



Improved pedestrian and cycling safety on major arterial roads

Glen Eira City Council is seeking investment from the State Government to improve pedestrian crossing points across major arterial roads, including North Road, Nepean Highway, Dandenong Road and South Road in the City of Glen Eira.

IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLING SAFETY CROSSING POINTS

Local communities need to safely navigate major arterial roads to connect with our parks, shopping precincts and activity centres. Crossing points along major arterial roads and major intersections must be pedestrian and cycling friendly, safe and accessible to people of all abilities and ages.

Walking and cycling are both essential modes of transport that connect our community to public transport.

Council's *Walking and Accessibility Action Plan 2019–2024* and *Cycling Action Plan 2019–2024* has identified that there are limited safe crossing points along North Road, Nepean Highway, Dandenong Road and South Road. This includes major intersections such as Glenhuntly Road and Nepean Highway in Elsternwick which has a poor safety record and has a general uninviting and unsafe layout.

Major arterial roads such as North Road, Nepean Highway, Dandenong Road and South Road are the responsibility of the State Government. VicRoads manages and develops these roads on behalf of the State Government.

The Victorian Government has recently announced a major upgrade of an intersection in East Melbourne that services as a case study.



An artist's impression of the protected cycling infrastructure planned for the intersection of Albert and Lansdowne Streets, East Melbourne.

FACTS

Based on current travel behaviours in Glen Eira, it is expected that by 2030 there will be an additional 22,432 cars on our local roads.

There were 251 reported crashes that involved pedestrians and vehicles in Glen Eira between 2013 and 2018. Fifty five per cent of crashes occurred at intersections and 52 per cent of crashes occurred on 60km/hour roads.

There were 260 reported crash incidents that involved a cyclist in Glen Eira between 2013 and 2018. Sixty per cent of all reported bicycle incidents happened at an intersection and 62 per cent happened on a 60km/hour road.

THE ASK

Council is seeking investment from the State Government for improved pedestrian crossing points along North Road, Nepean Highway, Dandenong Road and South Road; particularly, at the intersections of Nepean Highway and Glenhuntly Road in Elsternwick and Nepean Highway and North Road in Brighton.

Council has identified that these roads act as major barriers to walking and cycling by providing an unattractive and unsafe environment. For this reason, it is necessary to redesign the current layout of these intersections to provide a pleasant environment for cyclists and pedestrians.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Walking and cycling have several community benefits which include, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, reduced traffic congestion on local roads and increased surveillance (by walkers) which generally translates to improved safety and security.

MORE INFORMATION

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