

Email to Unley Mayor and Councillors re. Rugby-Porter route, 27 February 2016

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

The Bicycle Institute of SA would like to express its strong support for the Rugby-Porter route changes to be considered in tonight's meeting.

The City of Unley has the highest levels of cycling of any council in Adelaide, thanks to wisdom and foresight in its traffic management over the years. Unley was the first to adopt 40km/h speed limits. Road closures through the local road network have helped keep streets calm and have kept Unley a premier residential area.

Cyclist numbers have increased significantly in the last decade or so and the Rugby-Porter route is now the most-used residential route into the City – behind only the Mike Turtur and Linear Path in being used by over a thousand cyclists, mainly from Unley, as part of their daily travel. An upgrade to improve cyclist convenience and safety is well due and we are delighted that this has been recognised by Council. We are also aware that with change comes opposition. For many, the status quo can seem like the best option. However, as populations continue to increase further south, more people will want and need to travel through Unley to reach the City. Cycling will have a growing part to play in maintaining the liveability your residents so highly value – and in maintaining their fitness and health, in time-poor lifestyles.

BISA has commented on the plans to be considered, is happy that our comments – underpinned by firm technical understanding – have been taken into account, and are encouraging you to support this important project tonight.

BISA believes that the Rugby-Porter upgrade is another in Unley's tradition of traffic management projects that position Unley for the future, not the past. We commend it to you.

Yours sincerely,

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