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Sydney State Bike Plan workshop

Sutherland Shire

Project name: Cronulla-Sutherland Cycleway

Description: In 2006 SharkBike established the Sutherland-Cronulla Shared Path Coalition comprising twenty local community groups. This coalition lobbied the State Government to build a shared cycleway and pedestrian path along the rail corridor from Sutherland to Cronulla. This proposal received strong support from Sutherland Shire Council and virtually unanimous support from the community. Over 3000 signatures were gathered on a petition to the State Government.

Such a route would provide a cycling connection between all major employers, medical, shopping and education facilities in the Shire. It would link with the already constructed Illawong-Menai facilities and also the Parramatta-Kurnell cycleway network.

In response to our lobbying, shortly before the election in March 2007 the Minister for Transport allocated \$50 000 to complete detailed plans for two short sections of the pathway, from Gibbs St to Kareena Rd at Miranda and Yathong Rd South to Gannons Rd, Caringbah.

Importantly, the government has not committed funds to complete a definitive plan for the whole length of the cycleway from Sutherland to Cronulla. Hence it is quite possible that the two proposed sections may not connect with each other or with other future sections, severely compromising their utility.

To date, no action has been taken to commence these studies.

SharkBike calls on the government to work with Sutherland Shire Council and SharkBike to prepare and complete an integrated cycle plan for the whole route from Sutherland to Cronulla, including a timetable for construction and details of funding availability.

A great proportion of such a route could be provided on quieter local streets, supplemented by short stretches of on and off-road dedicated cycle lanes.

Estimated cost: \$? K

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