



# BIKE PLAN 2010 – providing for bike riding within the road network and parks

*This plan outlines Council's management based on the current and forward budgets.*

## What is the purpose of bike facilities and initiatives

- **On Road**
  - Trafficable pavement suitable for narrow tyres
- **Separate paths (including bridges & shared paths)**
  - Connections to streets, regional routes, bridges, crossing of major barriers
  - Recreational cycling without car conflicts
- **Signs, Line-marking, & support infrastructure**
  - Driver awareness symbols/signs
  - Wayfinding signs & line markings for cyclist along routes
  - Secure places to leave bike at destination, or for travel mode change
  - Street lighting that allows cyclists to be readily seen by motorists at intersections
- **Non infrastructure**
  - Route maps, online tools and brochures that facilitate way finding
  - Cycling skills courses to improve safety, proficiency and confidence levels

## Basic information about these assets

- **Qty, replacement \$**
  - 5 km m separated pathways
  - 530 symbols, negligible number of wayfinding signs
  - 8? loops (summer Hill), racks at Ashfield Station
- **Logistics, other authorities**
  - Lockers by Bicycle NSW
  - RTA provides matched funding to \$25k pa for approved projects
  - Inner Sydney Regional Bike Plan

## Issues over the life of these facilities

- Main value to the public is environmental and health/lifestyle issues by using non motorised transport
- Being predominantly on road routes, the asset issues are those of the roads and signs similar to the Roads & Roadside asset plans



# Current Situation

Facility Or Initiative	Qty or actions	\$ value	Issues
Off Road paths			
On Road routes	25 km of roads (23% of the network) are preferred local routes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conflicts with traffic speeds, parking etc</li> <li>Driver behaviours</li> <li>Narrow roads</li> <li>Night time safety esp commuters in winter</li> </ul>
Parking & Storage	No. loops on poles No. racks at No. locations	Negligible	
Integrated			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sight lines at intersections,</li> <li>utility service covers affecting road surface</li> <li>lighting traditionally only for pedestrians to wayfind and at road crossing points</li> <li>Co-location of poles for wayfinding v extra road markings</li> <li>Detailing for works is (technical staff) time consuming</li> </ul>
Planning			
Education, Awareness, Promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community cycling skills courses</li> <li>Provision of existing regional bike maps to community</li> <li>Promotion of cycling at Council events including Local Government Week and Carnival of Cultures (carried out in partnership with AshBUG)</li> </ul>	Approx. \$3,000 including advertising and staff time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reluctance of schools to support/promote riding, especially primary</li> <li>Negligible staff resources available under current priorities</li> </ul>
Funding			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding is available for integrated works</li> <li>RTA recurrent grant applications compete with staff resources for detailing against other programs &amp; projects</li> </ul>

# Legend



## Key considerations

- Conflicts with motorised vehicles and parking versus preference (and legal requirement) to travel on road
  - safety
- Completing major linkages for Inner Sydney Plan
  - Crossing Parramatta Rd which is a major barrier – Battle Bridge and/or combined with Light Rail corridor are critical
- Service Standard - To be developed

## Service Options

The things that Council can change that affect the overall cost and nature of the service :

- To be developed



# What Council is proposing to do

## Next 4 years

- Some works associated with Roads program
  - Rolling program, selected street sections identified and agreed by Council around Aug each year
  - Resurfacing streets on southern east/west bike local route to improve ride quality ie Park, Robert, Drynan, Regent, Lorne
- Develop a wayfinding plan, document details for works, and commence implementation, with AshBUG to assist and advise
- Secure bicycle parking
  - In the major parks
  - In the main village centres/retail precincts
  - Near train stations
- Cycling Promotion
  - Continue to provide free cycling skills courses to the community
  - Develop for and promote to local schools cycling skills courses
  - Web-based promotion
- Continue to lobby for an implement the development of the Cooks River to Iron Cove GreenWay, including a shared cycling and walking trail
- Continue to develop a working relationship with AshBUG to assist in the delivery of works and measures to improve cycling safety and usage.

## 5 to 25 years

- Widen and reconstruct the Regional bike paths along Richard Murden Reserve and the Bay Run.

## How Council will consider stakeholder views

- Management plan process
- Community Satisfaction Survey
- Via councillors
- Feedback from working with other Councils
- Census data and demographic trend analysis
- Consult with AshBUG
- Liaison with key stakeholders such as schools, RTA



# Bike map 2010



## LEGEND

- Bike-REGIONAL-2010
- Bike-LOCAL-2010

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Bike Symbols on road to increase driver awareness



Bike racks

