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Bicycle NSW feedback on two intersection upgrades - Bondi LATM

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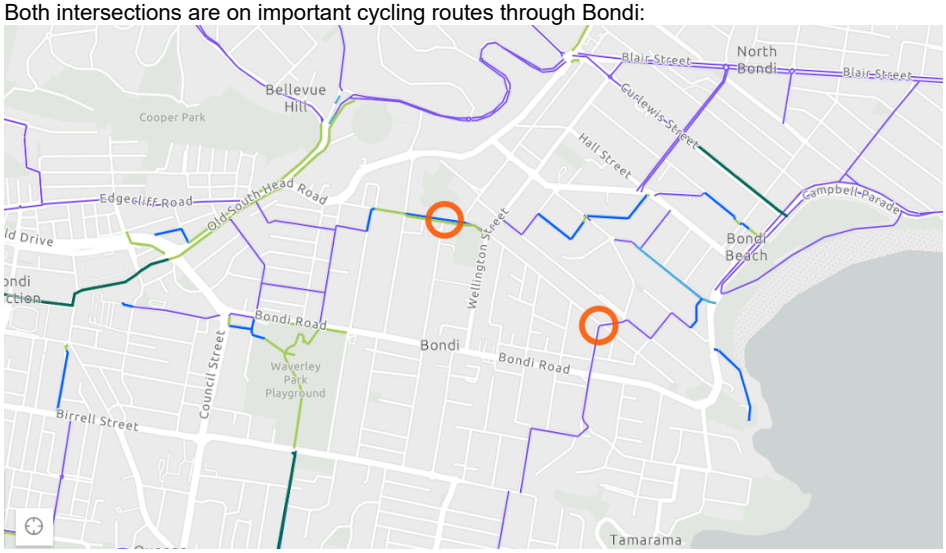
Dear Amanda,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the first two Bondi Local Area Traffic Management projects - the Denham Street / Edward Street and Martins Avenue / Ocean Street intersection upgrades.

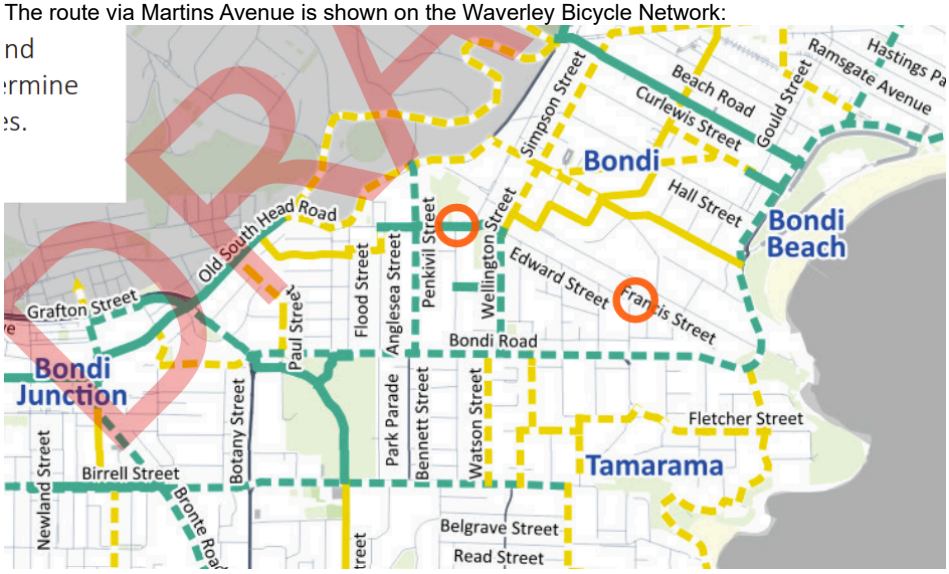
Bicycle NSW is a non-profit membership organisation operating in NSW that represents the interests of people who ride bikes. Bicycle NSW has been promoting bicycle use, behaviour change and effective bicycle user environments since it was established in 1976. Bicycle NSW has been responsible for many active transport infrastructure outcomes, supporting thousands of people of all ages to safely utilise bicycles for transport and recreational purposes.

Bicycle NSW strongly supports the reconfiguration of these two intersections to make them safer for all road users, whether walking, riding a bike or driving.

Both intersections are on important cycling routes through Bondi:



The route via Martins Avenue is shown on the Waverley Bicycle Network:



It is therefore critical that the detailed design of the new intersections fully considers the needs of people riding bikes.

Bicycle NSW works closely with BIKEast, an affiliated Bicycle User Group based in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs. We are very grateful for BIKEast's knowledge of local conditions and align with its submitted feedback on the project.

The proposals for both intersections are generally excellent. However, Bicycle would like to make some recommendations for further improvements:

- Add PS-2 bicycle symbols to the vehicle lanes as suggested by BIKEast experts
- Widen the uphill bicycle lane in Denham Street. A widened uphill bicycle lane will allow bike riders to climb the steep grade at low speeds more safely and comfortably, with reduced risk of close pass and 'dooring' incidents
- Take advantage of the changes to the kerbs and car parking to create on-street parking corrals for dockless shared bikes. It is essential that Waverley finds opportunities to reallocate roadspace for shared bikes, removing them from the footpaths and reducing community concerns about this sustainable and very popular form of transport.

In the longer term, we urge Waverley Council to develop proposals for creating safe space for people of all ages and abilities to cycle in both directions on Martins Avenue. As a key part of the Waverley Bicycle Network, changes to this road will greatly improve access for people riding bikes between the Bondi Basin area and Bondi Junction.

Please refer to our recent submission on the Draft Waverley Bike Strategy and Action Plan for additional recommendations for Quietways, 30km/h speed limits, bike parking, temporary pop-up infrastructure, contraflow cycling and, importantly, developing a car parking policy that would free up street space for best-practice cycling infrastructure.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if Bicycle NSW can assist Waverley any further with this or other projects.

Many kind regards,

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