p>	<p>Yes - Yarra has annual capital funding available for such ad hoc work.</p> <p>This is a primary aim of the Strategy.</p> <p>Noted. The suggestion is welcomed and will be considered during implementation. Strategy aims to encourage cyclists to use on-road routes. Chandler Hwy not considered strategic priority route at this stage. Suggested route will be investigated. Opportunities may arise through anticipated Amcor development</p> <p>Funding sources identified in Section 9.1 of the Strategy.  Yes – relationship well established.</p>
City of Darebin – Sustainable transport		General support and some grammatical comments.	Noted.
Resident, BAC member	Fitzroy	<p>The Strategy is a real positive development and step in the right direction. Wellington is rightly identified as a high priority, also consider pedestrian improvement works and reducing speed limit to 40km/hr.</p> <p>Support for converting car parking into bike parking.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Strategy's Wellington Street route includes proposed pedestrian improvement works. Approximately 65% of Yarra streets are 40km/hr – Yarra will continue to apply for 40km/hr speed limits.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
Resident, BAC member	Fitzroy	<p>The Strategy is a very positive document. Wellington is rightly identified as a high priority, also consider pedestrian improvement works and reducing speed limit to 40km/hr.</p> <p>Consider important east-west route from Melbourne University to Abbotsford Convent area.  Support for converting car parking into bike parking.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Strategy's Wellington Street route includes proposed pedestrian improvement works. Approximately 65% of Yarra streets are 40km/hr – Yarra will continue to apply for 40km/hr speed limits.  Suggested route will be investigated – possible additional east-west route.</p> <p>Supported. This is included in the Strategy. Yarra already progressing this initiative.</p>
Resident	Clifton Hill	Support for on-road separation measures.	Noted.
Resident	Clifton Hill	Create bike separation route on Smith St.	Wellington St is identified as a priority north-south separation route in the Strategy.
Yarra Climate Action Now	Fitzroy	General support for the Strategy's principals and actions, including on-road separation and on-road bike parking.	Noted.
Resident	Fitzroy	<p>General support for the Strategy's principals and actions.  Some general bike safety improvement measures suggested.  Can bikes safely ride over the 'rubber' separator.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Suggestions welcomed and will be considered during the Strategies implementation. Product research and development into this aspect is ongoing.</p>
Resident	Abbotsford	Cyclists ride with little regard for pedestrians on shared paths. Concerned that the Strategy does not consider the needs of pedestrians	The Strategy addresses riding etiquette and proposes educational programs. A primary aim of the Strategy is to improve on road bike facilities, which will provide an attractive alternative to off road shared paths. The Strategy proposes improvements to shared paths to better accommodate the needs of both pedestrians and cyclists.
Resident, BAC member		<p>The Strategy is a good document.  Inconsistency in document - please clarify whether it is 5 new major off-road routes or off-road route <u>upgrades</u>.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Council Plan proposes 5 major off-road route <u>upgrades</u> by 2013. The Strategy has been corrected.</p>

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		<p>How will cycling numbers in the Richmond area be increased?</p> <p>What happened to Eddington suggested Highett St route and possible Crown Street bridge?</p> <p>Coles Terrace is a cobblestone lane.</p> <p>Map 1.13 Main Yarra Trail South Route incorrect in some areas. 'I don't see all this coming together with a request 'x' amount of money for each financial year.'</p>	<p>The Richmond East-West Route is included as one of the five priority funding routes. This route feeds into the Victoria-Yarra Gardens development precinct with up to 1600 new dwellings.</p> <p>Yarra will continue to explore new bike routes in the southern part of Richmond.</p> <p>The Richmond East-West Route will provide a direct route into the City and connect to the Albert St bike work proposed by the City of Melbourne and remains as a priority route in the Strategy. The Highett St route will be further considered.</p> <p>Coles Terrace is proposed to become a shared area and its surface will be treated accordingly.</p> <p>Corrections made.</p> <p>Resources are addressed in Section 9.1 of the Strategy.</p>
Resident	North Fitzroy	<p>Support for Yarra's commitment to cycling.</p> <p>General suggestions provided about cycling improvements.</p> <p>Comments made and concerns raised about Merri Creek off road paths.</p> <p>The Clarke Street bridge is a wonderful solution. I would like assurance that grades do not exceed 1:12.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Suggestions welcomed and will be considered during the Strategies implementation.</p> <p>Issues raised are being considered by the <i>Merri Creek Trail Review</i>.</p> <p>Grades will be 1:20 and will not exceed 1:12.</p>
Resident	Richmond	<p>What is happening with Gipps Street steps?</p> <p>The ascent on the Merri Creek Bridge from the north of Heidelberg Rd to Hall Reserve is steep.</p>	<p>Options have been developed. Parks Victoria have secured part of the funding from the State and are pursuing rest of required funding for this project.</p> <p>The <i>Merri Creek Trail Review</i> addresses this.</p>