

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

\$1.5m is required to implement the Wanneroo Cycle Plan.

BACKGROUND

In December 2018, the City of Wanneroo Council endorsed the City's Cycle plan 2018/19 to 2021/22.

The Plan outlines the City's vision is to create a cycle friendly environment that is desirable, accessible and attractive to a variety of users and provides a credible alternative to vehicle use for 0-10km trips. The Wanneroo Cycle Plan also seeks to create a connected network for commuter cyclists that links regional and district facilities internal and external to the City.

More than 46 kilometres of cycle paths are to be constructed during the four-year plan with a further 35 kilometres of paths to be upgraded or line marked to ensure a safe and enjoyable journey for all riders.

The first phase of the plan will deliver cycle networks throughout the City and map out the potential cycle facilities at the new METRONET stations at Alkimos, Eglinton and Yanchep.

The Wanneroo Cycle Plan is currently being reviewed and updated.

KEY ISSUES

During extensive community consultation, the following issues were identified:

- Connectivity of cycle paths, including the Freeway PSP and connecting Jindalee to Yanchep
- Construction of missing local network links in Clarkson, Merriwa and Wangara
- The need to differentiate between commuting/ sporting and recreational cyclists
- Connections to train stations from Marmion Avenue

- Cyclist safety, particularly at numerous roundabouts within the City
- Need for community education – both for cyclists and motorists
- Maintenance of existing infrastructure, in particular dealing with debris
- Lack of training and racing facilities
- Inadequate mountain biking facilities

The plan has been designed to address these issues and the following five objectives reflect the focus of the Plan:

1. Implement a prioritised program of projects to complete missing links in the City's cycling network by aligning to funding allocated in the City's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP);
2. Collaboration with PTA station access strategies in order to guide development and integration of cycling around existing and emerging train stations at Alkimos, Eglinton and Yanchep under the METRONET project;
3. Incorporate cycling facilities assessment as part of the City's planning approvals process to ensure developers make provision for cycling end of trip facilities, bicycle parking and improved infrastructure where applicable;
4. Promote the benefits of cycling by supporting State Government initiatives and educational programs;
5. Provide wayfinding through digital or printed mapping to promote use of the City's shared path and off-road trail routes.

The Wanneroo Cycle Plan aligns with the Department of Transport's "Western Australian Cycling Network Hierarchy".¹

CURRENT PROJECT STATUS

The new cycle paths will be built in conjunction with major transport projects funded by WA Bicycle Network grants and State Government transport projects including Mitchell Freeway extensions and work done to date including the Wanneroo Road and Marmion Ave duplication projects. The plan also incorporates works to be constructed as part of subdivisional development or under the Developer Contribution Scheme obligations as well as planned projects by the City over the next four years.

The focus in the current and future plan will be on the following activities:

- Active transport travel plans

This includes end of trip facility development, providing information on safe routes in the City, promoting the benefits of cycling and engaging with schools to promote cycling.

- End of trip facilities

By providing end of trip facilities, which includes cycle parking, lockers and showers, cycling benefits can be enhanced for work and school related trips.

- Assessing cycling as part of an integrated transport approach to planning is key to supporting the rollout.
- Developing a linked network of fast, safe and direct cycle routes.
- Connecting places and activity centres.

Whilst this project sits under the liveability theme it has strong links to the **SUSTAINABILITY** theme including:

- Reducing use of vehicles and therefore emissions from fossil fuel
- Reducing congestion
- Reducing cost of travel
- Improving air quality

EXPECTED PROJECT COSTS

\$2.65m is required for the initial stages of the Cycling Plan to be implemented.

FUNDING STATUS

The incoming State Government during the 2021 State Election made the following commitments in relation to cycling:

- Koondoola-Wanneroo Bike Plan - \$750k
- Financial support for Splendid Cycling Track - \$400k

ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED

An additional \$1.5m is required to implement the Wanneroo Cycle Plan.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on this project contact: connectwanneroo@wanneroo.wa.gov.au

