

The Lord Mayor and Councillors of the City Sydney

12th December, 2020

Dear Lord Mayor and Councillors of the City of Sydney,

RE: New Cycleways for the City of Sydney

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed new cycleways for [College Street](#), [Oxford Street and Liverpool Street](#).

Bicycle NSW has been the peak bicycle advocacy group now in NSW for over forty-four years, and has over 30 affiliated local Bicycle User Groups. Many of our members live, work, travel through or to the City of Sydney and will be directly impacted by these new cycleways, as well as the safe riding routes now available or to be developed in [Pyrmont](#), [Chalmers Street](#), [Alexandra and Erskineville](#), and [Moore Park Road](#).

Each of these projects, together with works already completed, is contributing to improving safety, air quality, amenity and congestion across Sydney. Whilst COVID-19 restrictions have seen a 50% reduction overall in travel, we are aware that there has been a 20% increase in cycling during peak times, and further growth outside these times.

Cycleways are giving people and businesses the opportunity to move, shop and work safely, and in ways that reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. We applaud the efforts of Councillors, the City of Sydney staff and Transport for NSW. Your rapid response, under challenging circumstances, has improved the safety and ride-ability of the cycleway network

We are aware that trips have risen from 200 to 1000 per day on the new Pitt St cycleway. This demonstrates the potential of safe cycleways to contribute to economic recovery, as more people are return to work, shop and transport goods across Sydney.

Bicycle NSW recommends extending the Oxford Street cycleway beyond Taylor Square to connect with the shared path in Paddington. This would enable more commuters to connect journeys between the City of Sydney, Paddington, Woollahra and Waverley.

Waverley Council has some of the highest cycling rates of any LGA and active travel connections would enable more people to reach jobs education and shopping in the City of Sydney without crowding busses and trains, adding to traffic congestion or parking difficulties. Active transport connections would also enable City of Sydney residents to travel safely to the beach.

Thank you again for these cycleways, we look forward to their completion.

Warm Regards,
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