

# **Summary of Design Principles for Good Bicycle Infrastructure**

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## SUMMARY OF DESIGN PRINCIPLES FOR GOOD BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE

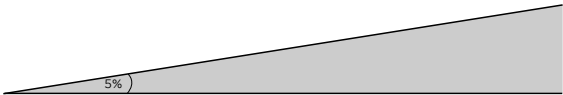
Austrroads, Roads and Maritime Services and NSW Transport have a range of design principles for good bicycle infrastructure. Reviewing bike plans for anyone will be easier as we have developed a range of helpful graphics drawing on, and referencing, these principles


| Principle       | Rationale  | Source                    |
|-----------------|--|---------------------------|
| <b>Gradient</b> | <p><b>Uphill:</b> for shared paths no more than 5% if a wheelchair user may use the path AS 1428.1. For bike only 3% is the maximum desirable gradient and 5% is maximum and should have regular flat intervals of 20m length.</p> <p><b>Downhill:</b> gradients shouldn't be more than 5% unless unavoidable and no sharp corners, obstacles or pinch points should be at the bottom due to collision/ crash risk</p> | Austrroads Guidelines 7.4 |

### Uphill gradient



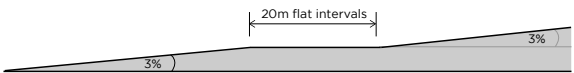
Max 5% for shared paths






only

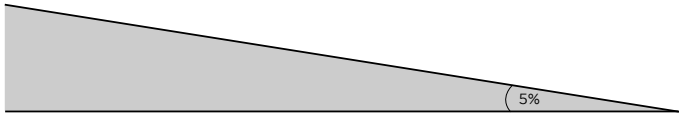
Desirable max 3% with regular 20m flat intervals




### Downhill gradient





Should not be more than **5%** **unless** unavoidable






To minimise collision risk,

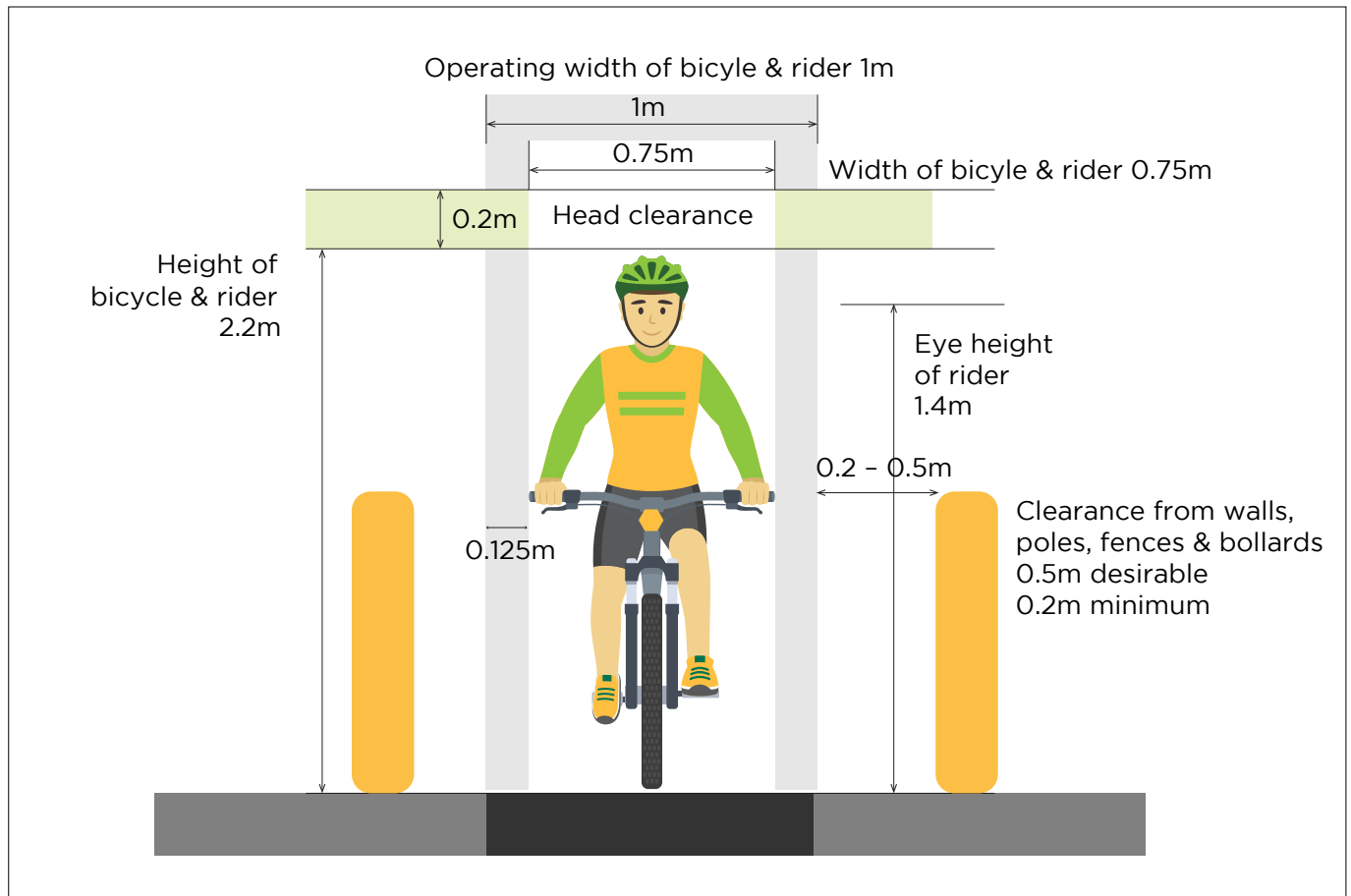
**NO**  Sharp corners

 Obstacles

 Pinch points at the bottom

| Principle   | Rationale   | Source  |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Rider envelope</b><br>How much space is planned to accommodate riders? | These are the measurements that infrastructure is designed to accommodate<br>Bike Path Widths<br>Shared Path Widths | RTA Bicycle Guidelines<br><br>Austroads 7.5.2<br>Austroads 7.5.3<br>Austroads 7.5 & 7.6 |

## Rider envelope



## Bike Path Widths

### 7.5.2 Bicycle Paths

Table 7.3 shows desirable widths and acceptable ranges of width for bicycle paths (i.e. exclusive use). The upper limit of the acceptable range in the table should not discourage designers from providing a greater width where it is needed (e.g. very high demand that may also result in overtaking in both directions).

Table 7.3: Bicycle path widths

|                                 | Path width (m)                      |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                 | Local access path                   | Major path                          |
| Desirable minimum width         | 2.5                                 | 3.0                                 |
| Minimum width – typical maximum | 2.5 <sup>1</sup> – 3.0 <sup>2</sup> | 2.5 <sup>1</sup> – 4.0 <sup>2</sup> |

1. A lesser width should only be adopted where cyclist volumes and operational speeds will remain low.

2. A greater width may be required where the number of cyclists is very high.

## Shared Path Widths

### 7.5.3 Shared Paths

Table 7.4 shows desirable widths and acceptable ranges of width for shared use paths. As for bicycle paths, the upper limit of the acceptable range in the table should not discourage designers from providing a greater width where it is needed (e.g. very high demand that may also result in overtaking in both directions).

Table 7.4: Shared path widths

|                                 | Path width (m)                      |                                     |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                 | Local access path                   | Commuter path                       | Recreational path                   |
| Desirable minimum width         | 2.5                                 | 3.0                                 | 3.5                                 |
| Minimum width – typical maximum | 2.5 <sup>1</sup> – 3.0 <sup>2</sup> | 2.5 <sup>1</sup> – 4.0 <sup>2</sup> | 3.0 <sup>1</sup> – 4.0 <sup>2</sup> |

1. A lesser width should only be adopted where cyclist volumes and operational speeds will remain low.

2. A greater width may be required where the numbers of cyclists and pedestrians are very high or there is a high probability of conflict between users (e.g. people walking dogs, roller bladders and skaters etc.).

## Separated Path Widths

Table 7.5: Separated two-way path widths

|                                 | Path width (m) |          |       |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------|-------|
|                                 | Bicycle path   | Footpath | Total |
| Desirable minimum width         | 2.5            | 2.0      | 4.5   |
| Minimum width – typical maximum | 2.0 – 3.0      | ≥ 1.5    | ≥ 4.5 |

Table 7.6: Separated one-way path widths

|                                 | Path width (m) |          |       |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------|-------|
|                                 | Bicycle path   | Footpath | Total |
| Desirable minimum width         | 1.5            | 1.5      | 3.0   |
| Minimum width – typical maximum | 1.2 – 2.0      | ≥ 1.2    | ≥ 3.4 |

| Principle  | Rationale   | Source                                     |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Design principles for bike riding</b><br>Coherent, direct, safe, attractive, comfortable. | Design principles for bike riding, Surfaces (smooth), continuous network, enables rider to maintain speed (av 20-30km/h, appropriate sight lines, connectivity (coherent network) and has information (directions, signage) | RTA Bicycle Guidelines<br>Austroads 6a 4.2 |

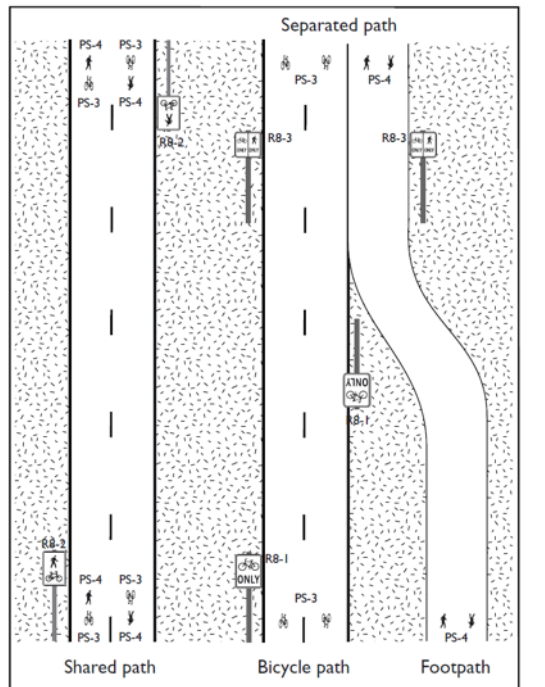
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## Design Principles for Bicycle Riding

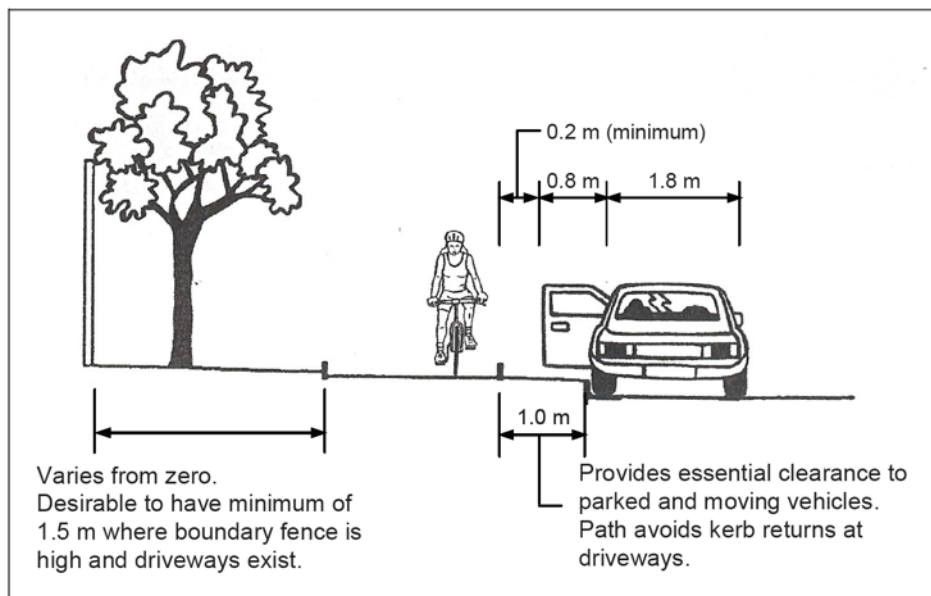
| Principle             | Criteria   | Design considerations   |   |   |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|---|
|                       |  | Regional routes   | Local routes  | Mixed traffic streets   |
| <b>Coherence</b>      | Continuity of routes   | No breaks in routes   | Connect to regional route   | Easy access to local routes   |
|                       | Consistent quality of routes and facilities  | Minimal quality changes   | Minimal quality changes   | N/A   |
|                       | Easy to follow   | Regional route signage  | Local route signage   | All street signs visible  |
|                       | Freedom of choice of routes  | Choice of at least two  | Choice of at least two  | Less than 250m to a route   |
| <b>Directness</b>     | Efficient operating speed  | 50km/h design speed   | 30km/h design speed   | Consistent with street design   |
|                       | Delay time   | 15 sec/km   | 20 sec/km   | 20 sec/km   |
|                       | Detour factor  | 20%*  | 30%*  | 40%*  |
|                       | *Detour factor is the relationship between the most direct distance between origin and destination and the distance taken by the actual route taken. A detour factor of 20% means that the route will be 20% longer than the distance as the crow flies. |   |   |   |
| <b>Safety</b>         | Minimum risk of accident on route  | Monitor use of facility and investigate any links between accidents and design. | Monitor use of facility and investigate any links between accidents and design. | Monitor use of facility and investigate any links between accidents and design. |
|                       | Minimum risk of conflict with car traffic  |   |   |   |
|                       | Minimum risk of unsafe infrastructure  |   |   |   |
| <b>Attractiveness</b> | Support for the system   | Public support and ownership  | Public support and ownership  | N/A   |
|                       | Attractiveness of environment  | Well lit & open appearance  | Well lit & open appearance  | N/A   |
|                       | Perception of social safety  | Minimum reports of vandalism & harassment                                       | Minimum reports of vandalism & harassment                                       | N/A   |
|                       | System attractiveness  | Coordination of all supporting system elements (maps, fittings, signage etc)    | Coordination of all supporting system elements (maps, fittings, signage etc)    | N/A   |
| <b>Comfort</b>        | Smoothness of ride<br>(Refer to Austroads - Part 14 Section 8.5)   | Smooth riding surface   | Smooth riding surface   | Smooth riding surface   |
|                       | Comfortable gradient   | Steep climbs minimised  | Steep climbs minimised  | N/A   |
|                       | Minimise obstruction from vehicles   | Minimise illegal parking  | Minimise illegal parking  | N/A   |
|                       | Reduced need to stop - number of stops (average per km)  | 0.5   | 1.0   | 1.5   |
|                       | Protection from adverse climate  | Shade trees & wind  | Shade trees & wind  | N/A   |

| Principle         | Rationale   | Source   |
|-------------------|---|--|
| <b>Path Types</b> | <p><b>Different types of path –</b> footpath, bike path, shared path, separated path</p> <p>Separated paths should be used where “... there is a significant volume of both cyclists and pedestrians such that shared use would lead to safety and operational problems”.</p> | RTA bicycle guidelines, Austroads Part 14 S. 6 |

### Commonly used path terms



### Space for bike path



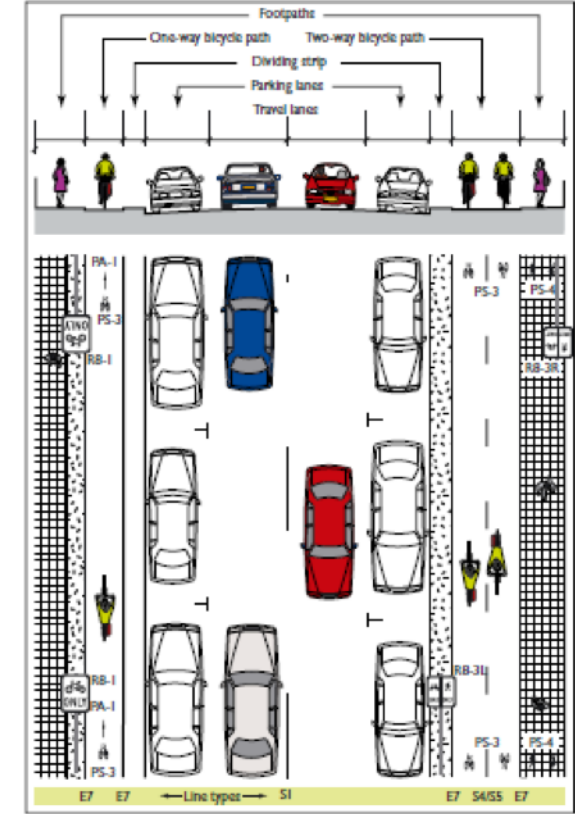
Source: Based on Austroads (1999).

Figure 5.1: Location of path in road reserve



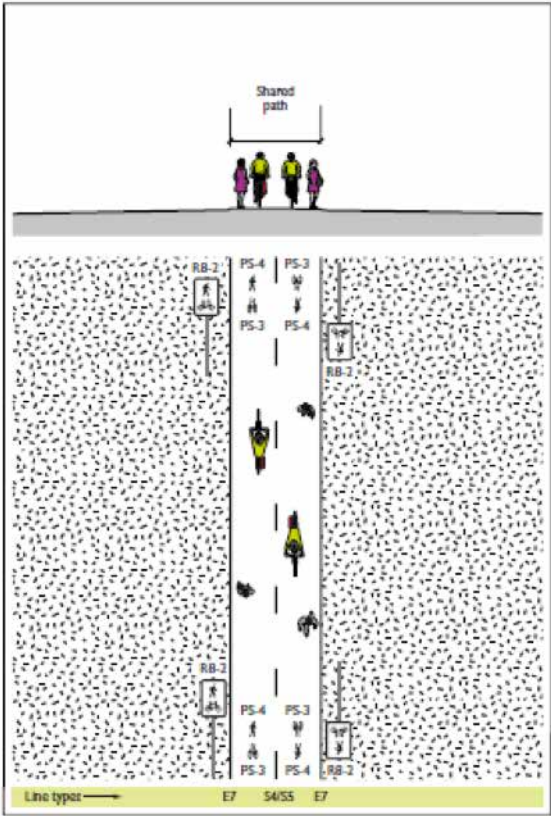
Bicycle path

Figure 4.2 Bicycle path (in a road reserve)



Shared path

Figure 4.5 Shared path (not in a road reserve)



| Principle                                      | Rationale  | Source   |
|--|--|--|
| <b>Surface Tolerances and Paint Treatments</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The surface of a bicycle lane or path should be smooth and straight to avoid causing crashes.</li> <li>Surfaces shouldn't deviate from a 3m straight edge by more than 5mm at any point.</li> <li>Grooves and lips should be avoided and tolerances for these are below. (Table 4.1)</li> <li>Paths should be wider if they are steeper or promote fast travel.</li> <li>Sprayed, sealed surfaces should use a stone size of &lt;14mm, and conform with frictional properties set in Australian Standard 1141.42</li> </ul> | <p>Austroroads Part 14 S. 6 4.2.3</p> <p><a href="#">RMS QA Specification R110</a></p> <p>Coloured Surface Coatings for Bus Lanes and Cycleways recommends a minimum Skid Resistance Value of 55 for normal applications and 65 for high skid risk applications</p> <p>Australian Standards</p> <p><a href="#">Safe Environments</a> AS1141.42 and AS 4663:2013 set the standard for measuring slip resistance</p> |

## Surface Tolerances

Table 4.1: Existing surface tolerances

|                                      | Not to exceed (mm):          |                             |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                      | Width of groove <sup>a</sup> | Height of step <sup>b</sup> |
| Parallel to direction of travel      | 12                           | 10                          |
| Perpendicular to direction of travel | -                            | 20                          |

a. A narrow slot in the surface that could catch a bicycle wheel, such as a gap between two concrete slabs.

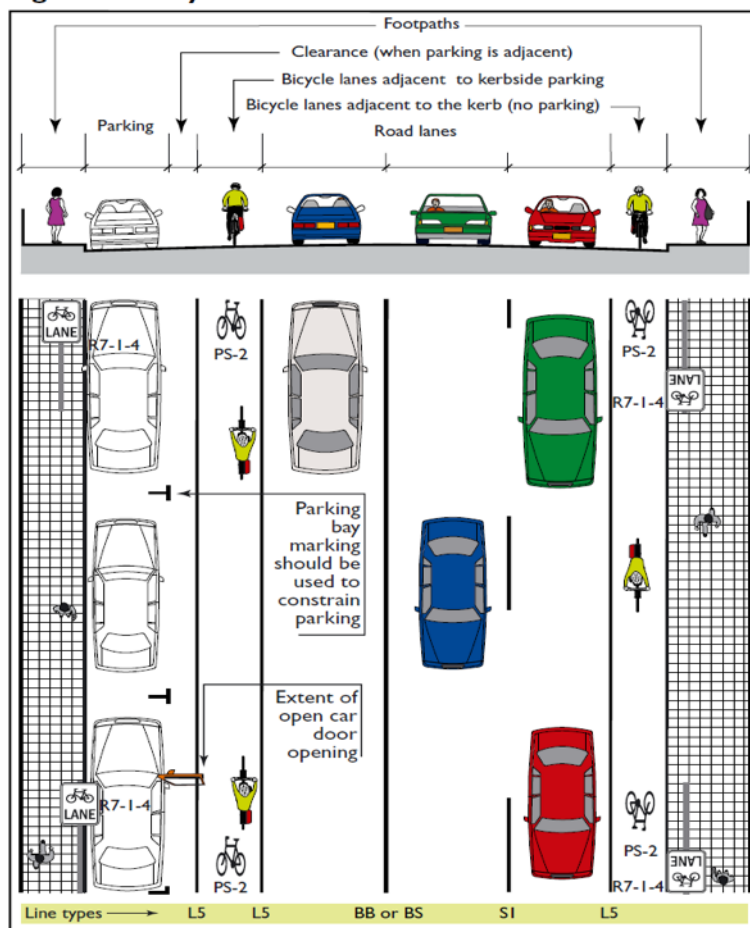
b. A ridge in the pavement, such as that which might exist between the pavement and a concrete gutter or manhole cover; or that might exist between two pavement blankets when the top level does not extend to the edge of the roadway.

Note: It is suggested that a height of 20 mm, as suggested by the Californian Department of Transportation (2006), may be excessive for many modern bicycles that have narrow high-pressure tyres. This value should be considered as a maximum intervention level for an existing facility rather than a design or construction tolerance. It is suggested that individual jurisdictions should consider a lower intervention level (e.g. 10 mm for perpendicular to direction of travel) depending on local circumstances and the importance of the path within the bicycle path network. Designs and specifications should require smooth flat surfaces.

Source: Californian Department of Transportation (2006).

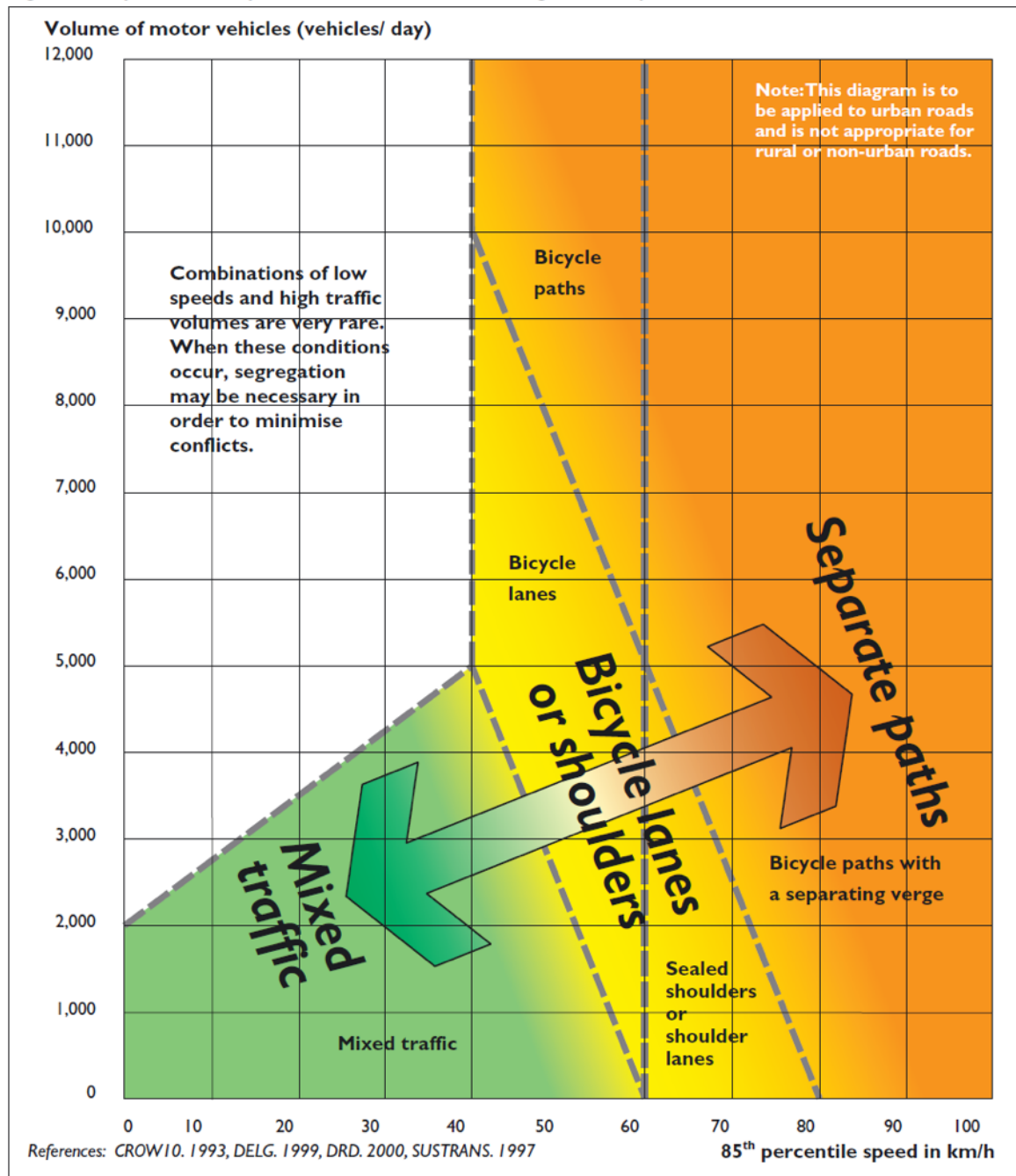
| Principle           | Rationale  | Source                 |
|---------------------|--|------------------------|
| <b>Bicycle Lane</b> | Separated operating space for bicycles on the road. Extra space should be allocated if parking is allowed so riders don't get doored. If marked as a 'bicycle lane' with signage, riders have to stay in it unless impractical | RTA bicycle guidelines |

**Figure 4.1 Bicycle lane**

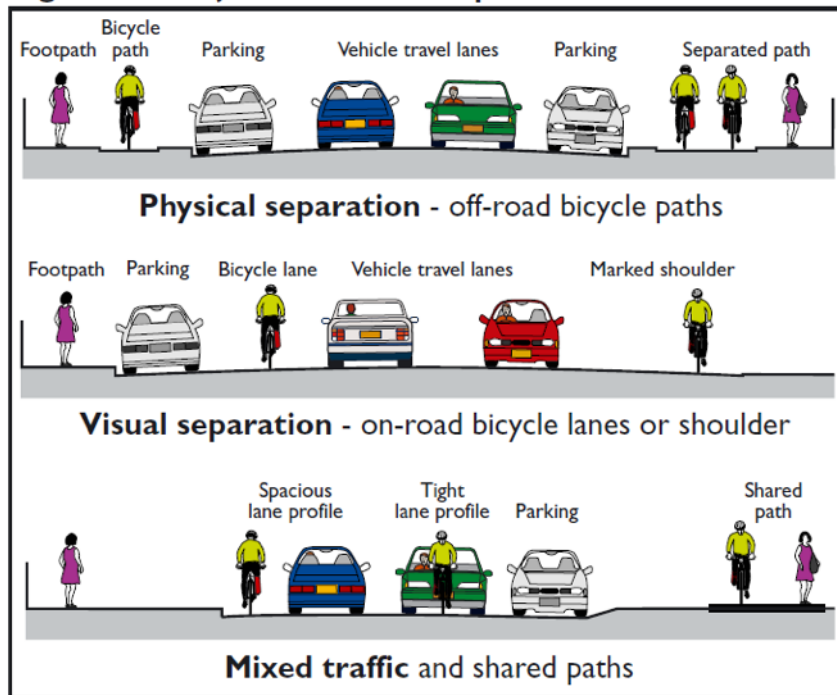


| Principle   | Rationale   | Source                 |
|---|---|------------------------|
| <b>What should be provided</b><br>Allowable traffic volumes/road speed for bike sharing with cars | Separation of bicycles and motor vehicles according to traffic speed and volume below | RTA bicycle guidelines |

Figure 3.2: Separation of bicycles and motor vehicles according to traffic speed and volume.

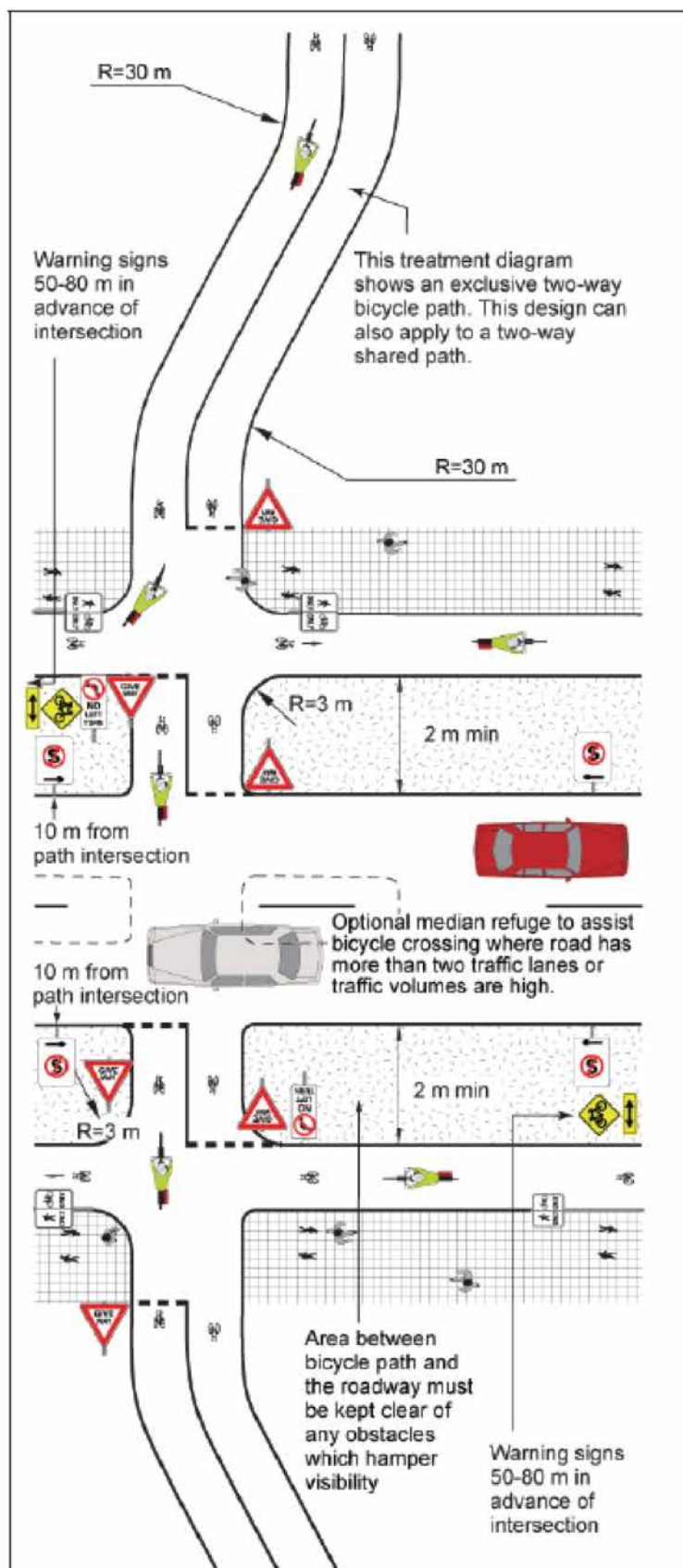


**Figure 3.3: Major methods of separation.**

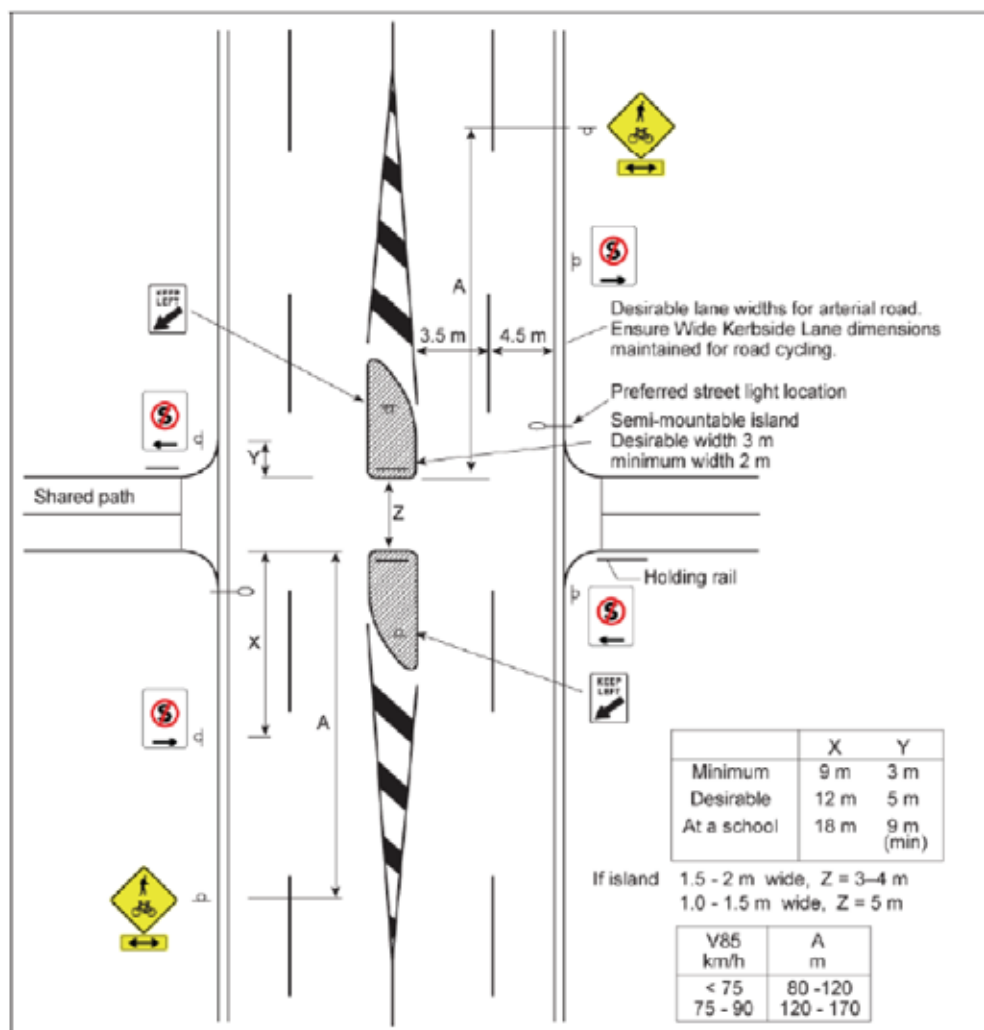


| Principle  | Rationale  | Source   |
|--|--|--|
| <b>Road crossings (lanterns/marking/signals)</b> | <p>For Crossings at intersections between bicycle paths, shared paths and the road.</p> <p>9.2.2 Low volume streets (&lt;3000 vehicles per day) may have no special treatment, or just some signs</p> <p>9.2.3 to cross busy local streets refuges for bike riders are recommended in the middle of the road</p> <p>9.2.5 it is preferable on low volume streets to give cyclists on a bike path the right of way</p> <p>Under the <a href="#">NSW Road Rules 2014</a> people are only allowed to cycle across marked pedestrian crossings if there is a <a href="#">bicycle lantern</a> or marked bicycle crossing</p> <p>For Higher volume roads</p> <p>For higher volume roads, or more complex intersections with cycleways and shared paths, refuges within unsignalised intersections 9.2.4</p> <p>Or separated path crossings 9.4.2</p> | Austroads Guide to Road Design Part4.: Intersections and Crossings |

## Crossings







Note: Where required tactile ground surface indicators should be provided on paths and ramps in accordance with AS 1428.4 and jurisdictional guidelines.  
Source: Based on AS 1742.10.

Figure 9.2: Example of a cyclist and pedestrian refuge at a mid-block location

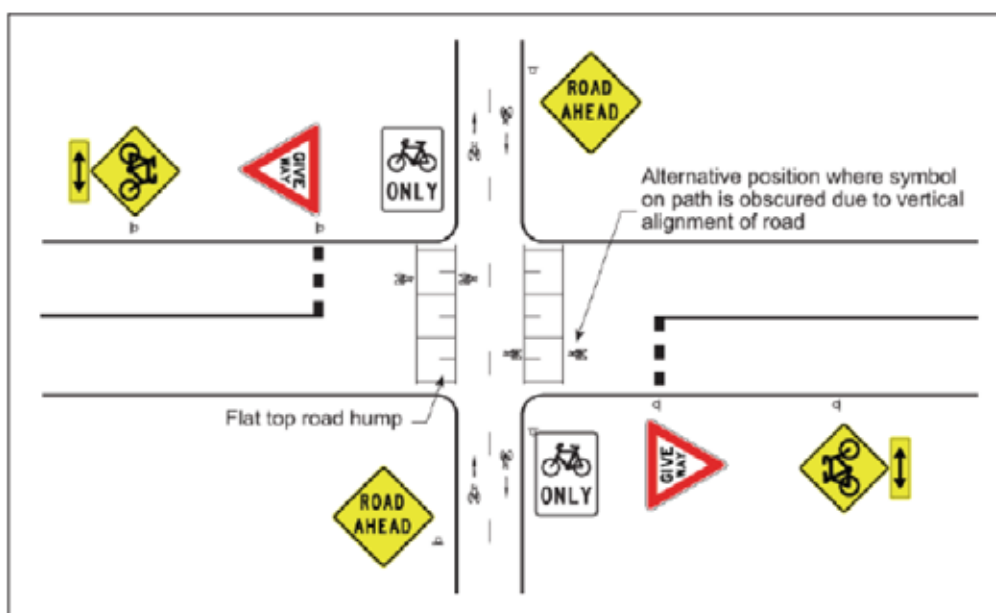


Figure 9.4: Cyclist priority treatment for use at low-volume street crossings

## Bicycle Crossing Lanterns



Figure 1. Example of separate pedestrian and bicycle lanterns



Figure 2. Example of a combined pedestrian and bicycle lantern

## Marked bicycle crossing adjacent to pedestrians

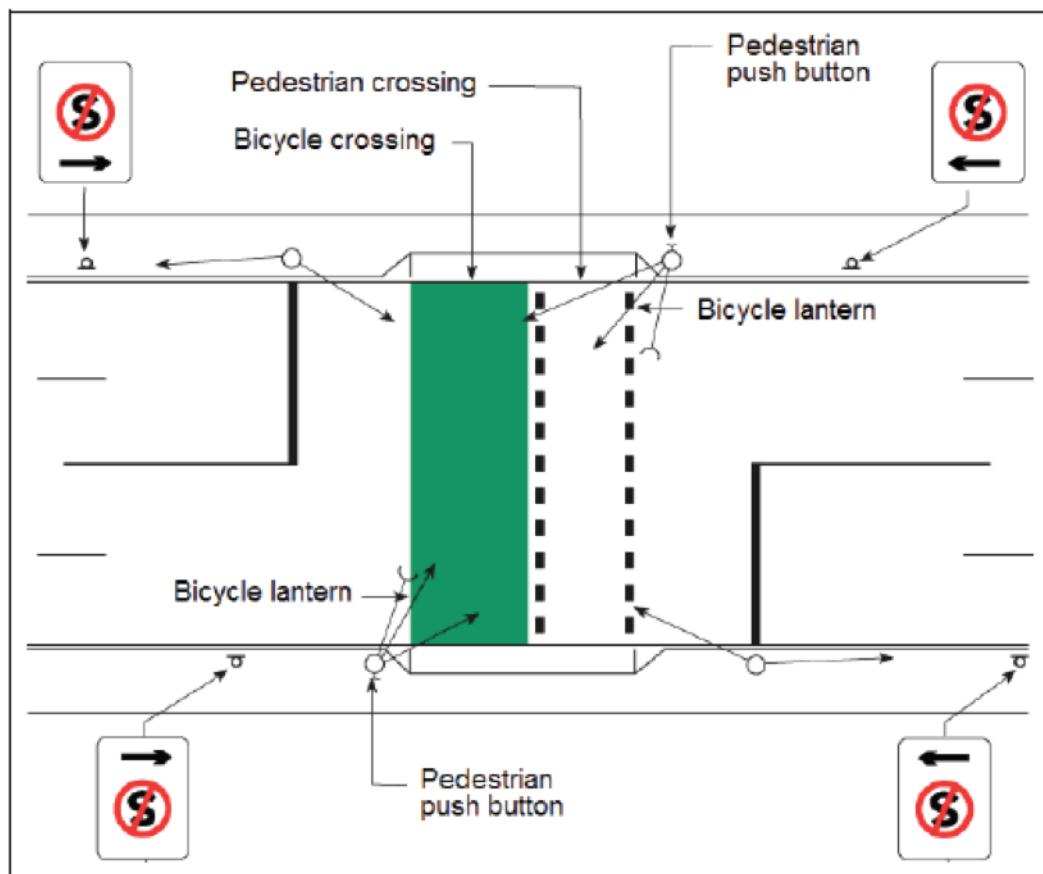
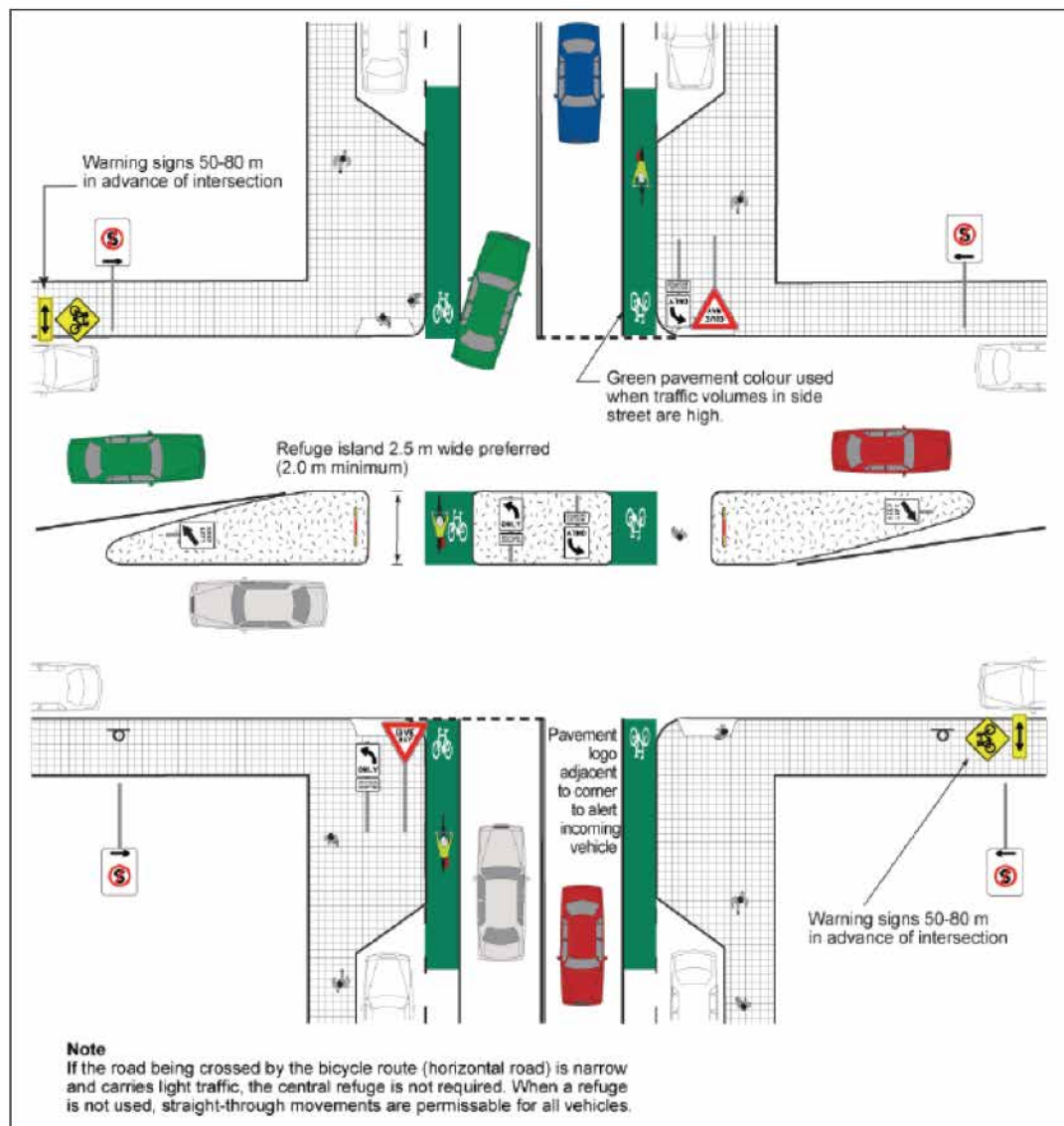


Figure 9.5: Signalised crossing with separate pedestrian and cyclist areas

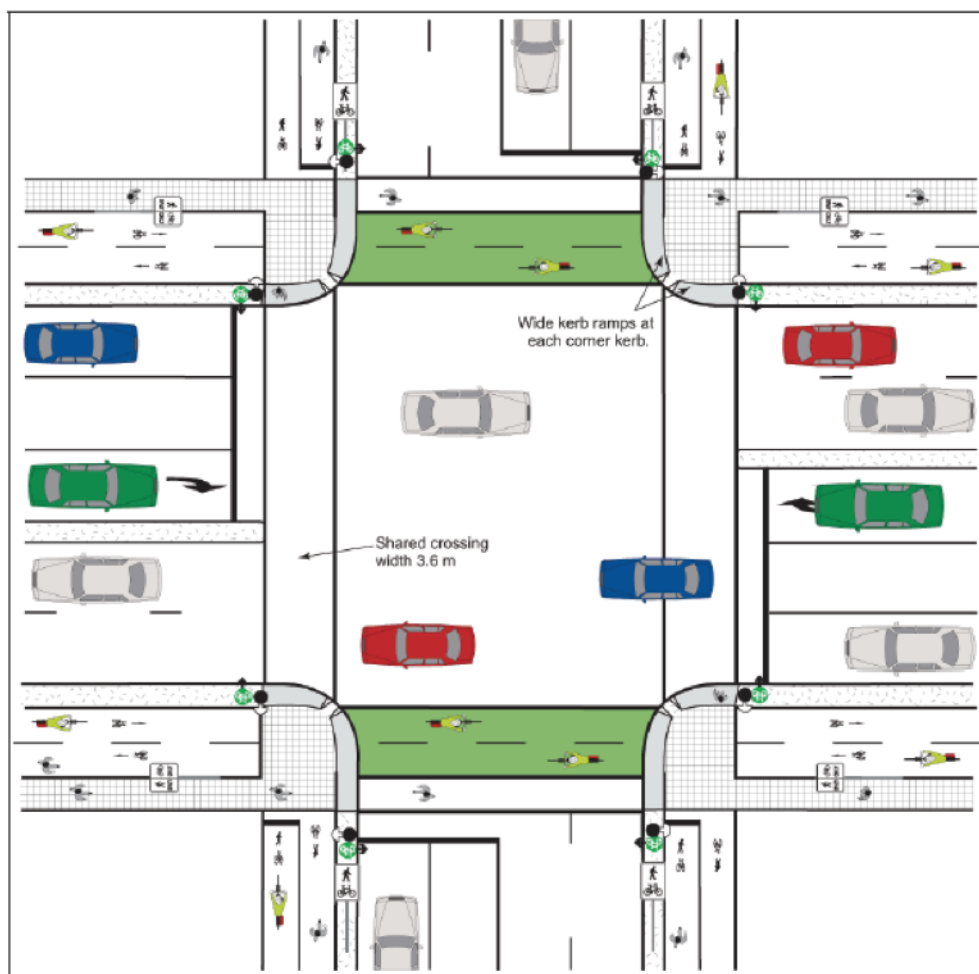
## Refuge within unsignalised intersection



Source: Based on RTA (2005).

Figure 9.3: Refuge within an intersection for pedestrians and cyclists in bicycle lanes

## Separated path crossing



### Notes:

Only the additional bicycle signal lamps are shown, not the complete traffic signal layout.

In-path or other remote detection is recommended for bicycle paths.

The width of the marked crossing for separated paths should match the width of the paths on the approach.

At intersections where the volume of cyclists and pedestrians is high it is advisable to provide contrasting surfaces to delineate the use and priority of movement.

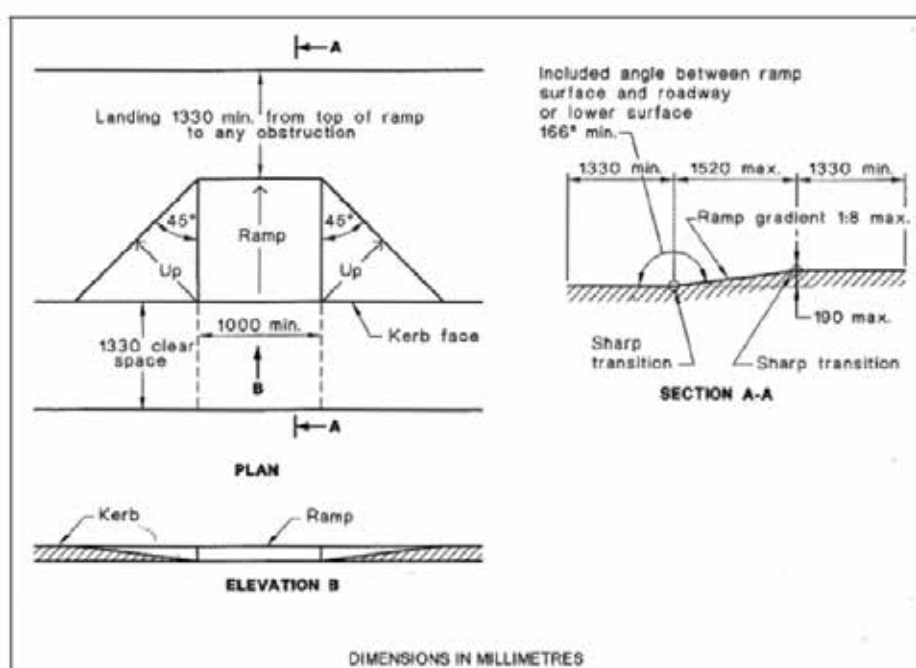
Source: Adapted from RTA (2005).

**Figure 9.6: Shared path and one-way bicycle path at a signalised intersection**

| Principle       | Rationale  | Source   |
|-----------------|--|--|
| <b>Lighting</b> | <p>Bicycle Paths or shared paths that carry substantial numbers of cyclists between dawn and dusk should be lit in accordance with lighting level P2 or higher.</p> <p>People riding bikes require more light in order to detect hazards, rough surfaces, other riders and pedestrians because bike lights are generally designed to enable the rider to be seen, not to sufficiently illuminate surfaces to detect and avoid hazards.</p> | <p>Austroads Guide Part 6a: Walking &amp; Cycling s. 7.9</p> <p>The design standard is AS/ NZS 1158.3.1:2005, Pedestrian area (Category P) lighting- Performance and design requirements</p> |

| Principle             | Rationale  | Source |
|-----------------------|--|--------|
| <b>Kerbs and lips</b> | <p>Transitions between different paths and the roadway that will be used by bike riders should be smooth.</p> <p>Kerb and lips can cause crashes, especially where a person riding a bike cannot cross the kerb or lip at a 90 degree angle.</p> |        |

## Kerbs and lips



### Notes:

The ramp and sloping sides should be slip resistant and of a colour that contrasts with the adjoining surfaces.  
Tactile ground surface indicators should be provided in accordance with AS 1428.4 and jurisdictional guidelines.  
The kerb ramp should be aligned in the direction of travel.  
For guidance on installation of tactile ground surface indicators, refer to AS 1428.4.  
Source: Based on AS 1428.1.

Figure 8.6: An example of a kerb ramp design



Example of good transition  
with no lip.

| Principle             | Rationale   | Source  |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| <b>Path curvature</b> | Paths alignments should be straight or have large radius that allows the clear sight lines that are essential for safety. The gradient of paths will influence the speed of travel, and the need for longer sight lines | Austrorads Guide to road design S7.3<br><br>Tables setting out the radii of curves are provided in the standard |

## Tables for horizontal curve radii

**Table 7.1: Minimum radii of horizontal curves without superelevation**

| Design speed (km/h) | Minimum radius (metres) |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 20                  | 10                      |
| 30                  | 25                      |
| 40                  | 50                      |
| 50                  | 94                      |

Note: Based on zero superelevation and friction factors of 0.31, 0.28, 0.25 and 0.21 for speeds of 20, 30, 40 and 50 km/h respectively.

**Table 7.2: Minimum radius of horizontal curves that have superelevation**

|              | Superelevation (%) |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|--------------------|----|----|----|----|
|              | 2                  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| Speed (km/h) | Minimum radius (m) |    |    |    |    |
| 20           | 10                 | 9  | 9  | 9  | 9  |
| 30           | 24                 | 23 | 22 | 21 | 21 |
| 40           | 47                 | 45 | 43 | 42 | 41 |
| 50           | 86                 | 82 | 79 | 76 | 73 |

Source: Californian Department of Transportation (2006).



| Principle  | Rationale  | Source  |
|--|--|---|
| <b>Markings and signs</b><br>the signs used to communicate with bike riders need to conform with Australian standards and be clearly visible to riders | Should be in conformity with standards, not obscured by foliage, and clearly understood.<br><br>See examples below | NSW Bicycle Guidelines and Australian Standard AS1742.9 Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices Part 9 Bicycle Facilities, and Part 2 Traffic Control Devices for General Use |

## Markings and signs





## Markings and signs

## Linemarking specifications

### L5 Bicycle lane line

Continuous line 100mm wide

### C4 Bicycle lane continuity line

Dashed line 100mm wide, 1000mm long with 3000mm gap

#### S4 Off-road path continuous separation line

Continuous line 80mm wide (used on path sections with restricted visibility or at intersections)

### S5 Off-road path broken separation line

Dashed line 80mm wide, 1000mm long with 3000 m gap (used on straight path sections)

### E7 Edge line for off-road bicycle paths and shared paths

Continuous line 80mm wide



### TBC Bicycle crossing for one- or two-way path priority crossing

Parallel transverse lines 400mm wide, 400mm long with 400mm gap

**TF Stop line  
at signals**  
300mm wide

### Stop and Give Way lines for off-road paths

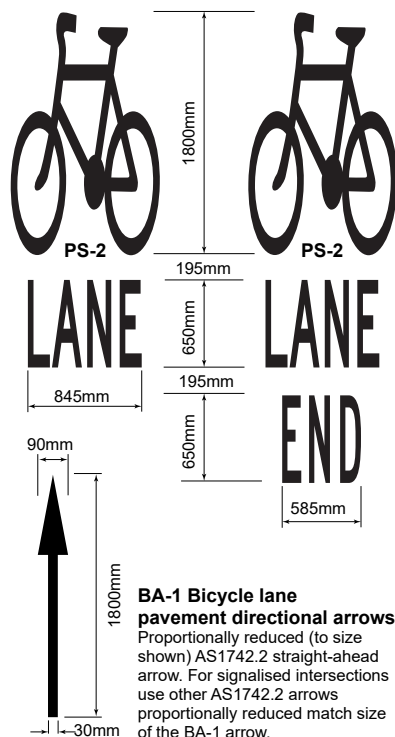
### TFB Stop line on path

200mm wide

**TBB Give Way line on path**

200mm wide, 200mm long  
with 200mm gap

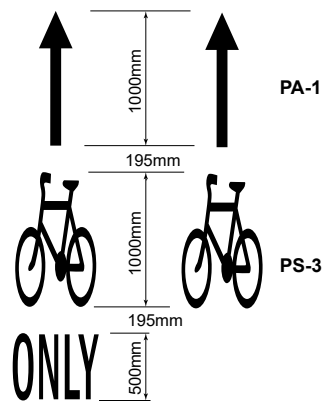
## Bicycle lane markings



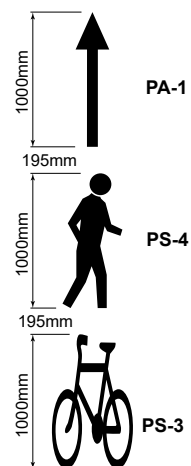
## Bicycle path pavement markings

### Path entry

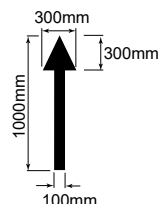
### Directional



**Shared path  
pavement  
marking**



**PA-1 Bicycle path  
pavement arrow**  
AS1742.9 path arrow



## Notes

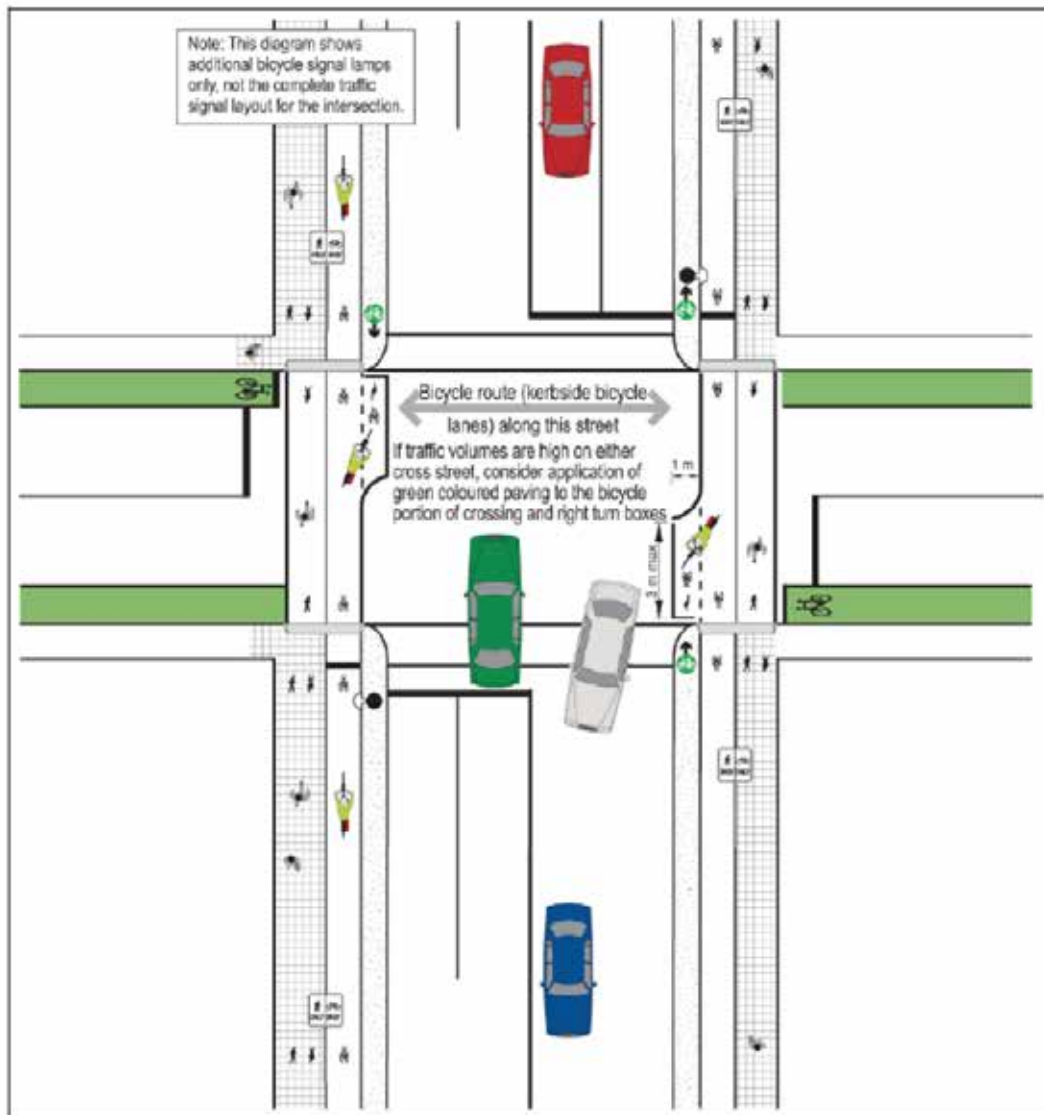
**Notes**  
Bicycle path markings  
use AS1742.9:2018  
symbols.

Figure 12.1 from the NSW Delineation Guidelines Part 12: Pavement Markings for Bicycle Facilities updated to reflect recent changes to the NSW Road Rules and Australian Standard AS1742 Part 9: Bicycle Facilities



| Principle         | Rationale   | Source  |
|-------------------|---|---|
| <b>Hook Turns</b> | <p>People riding bicycles in NSW may need to complete a hook turn to turn right and safely cross traffic.</p> <p>Bicycle riders are allowed to turn right from the far left lane using a hook turn.</p> | S 9.4.3 of the Austroads Guide to Road Design |

## Hook Turns

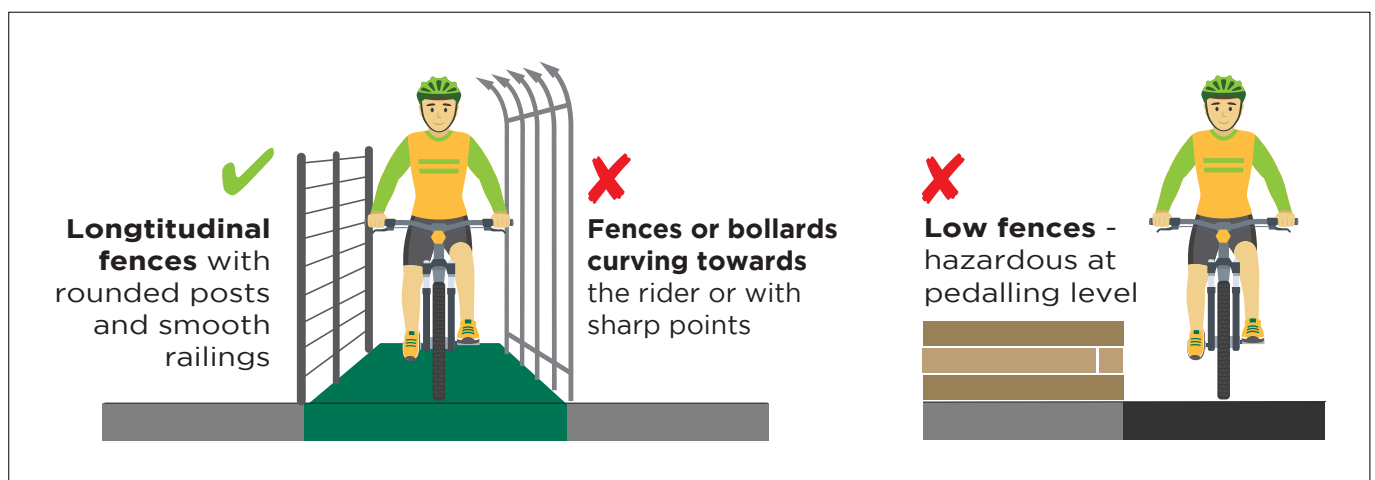


Source: Adapted from RTA (2005).

Figure 9.7: Right turn from an off-road bicycle path to an on-road bicycle lane

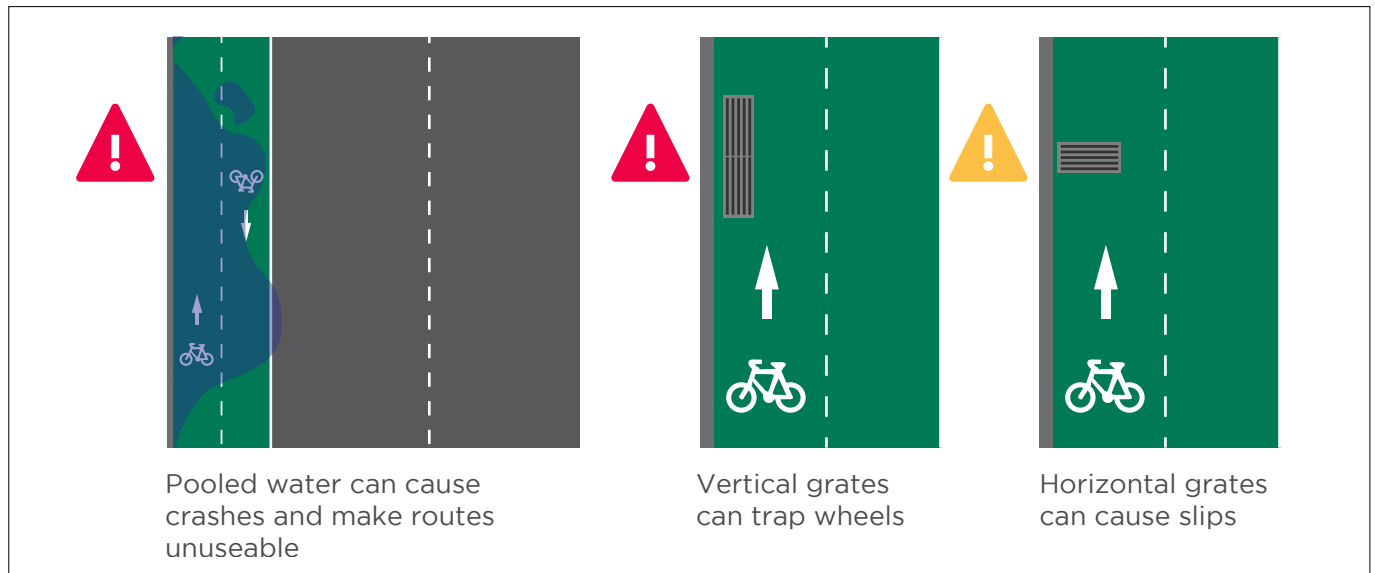
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| <b>Fences and Railings</b><br>– should be used to provide a physical barrier to hazards | <p>High speed traffic and sharp drop-offs are common hazards to bike riders and railings and fences can provide safe barriers. They should be made of longitudinal members that present a smooth running rail, avoid any features that would snag pedals, and avoid protrusions at either end that a rider may hit</p> <p>Low treated pine log, chain mesh and wire fences should be avoided.</p> | <p>RTA Bicycle Guidelines</p> <p>Austroads 7.5.2<br/>Austroads 7.5.3<br/>Austroads 7.5 &amp; 7.6</p> <p>NSW Bicycle Guidelines 8.5<br/>Austroads Guide to Traffic Engineering Part 14</p> |

## Fences and Railings



| Principle  | Rationale   | Source  |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Drainage</b><br>– bicycle lanes should be well-drained with safe grilles and structures | Pooled water can cause crashes, poorly designed grilles can trap wheels, and where bike lanes are simply marled on the left of a roadway, water can pool making them unuseable if drainage design fails | NSW Bicycle Guidelines 8.4 and Austroads Guide to Traffic Engineering Part 14 |

## Drainage



| Principle  | Rationale  | Source   |
|--|--|--|
| <b>Sight lines</b><br>-bicycle paths need clear lines of sight | Should take into account that bicycles can travel at up to 50km/h and need clear sight lines. Plantings can improve rider amenity but should be planned to avoid obstructing travel and sight lines, and to reduce the likelihood of root egress damaging the surface of paths, branches or foliage obstructing travel | NSW Bicycle Guidelines 8.3, Austroads Guidelines 2016 s. 3 |

| Principle   | Rationale  | Source                     |
|---|--|----------------------------|
| <b>Bollards</b><br>Must be clearly marked in a bright colour, with reflective tape and provide safe clearances for riders and pedestrians. Bollards should not be used as a speed control device only as a measure to prevent unauthorised vehicle entry. | Sometimes the only way to prevent unauthorised parking or vehicle use of bike lanes is through using bollards. They should protect, not endanger, bike riders. | NSW Bicycle Guidelines 6.4 |

| Principle  | Rationale   | Source                     |
|--|---|----------------------------|
| <b>Speed control</b><br>On bike infrastructure should be limited to path narrowing, path deflection, warning signage and alternative paving. | Speed humps, rumble strips, path terminal deflection rails, holding rails and bollards should not be used to control speed as they cause crashes. | NSW Bicycle Guidelines 6.3 |



| Principle  | Rationale   | Source                           |
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| <b>Carrying out works on roadways or cycleways</b> | If paths or roadways need to be dug up and surfaces cannot be immediately re-laid, clear warning signage should be provided at all access points, smooth road-plates with a non-slip surface should be used, hotmix or a similar product should be used to provide a smooth transition with clearly marked edges. | Fiona Campbell<br>City of Sydney |

### Examples of good practice for roadworks



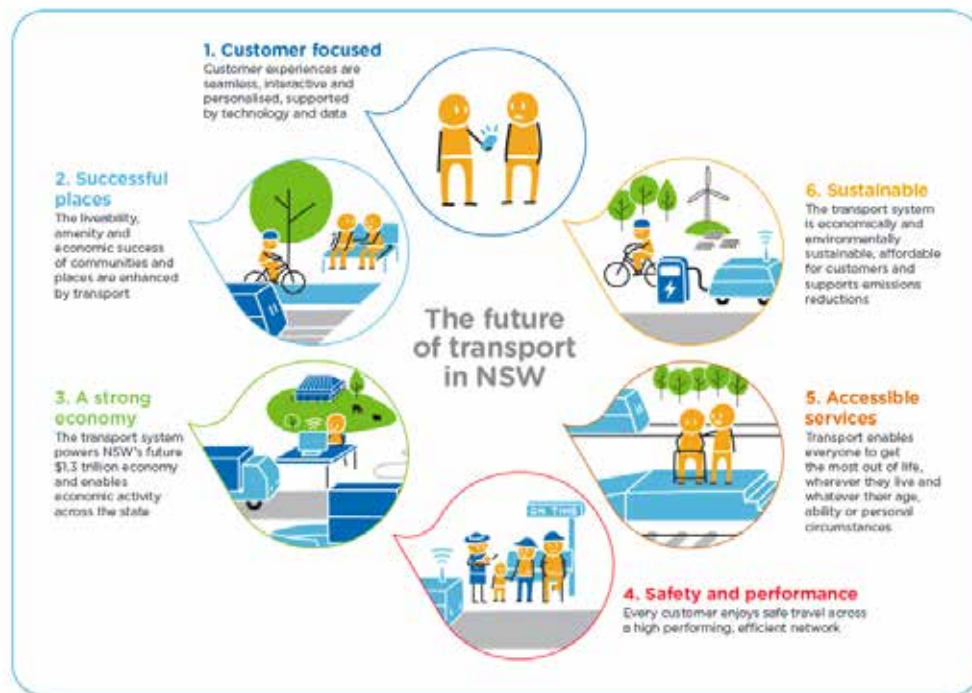
Clear warning signage



Smooth road-plates with a non-slip surface, hotmix used for smooth transition and clearly marked edges.

## LEGISLATION REGULATION AND GUIDELINES THAT SHOULD BE APPLIED

| Principle                             | Rationale   | Source  |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Infrastructure ignoring bikes?</b> | Of the 6 outcomes of this plan, bike riding and safe cycling infrastructure contributes to 4<br>“2. Successful Places”,<br>“4. Safety and performance”<br>“5. Accessible services”, and<br>“6. Sustainable” | <a href="#">NSW Government, Future Transport 2056</a> |



### The vision of the plan includes:

#### Encouraging active travel (walking and cycling) and using public transport

“...One in eight NSW residents ride a bicycle in a typical week.[1] Increasing the number of people using active transport for short trips to their local and city centres will require us to look at safe, well connected infrastructure such as bike paths and walking routes. More people traveling by active transport will improve network outcomes overall in addition to delivering positive health, wellbeing and environmental outcomes.

We know that we need to look at initiatives that support people using active transport for short trips including the provision of safe and accessible footpaths, designed for all ages and abilities with frequent seating and shade. Other factors that encourage active transport include safe pedestrian crossings, lower traffic speeds, safe, separated cycling paths and before and after trip facilities such as secure bicycle storage.

Transport for NSW is already delivering initiatives to increase active transport. As part of [Sydney's Cycling Future](#) program, secure bike storage is being rolled out across the network providing undercover storage at selected railway stations...”

| Principle               | Rationale   | Source |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |    |    |   |    |    |   |   |   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |
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| <b>Not safe enough?</b> | <p>State Priority Target to reduce road fatalities by 30 per cent by 2021 (from 2008–10 levels).</p> <p>This has not happened for bike riders. According to the Centre for Road Safety Statistics fatality rates are increasing, and sadly in the first 4 months of 2020 we reached the annual death toll of 2008:</p>  <table><thead><tr><th>2008</th><th>2009</th><th>2010</th><th>2011</th><th>2012</th><th>2013</th><th>2014</th><th>2015</th><th>2016</th><th>2017</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>195</td><td>210</td><td>185</td><td>181</td><td>184</td><td>155</td><td>153</td><td>150</td><td>183</td><td>186</td></tr><tr><td>87</td><td>102</td><td>89</td><td>73</td><td>82</td><td>18</td><td>43</td><td>80</td><td>54</td><td>82</td></tr><tr><td>55</td><td>69</td><td>61</td><td>51</td><td>61</td><td>71</td><td>59</td><td>67</td><td>67</td><td>59</td></tr><tr><td>48</td><td>54</td><td>39</td><td>49</td><td>55</td><td>44</td><td>11</td><td>61</td><td>73</td><td>54</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>13</td><td>11</td><td>10</td><td>7</td><td>14</td><td>11</td><td>7</td><td>5</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>374</td><td>453</td><td>405</td><td>361</td><td>389</td><td>339</td><td>377</td><td>339</td><td>319</td><td>329</td></tr></tbody></table> | 2008   | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 195 | 210 | 185 | 181 | 184 | 155 | 153 | 150 | 183 | 186 | 87 | 102 | 89 | 73 | 82 | 18 | 43 | 80 | 54 | 82 | 55 | 69 | 61 | 51 | 61 | 71 | 59 | 67 | 67 | 59 | 48 | 54 | 39 | 49 | 55 | 44 | 11 | 61 | 73 | 54 | 8 | 13 | 11 | 10 | 7 | 14 | 11 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 374 | 453 | 405 | 361 | 389 | 339 | 377 | 339 | 319 | 329 | <p><a href="#">NSW Government, Road Safety Plan 2020(Towards Zero)</a></p> <p>(2018) [Online 1/4/2020]</p> |
| 2008                    | 2009  | 2010   | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |    |    |   |    |    |   |   |   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |
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| 8                       | 13  | 11     | 10   | 7    | 14   | 11   | 7    | 5    | 8    |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |    |    |   |    |    |   |   |   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| 374                     | 453   | 405    | 361  | 389  | 339  | 377  | 339  | 319  | 329  |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |    |    |   |    |    |   |   |   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |

### Serious injury trends have also increased:

|               | 2009  | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  | 2018  |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Driver        | 2,221 | 2,204 | 2,473 | 2,645 | 2,884 | 2,850 | 2,867 | 2,829 | 2,746 | 2,654 |
| Passenger     | 834   | 690   | 731   | 791   | 786   | 800   | 785   | 754   | 748   | 698   |
| Motorcyclist  | 971   | 940   | 1,006 | 1,117 | 1,187 | 1,234 | 1,045 | 1,169 | 1,182 | 1,024 |
| Pedestrian    | 622   | 596   | 656   | 607   | 650   | 711   | 607   | 636   | 627   | 556   |
| Pedal Cyclist | 266   | 255   | 247   | 276   | 320   | 322   | 299   | 298   | 317   | 298   |
| Grand Total   | 4,914 | 4,685 | 5,113 | 5,436 | 5,827 | 5,917 | 5,603 | 5,686 | 5,620 | 5,230 |

### Priorities:

- Saving lives on country roads – improving road safety infrastructure, including targeting high-risk roads and behaviours, as the fatality rate on country roads is four times the rate on metropolitan roads.
- Safe urban places – addressing crashes in busy local areas, including pedestrian trauma which accounts for around 17 per cent of all deaths in NSW and 9 per cent of serious injuries.
- Using the roads safely – preventing risky road behaviour, such as drink and drug driving.
- Building a safer community culture – working in partnership with local and state road authorities, education providers, business and industry, vehicle manufacturers, community organisations and road safety advocates to build a safety culture.

| Principle              | Rationale   | Source  |
|------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Inclusion Fail?</b> | <p>The NSW Government is directed to create more liveable communities for people with disability. Areas identified for further development include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increasing the availability and accessibility of public and private transport options for people with disability, including people living in regional and rural areas, and ongoing implementation of existing transport access plans</li> <li>• increasing the accessibility of public spaces including bus stops, outdoor paths of travel and footpaths, ramps, stairs, curb ramps, rest areas and accessible pedestrian signals</li> </ul> | <p><a href="#">Disability Inclusion Plan</a>, NSW Government(2015)</p> <p>[Online 1/4/2020]</p>                           |
| <b>Ageist?</b>         | <p>“Active transport including walking and cycling are encouraged as transport options for active older people. The focus of transport options includes maintaining active ageing as long as possible and not having mobility curtailed as a result of transport services and supporting infrastructure that do not reflect needs during this stage.”</p>   | <p><a href="#">Older Persons Transport and Mobility Plan 2018-2022</a></p> <p>NSW Government (2018) [Online 1/4/2020]</p> |

| Principle                                  | Rationale   | Source  |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Infrastructure failing bike riders?</b> | <a href="#">Austroads Guide to Road Design – Part 6A Walking &amp; Cycling</a> (2017) [Online 1/4/2020]   | <a href="https://austroads.com.au/publications/road-design/agrd06a">https://austroads.com.au/publications/road-design/agrd06a</a>   |
|  | Australian Standards:<br>– <a href="#">AS2890.3 Parking Facilities: Part 3 – Bicycle Parking Facilities</a>   | <a href="https://www.standards.org.au/standards-catalogue/sa-snz/building/ce-001/as--2890-dot-3-colon-2015">https://www.standards.org.au/standards-catalogue/sa-snz/building/ce-001/as--2890-dot-3-colon-2015</a>                         |
|  | Australian Standards:<br>– <a href="#">AS1742 Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices</a>   | <a href="https://www.standards.org.au/standards-catalogue/sa-snz/transportandlogistic/ms-012/as--1742-dot-9-colon-2018">https://www.standards.org.au/standards-catalogue/sa-snz/transportandlogistic/ms-012/as--1742-dot-9-colon-2018</a> |
|  | Australian Standards:<br>– <a href="#">AS1743 Road Signs – Specifications</a>   | <a href="https://www.standards.org.au/standards-catalogue/sa-snz/transportandlogistic/ms-012/as--1743-colon-2018">https://www.standards.org.au/standards-catalogue/sa-snz/transportandlogistic/ms-012/as--1743-colon-2018</a>             |
|  | RMS 2013 supplements to the Australian Standards including<br><a href="#">Manual of uniform traffic control devices, Part 9: Bicycle facilities AS1742 Part 9: Bicycle facilities</a> | <a href="https://www.standards.org.au/standards-catalogue/sa-snz/transportandlogistic/ms-012/as--1742-dot-9-colon-2018">https://www.standards.org.au/standards-catalogue/sa-snz/transportandlogistic/ms-012/as--1742-dot-9-colon-2018</a> |

| Principle                                    | Rationale   | Source  |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Construction management seems unsafe?</b> |   |   |
| <b>Risk</b>                                  | <p>Part 2. S2.3 Risk – requiring “...identification and analysis of all risks likely to arise during works on roads...evaluating them in terms of likelihood of occurrence and adverse consequences using historical data, experience or other means. The traffic management plan and the traffic guidance scheme should then be checked in detail to ensure that adequate means of controlling or reducing those risks are in place...”</p> <p>“...To ensure that risks are managed appropriately, a Traffic Management Plan (TMP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• outlines how the works are to be integrated into the operation of the road network</li> <li>• identifies and considers all foreseeable risks</li> <li>• stipulates mitigation measures</li> <li>• assesses the impact on all categories of road users, adjacent property and business owners and other impacted stakeholders.”</li> </ul> | <a href="#">Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management</a> (2019)<br>[Online 1/4/2020] |
| <b>Traffic Management Plan</b>               | <p>S2.6.2 Principles for consideration in the preparation and review of a Traffic Management Plan (TMP)</p> <p>“There are four guiding principles to be considered as part of the preparation and review of TMPs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• safety</li> <li>• accessibility</li> <li>• amenity</li> <li>• asset.</li> </ul> <p>Safety is of the highest priority....”</p>  | <a href="#">Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management</a> (2019)<br>[Online 1/4/2020] |



| Principle            | Rationale  | Source   |
|----------------------|--|--|
| <b>Safety</b>        | TMPs control the risks...any feature placed within the road environment has the potential to be a risk ...particularly so for vulnerable road users such as cyclists, pedestrians and the mobility impaired. Legibility of the site is important and road users must be able to easily understand the traffic management measures in use. Particular attention to detail when locating signs, barriers and other traffic control devices is essential."  | <a href="#">Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management</a> (2019) [Online 1/4/2020]   |
| <b>Accessibility</b> | TMPs ensure access to the road and essential goods and services is maintained for all road users. Consider accommodating the needs of public transport users and the mobility and visually impaired and other vulnerable road users, including the provision of parking  | <a href="#">Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management</a> (2019) [Online 1/4/2020]   |
| <b>Amenity</b>       | TMPs minimise delays to traffic (including pedestrians, cyclists and other vulnerable road users), maximise network efficiency, and, where practical, maintain the most direct and convenient route between destinations. The first preference is to redirect traffic around the works, and any detour should be as short as possible and as close to the level of difficulty of the original route. Designers should consider adjoining or nearby developments when selecting detours as well as the impact of increased traffic on existing paths. Where it is not practical to send traffic safely around the works, sending traffic through the works is the next preference. Where possible, traffic lanes, footpaths, cycle paths, cycle lanes and shared paths should remain open for use. Footpath and cycle routes will be maintained on the same side of the street and additional road crossings will be minimised. | <a href="#">Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management</a> (2019) [Online 1/4/2020]   |
| <b>Duty of Care</b>  | S2.8.3 Duty of Care<br><br>"Include a commitment by the party responsible for implementation of the TMP to exercise duty of care to works and all road users in the implementation of the TMP.   | <a href="#">Austroads Guide to Road Design</a> (2019) [Online 1/4/2020]<br><br><a href="#">Austroads Guide to Road Safety</a><br><a href="#">Austroads Guide to Road Safety</a> (2019) [Online 1/4/2020] |

## STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Sometimes works are carried out by network providers of energy, gas, water and waste-water management that impact the riding environment. Special legislation enables these providers to carry out works, even when it may disrupt travel or breach the ordinary planning processes of Councils or Transport for NSW.

This is enabled in order to avoid the serious or fatal consequences that network disruption could lead to. Bicycle NSW, Councils and others cannot prevent these works going ahead. Where possible we will ask for safe diversions to be put in place.

| Authority     | Act                               | Link  |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Energy</b> | Electricity Supply Act 1995 No 94 | <a href="https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1995-094#sec.49">https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1995-094#sec.49</a> |
| <b>Gas</b>    | Gas Supply Act 1996 No 38         | <a href="https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/whole/html/inforce/current/act-1996-038">https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/whole/html/inforce/current/act-1996-038</a>   |
| <b>Water</b>  | Sydney Water Act 1994 No 88       | <a href="https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1994-088#sec.38">https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1994-088#sec.38</a> |



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