

Notes
City of Yarra Bicycle Advisory Committee

16 June 2010
FitzroyTown Hall, 6.30- 7:30pm
Mayor's Room

Chair: Cr Sam Gaylard
Secretariat: Mark Kulyk (MK), Coordinator Transport

Attendees:

BAC members -

Graeme Cross
Steven Wright
John Cox

Resident -

Ken Nash

Staff -

Kate Simnett – Sustainable Transport Officer
Justin Hanrahan – Manager, Open Space and Capital Works
Leonid Volkov – Project Engineer

Apologies -

Ben Cebon
Tim Barker
Steven Barnett
Chris Star
Cr Jackie Fristacky – Nicholls Ward Councillor

Notes

No changes were made to the notes of the BAC meeting held on 21/4/10.

Item 1 – Walmer Street Bridge upgrade works

Walmer Bridge is scheduled to be closed between 15 June and 7 August to undertake structural works.

The project engineer Leonid Volkov will communicate the closer and alternate route through various websites/pages – BAC, Bicycle Victoria, Yarra Staff BUG, Yarra BUG and adjacent Council BUGs.

The alternate route should include advanced signs to prevent south bound cyclists from having to ride down the hill before they reach the closed bridge.

Item 2 - Cyclists Visibility Project

This behavioural based project was developed and initiated by the road safety interest group which focuses on the needs of vulnerable road users.

On the evening of the 24th May Bicycle Victoria, the Police and Council Officers were stationed at Canning/Princes Streets to survey, educate and give free lights away to those cyclists not displaying lights.

The survey data collected at these stations is used to identify barriers and help develop tailored programs to get the 'lighting message' across to cyclists.

The next station will be located in June at Napier/Johnston Streets in North Fitzroy.

Some initial findings suggested that regular commuter cyclists were generally well lit, whilst 'casual', irregular cyclists (i.e riding to the local milk bar) were not lit up.

Kate Simnett kindly agreed to report back to the BAC on the survey findings.

Item 3 - Collins Bridge

Local resident Ken Nash is concerned that cyclists riding on the bridge intimidate and pose a hazard to pedestrians.

Ken would like cyclists to dismount on the bridge.

Council officers consider it unrealistic to expect cyclists to dismount and consider speeding cyclists as the primary issue.

Council officers to investigate measures to slow cyclists down.

Some of the measures which will be considered include painting 'rumble strips', centre linemarking and stencilling advisory messages like 'ring you bell' on the surface of the bridge.

The new Clarke Street Bridge – scheduled for construction within 12 months – is expected to attract many of the cyclists currently using the Collins Street Bridge.

Item 4 - Clifton Hill/Abbotsford bicycle route

Mark thanked all input/suggestions provided by BAC members and particularly thanked Graeme Cross for his detailed submission and considered thoughts.

Subject to funding, a *Bike Strategy – Project Manager* will be employed by Council to develop and help deliver the priority bike routes articulated in the Bike Strategy.

Once on board, the Bike Strategy – Project Manager, will attend the next BAC meeting.