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Bicycling Western Australia calls Government to action on cycling infrastructure plan

Bicycling Western Australia (BWA) welcomes the release of the Western Australian Bicycle Network Plan (WABN) today.

BWA considers it to be a comprehensive document that addresses many of the infrastructure issues facing cycling in WA.

“The development of a high quality and integrated bicycle network is key to encouraging more people to use cycling as a form of transport and reduce the congestion on our roads and public transport system,” says BWA Chief Executive Officer, Jeremy Murray.

BWA is calling on the Government to commit at least \$15m per year to carry out the works highlighted in the plan.

“Considering the Government was spending more than \$6m per year back in 1998, the current level of funding (of just over \$2m per year) is completely inadequate,” Mr Murray said.

“We acknowledge there are some big ticket items in the plan, however, there are some action items that can be implemented now without a huge financial commitment from the Government,” he said.

The Shenton Park to Loch Street extension of the Perth-Fremantle route can be completed relatively easily and will provide an excellent link into the city from Cottesloe enabling more people to commute to the city.

Cyclist safety is the primary concern of BWA and identified blackspots must become a priority for the Government.

Bicycling Western Australia is committed to working with the Department of Transport and Main Roads WA to ensure the plan is implemented and fully funded.

Bicycling Western Australia (BWA)

Bicycling Western Australia is a community based not-for-profit organisation representing over 9,000 members and friends throughout the State. Our mission is to get *More People Cycling More Often* through events, education, community initiatives and advocacy.

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