

# **PURPOSE OF THIS UPDATE**

The purpose of this update is to inform the community of complete and future milestones in the Cycle City Albany Strategy.



# **BACKGROUND**

With growing interest in cycling for transport, health, and recreation, the City of Albany identified a need to develop a strategic bicycle plan.

The Cycle City Albany (2014-19) Strategy was co-funded by the Department of Transport and adopted by Council after significant community collaboration and consultation.

# **OVERVIEW**

The Cycle City Strategy aims to improve bicycle networks, increase cycling participation, develop safety and respect for all road and path users, and promote cycle tourism.

The bold vision is to transform Albany into one of Australia's best cycling destinations, where the community embraces the social, health, economic and environmental benefits of cycling.



# TRAVELSMART OFFICER

Thanks to a Local Government TravelSmart Officer grant by the Department of Transport, the City of Albany employs a TravelSmart Officer who encourages and promotes more sustainable and active transport options.

This position was a key objective of the Cycle City Albany Strategy and complements the City's commitment to plan and build significant bike network projects in Albany.

# WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

Since the adoption of the Strategy, more than 20km of cycle lanes, dual-use pathways and sealed shoulders have been installed or upgraded by the City of Albany and Main Roads WA, with some funding from Department of Transport. Completed work includes:

- Shared paths on Elizabeth Street, Barker Road, Anson Road and Barnesby Road and Albany Highway in McKail
- Centennial Park shared paths, including red asphalt pathways through sporting precinct
- · Le Grande Avenue on-road cycle lanes
- Norwood Road, Millbrook Road and Princess Avenue sealed shoulders
- · Golf Links Road / Emu Point Drive on-road cycle lanes
- · Troode Street on-road cycle lanes
- Albany Highway CBD to Hanrahan Road red asphalt shared path (funded by COA, MRWA and DOT)
- · Princess Royal Drive cycle lane (MRWA project)
- · Chester Pass Road sealed shoulders (MRWA project)



#### OTHER INITIATIVES HAVE INCLUDED:

- Albany TravelSmart Maps to help plan your journey, produced by the City of Albany and Department of Transport (available at ALAC, Albany Public Library, Visitor Centre or online)
- Extra bike parking at Middleton Beach, Emu Point, Eyre Park, ALAC, Centennial Stadium, Centennial Pavilion
- Share the Road & Path signage and education campaign (funded by Road Safety Commission & Main Roads WA)
- School bike skills training with Pedal Revolution (funded by Department of Transport)
- · Active Albany bike skills programs for adults and children
- RAC Commuter Choices Campaign to encourage cycling to destinations and events in Albany
- Easy reporting of issues via the City of Albany smartphone app
- Permanent bike counters at Albany Highway and Frenchman Bay Road

#### WHAT'S NEXT?

Proposed projects for 2017-18 include:

- Middleton Road on-road cycle lane (Dog Rock to Adelaide Terrace)
- Carlisle Street shared path from CBD (Mt Elphinstone Link Stage 1)
- · Le Grande Avenue shared path completion
- · Sanford Road pathway upgrade
- · Albany Hwy / Barker Road intersection upgrade
- · Middleton Road to Cockburn Road path renewal
- · Centennial Stadium shared path completion

#### **OTHER PLANNED INITIATIVES INCLUDE:**

- · Active Albany Summer Holiday cycling programs
- Park & Ride or Walk to School Promotion to encourage families to cycle or walk at least part of the way to school
- · Cycle Friendly Business program
- Commuter Champions Profiles to show that active, sustainable transport is a legitimate option for a variety of community members
- Collaboration with the City of Albany Events team to promote active transport to local events and destinations

# **HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:**

What's one trip or part of a trip you can leave the car behind for this week?

Contact the TravelSmart Officer for help plotting a safe cycling route.

Take a ride with friends or get in touch with one of Albany's local cycle groups.

Sign up your school or workplace at www.yourmove.org.au for resources and tips on swapping the car for your bike and accumulate points to redeem for great rewards including bike and scooter racks.

#### SHARE THE PATH

#### TIPS FOR CYCLISTS

#### Keep left

Keep left unless overtaking

#### Give way

Cyclists must give way to pedestrians at all times

#### Single file

Riders must travel single file on pathways

#### Don't speed

Slow down around walkers and ride carefully

Cyclists of all ages are allowed on any pathway, unless signed otherwise

#### TIPS FOR PEDESTRIANS

### **Keep left**

Stay left, especially when walking in groups, and allow room for other path users to pass

#### **Share the space**

Expect to see bicycle riders on pathways

# Be predictable

Check behind you before changing direction or stopping. Move off the path if you want to stop.

#### Dogs

Keep dogs on a short leash to your left



Share the Space: Cycling is a legitimate and normal use of the road.

