

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## WA cycling receives a \$3 million boost

Bicycling Western Australia welcomes the additional \$3 million boost allocated for cycling projects, following the release of the Imagineering Workshop report. The additional \$3 million commitment comes after last month's state budget announcement of \$72.1 million for bicycle infrastructure and the renewal of cycling grants for local governments.

The boost in funding follows today's release of a detailed report from the State Government relating to the outcomes and actions from the Cycling Imagineering Workshop held in March this year.

Bicycling Western Australia contributed to the workshop and endorse the following actions:

- Consideration for new ways to deliver cycling education programs to children and adults
- Reviewing width requirements for the major shared cycle / pedestrian paths on the freeway and railway reserves and around the river
- Separation of bike riders and pedestrians in some locations

The additional funding highlights the commitment from the State Government to make Perth a true cycling city.

"The increase in funding is an opportunity to provide safer routes for bike riders especially on local streets that connect to schools and train stations. Better infrastructure along these routes, with separation between bike riders and other road users, including vehicles will encourage more people to ride a bike and decrease congestion in our state" says Bicycling Western Australia CEO, Jeremy Murray.

Bicycling Western Australia's mission is to get *more people cycling, more often*. Our five priorities to achieve this are:

1. A comprehensive network of well-connected and safe cycling routes
2. Create safe streets by lowering the speed limit on local residential roads
3. Policies to provide adequate end-of-trip facilities in both new and existing buildings
4. Funding and resources to promote the benefits of increased cycling
5. Funding and resources to promote and encourage evidence-based behaviour change programs

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## **About Bicycling Western Australia**

Bicycling Western Australia is a community based not-for-profit organisation creating a healthier community through cycling. With over 4,000 members and 11,000 friends it is the largest cycling organisation in the State.

Our vision is for a healthier community through cycling with a mission to get *More People Cycling More Often* through events, education, community initiatives and advocacy.

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