

Cycling for the Environment, for Health, for Pleasure

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Hon. Stephen Mullighan MP
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure
GPO Box 1533
Adelaide SA 5001

Dear Minister,

North Terrace tram extension

I'm writing to request a meeting at your earliest convenience to discuss improvements to bicycle infrastructure in the City as part of DPTI projects, in particular the North Terrace tram extension.

The tram extension and complete redesign of North Terrace provides a rare opportunity to significantly improve bicycle access through the City of Adelaide. We have significant concerns as we are yet to see or hear any mention of bicycle access as part of the redesign.

North Terrace is a vital transport route through the city, providing access to our cultural institutions, universities, new hospital, train station, and soon-to-be-built high school. However, as it exists, North Terrace provides only poor facilities for cyclists; a narrow and often blocked bike lane is far from friendly and the high volume of pedestrians excludes the footpath as an option. Bicycle riders still lament the exclusion of bike access on North Terrace when the boulevard was last altered. Nor does the Linear Path provide alternative access, due to a lack of linkage from the Riverbank into the City. Indeed, though the new RAH has excellent end-of-trip cycle facilities, there is no cyclist access to the hospital from the east – the origin of most of its cycling staff.

As a result of its importance and poor infrastructure, North Terrace was voted by our members as being a Top 10 bicycle infrastructure priority and is therefore a campaign focus for BISA. Its importance as an east/west link is evident when considering the inaccessibility of both Rundle Mall and Grenfell/Currie Streets for bicycles – the latter being another corridor whose design we would like input into.

We understand consultation with business owners along North Terrace has been underway. I truly hope you and your department are willing to talk with South Australia's peak Bicycle Advocacy group before progressing further with redevelopment plans.

Yours sincerely,



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