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One of our Top 10 infrastructure projects is to have decent signage on the River Torrens Linear Park, so it's good to see the City of Charles Sturt has begun to install signs designed to be read by people as they ride by. (Unlike the traditional signs — right).

The new sign is next to the renovated underpass of Holbrooks Road. It replaced one of the old scary underpasses – another welcome feature.

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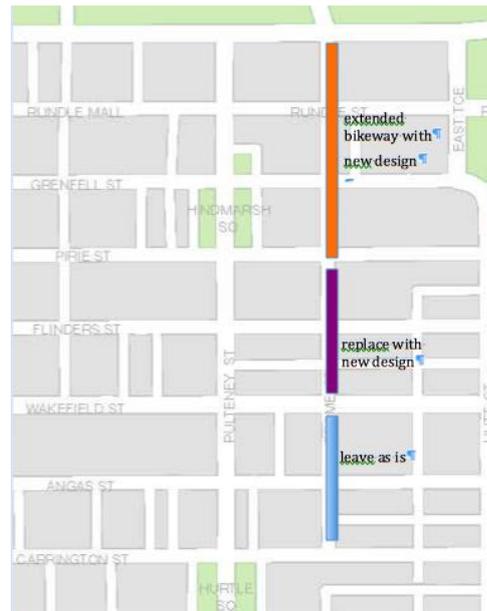
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FROME BIKEWAY UPDATE

The Adelaide City Council hopes that the controversy is now over. It has passed a motion to extend the Frome Bikeway from Pirie Street to North Terrace and to replace the existing section from Wakefield Street to Pirie Street with the design that will also apply to the new section.

The two blocks from Carrington Street to Wakefield Street will be left as is, though hopefully with the some safety improvements at the intersections.

The new design will enable two lanes of traffic in the peak hour, with the outer lane reverting to parking in the non-peak periods.



BISA is chalking up as a win that the Council has taken on board [our plea](#) not to touch the existing Bikeway until cyclists have had a chance to experience the new design. If it is as good as the Lord Mayor says it will be, cyclists will be pressuring the Council to hurry up and replace the existing. If it is not, then it's back to the barricades!

We have been promised that the new lanes will be from 2m to 2.5m wide and will either be flush with the footpath or have kerbs so low that your pedal will not hit them if you cycle with your wheels next to them - avoiding "pedal strike". The idea is that without the clearance need to address the risk of pedal strike, the usable width will be the same as currently the case, despite the narrower nominal width.

Judging by the [many comments on the AdelaideCyclists website](#), there is a lot of scepticism about whether this will be wide enough to allow one cyclist to pass another comfortably and whether it will cope with future capacity. This probably wasn't helped by Cr Moran saying that overtaking could occur on the footpath. (This isn't what is proposed to happen.) There is also criticism about the waste of money involved, particularly when this is married to the fear that the funds for replacing the existing bikeway will come at the expense of new bikeways.

Those of us who are hopeful that the new design will work base this on the experience of using our makeshift bikeway lanes at the consultation held in December, as well as the research embodied in [our discussion paper](#). But even the BISA committee is divided as to whether the new design is likely to be satisfactory.

We will see - and, thanks to our advocacy, everyone will now have that chance before the existing Bikeway is replaced.

By the way, we have created a [page on our website specifically for the Frome Bikeway](#). On it you will find links to our lobbying, as well as key Council documents about the Frome Bikeway. You can also [listen to a discussion](#) between the Lord Mayor Martin Haese and former BISA chair Ian Radbone about the bikeway. This was on Radio Adelaide earlier this month.

ELDER SMITH ROAD

DPTI have released their plans for "safety improvements" to the intersection of Salisbury Highway and Elder Smith Road, Mawson Lakes. Elder Smith Road is the only road with bike lanes linking the suburbs on the northern side of the railway (Greenfields, Parafield Gardens, Salisbury Downs, Paralowie and Salisbury North) with Mawson Lakes, including the railway station, Mawson Lakes School, Endeavour College and the university campus, as well as to suburbs further east.

Nevertheless, for "safety" reasons DPTI has decided to introduce a second left turn lane on the eastern approach to Salisbury Highway.



Only the brave and fearless will accept the idea of two lanes of traffic crossing their path over a distance of about 100m on a 70kph road.

How will the government ever achieve its goal of doubling cycling if the Department keeps adding more car capacity, often endangering cyclists in the process?

We have [written to DPTI](#) suggesting some cheap ways to at least enable cyclists to use the footpath, though we admit that in Northern Europe this would be regarded as pathetic.

SEMAPHORE PALAIS

Some time ago, for some reason, signs were put up telling cyclists that they had to dismount when riding along the Coast Park shared use path between the Semaphore Palais and its Marquee Building.



Of course the signs are mainly ignored, but they are embarrassing to the Port Adelaide Enfield Council. It has produced [four options](#) to enable the signs to be taken down, involving either building a new path around the Marquee Building, or expanding the existing path.

One of the latter involves demolishing the Marquee Building. [Our submission to the Council](#) strongly supports this option, especially as the Marquee Building should never have been allowed in the first place.

Since whatever happens will take time, we also agree with a suggestion on Adelaide Cyclists that as an interim, cycling could be allowed before 11am as the Palais is closed at this time and this is when the path's most useful for cyclists.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITIZENS' JURY RECOMMENDATIONS

The State government did a great job of implementing the most contentious of the Citizens Jury on Sharing the Road recommendations: regulating for a minimum passing distance of cyclists and allowing adults cyclists to use footpaths. Judging by [its last implementation report](#), it has also made progress on many other recommendations. However that report was dated May 2016. What has happened since?

[We've written to Minister Mullighan](#) asking for an update and recommending that the Department tell us on an ongoing basis

when new infrastructure has been put in. At the moment we rely on committee members noticing it.

If **you** know of new infrastructure that you think others would like to know about, [please tell us!](#)

THREE FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Walking guru Rodney Tolley will be in Adelaide next month. Courtesy of the Heart Foundation and the Charles Sturt Council, Dr. Tolley will be providing a [free seminar](#), Tuesday 4th April, 9.45am to 12pm.
- BISA's AGM will be held on Thursday, 18 May. Guest speaker will be Opposition spokesperson for transport, David Pisoni. More details in our next newsletter, but put it in your diary now.
- The [Australian Walking and Cycling Conference](#) is open for registrations, as well as a call for abstracts. It will be held at the Flinders University Campus on Victoria Square, 17-18 July. Early bird registration is \$390.

A TIP FOR CYCLING ON SHARED USE PATHS

We all know that we should ring our bell when approaching pedestrians from behind on a shared use path. But we also all know that ringing the bell can make things worse if the pedestrians suddenly dart sideways, into the overtaking zone.

Here's a good tip: move over to the right of the path **before** you ring your bell. The pedestrians will hear the bell coming from over their right shoulder, and will tend to either move to the left or, if they're already on the left, just keep walking.

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Here are links to some discussions on the Adelaide Cyclists website:

- [Where In The World Is My Bike?](#)
(guess the location in the photo)
- [Do you know of any compliant bollards in the Adelaide City Council?](#)
(By the way, we have extended the date for entries to the choccy frog bollard competition to 17 April. Pics on Twitter or AdelaideCyclists are counted!)
- [Rugby/Porter St bikeway in Unley](#)
- [Coast Park past the Semaphore Palais](#)

FROM OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Here are a few of our posts from the last month. Click on the photos to link to item.

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Council seeks your comment to develop a strategy for Trails within the City of...



CHOCY FROG BOLLARD PRIZE

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