

## 9.1 Notice of Motion No. 4 of 2021 - Support for Additional Cycling Infrastructure

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I, Councillor Gabrielle de Vietri, hereby give notice that it is my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 24 June 2021:

1. *“That Council write to Paul Younis, Secretary, Department of Transport and the Hon. Ben Carroll MP, Minister for Public Transport and Minister for Roads and Road Safety, to:*
  - (a) *express strong support for the pop-up protected bike lanes along Heidelberg Road, which have significantly increased the safety and accessibility of cycling to a broad range of the community;*
  - (b) *encourage the State Government to make the Heidelberg Road temporary lanes permanent, subject to further refinement;*
  - (c) *welcome the State Government’s introduction of the new minimum passing distances to improve safety for cyclists of all ages and abilities;*
  - (d) *acknowledge the need for additional cycling infrastructure to relieve congestion and provide a clean, cheap and quick transport alternative to private motor vehicles - both within the municipality and to provide continuous connections with other municipalities;*
  - (e) *request that the State Government deliver at least 15km of additional protected bike lanes and enhanced bicycle infrastructure in Yarra within two years as part of the State Government’s commitment to 100km of new and improved bike routes across inner Melbourne suburbs, with particular emphasis on:*
    - (i) *strategic cycling corridors, the principal bicycle network, and in proximity of schools and activity centres; and*
    - (ii) *developing a stronger network of safe, accessible protected bike lanes for cyclists of all ages and abilities, including, but not limited to:*
      - a. *addressing the gap in safe cycling facilities between the St. Georges Road shared-path and the Capital City Trail shared path; and*
      - b. *safe and continuous east-west routes in Richmond towards the CBD.*
2. *That Council place a message of support on Council’s website and social media channels for the Heidelberg Road protected bike lanes to publicly demonstrate Council’s support for the project and for cycling projects in general.”*

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council write to Paul Younis, Secretary, Department of Transport and the Hon. Ben Carroll MP, Minister for Public Transport and Minister for Roads and Road Safety, to:
  - (a) express strong support for the pop-up protected bike lanes along Heidelberg Road, which have significantly increased the safety and accessibility of cycling to a broad range of the community;
  - (b) encourage the State Government to make the Heidelberg Road temporary lanes permanent, subject to further refinement;
  - (c) welcome the State Government's introduction of the new minimum passing distances to improve safety for cyclists of all ages and abilities;
  - (d) acknowledge the need for additional cycling infrastructure to relieve congestion and provide a clean, cheap and quick transport alternative to private motor vehicles - both within the municipality and to provide continuous connections with other municipalities;
  - (e) request that the State Government deliver at least 15km of additional protected bike lanes and enhanced bicycle infrastructure in Yarra within two years as part of the State Government's commitment to 100km of new and improved bike routes across inner Melbourne suburbs, with particular emphasis on:
    - (i) strategic cycling corridors, the principal bicycle network, and in proximity of schools and activity centres; and
    - (ii) developing a stronger network of safe, accessible protected bike lanes for cyclists of all ages and abilities, including, but not limited to:
      - a. addressing the gap in safe cycling facilities between the St. Georges Road shared-path and the Capital City Trail shared path; and
      - b. safe and continuous east-west routes in Richmond towards the CBD.
2. That Council place a message of support on Council's website and social media channels for the Heidelberg Road protected bike lanes to publicly demonstrate Council's support for the project and for cycling projects in general.

## Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.