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Subject: RE: Bicycle Parking Provision at Lygon Court, Carlton

Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2008 17:15:04 +1100

From: Catherine Ng <Catherine.Ng@.....>

To: enquiries@yarrabug.org

Dear Chris,

Thank you for your email expressing your support. At the Planning Committee on 4 March it was resolved:

That Council convert two parking spaces in Lygon Street into a bike parking area for customers of Lygon Court and surrounding businesses to be funded from Council's allocation of the Parking Levy.

Thanks again for your support and please do not hesitate to contact me again if I can be of any assistance in the future.

Best regards,
Catherine

Cr Catherine Ng
Chair Planning Committee
City of Melbourne

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From: Yarra Bicycle Users Group [mailto:enquiries@yarrabug.org]

Sent: Tuesday, 4 March 2008 3:40 PM

To: CoM Meetings; Brian Shanahan; Gary Singer; Fiona Snedden; Peter Clarke; David Wilson; Catherine Ng; John So; Fraser Brindley

Subject: Bicycle Parking Provision at Lygon Court, Carlton

Dear Councillors,

As the Co-convenor of the Yarra Bicycle User Group, I am writing in strong support of the City of Melbourne's proposal to replace 2 - 3 car parking spaces in front of Lygon Court, Carlton with 28 bicycle parking spaces.

Many inner Melbourne cyclists are very familiar with the long running issue of the lack of adequate bicycle parking in front of Lygon Court, as quoted from The Age (16 February 2008)

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/national/charge-for-road-use-urges-parking-expert/2008/02/15/1202760604797.html>

" ... The (Melbourne) council is set to remove parking spaces in Lygon Street to make way for bike parking. But Carlton trader groups have opposed a plan to remove two spaces in front of the Lygon Court shopping centre to create parking for 28 bikes. "More bike parking isn't going to bring more business," Carlton Business Association president Connie Paglianiti said. ..."

As the president of the Carlton Traders Association is quoted above as saying cycling will not bring more business to the area, here in response, is a fact sheet prepared by the Cycling Promotion Fund outlining why bicycles are good for business:

Bicycles are good for Business (PDF file 565k)

<http://www.cyclingpromotion.com.au/content/view/214/147>

Quote: For retailers to be economically viable, shops must offer reasonable access to potential customers. In many parts of Australia, this has primarily involved maximising motor vehicle access. There are several important reasons why it makes good business sense to provide excellent bicycle access.

As the inner city area is rapidly changing, many people do realise the need to use transport modes that are low-impact and support sustainable transport requirements.

Yarra Bicycle Users Group strongly support the council for its encouragement of sustainable transport policies, and in turn, hope that the City of Melbourne make the necessary changes to ensure that secure and adequate bicycle parking facilities are made available at the Lygon Court shopping centre.

Yours faithfully,

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