

Bicycle NSW BikePlan Community Consultation Sydney workshop December 2008

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Bike North BUG Submission
BIKEast BUG ESR Plan Submission
Adrian Bros Submission (BikeEast BUG)
Liverpool BUG Bike Plan Submission
North Shore Bicycle Group submission
ManMos BUG submission
Gary Schmidt CPA, JP. submission
Cronulla-Sutherland Cycleway submission
Woolooware Bay Shared Pathway, Stage 6 from SharkBike
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Northern Beaches Health Service Go-Active Workplace Travel Plan
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Philip Griffiths submission
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Sydney workshop notes

The Bicycle NSW Sydney Basin NSW Bike Plan workshop was held on 3rd December 2008 at the Drummoyne Civic Centre. We would like to thank Canada Bay Council for donating the use of their facilities.

Over sixty people, representing cycling from throughout the Sydney area, including the Blue Mountains, attended the workshop.

The workshop was opened with a formal acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land by Bicycle NSW board member Richard Birdsey and facilitated by Werner Steyer.

Following the introductions, Matt Faber, from the PCAL NSW BikePlan team, presented an overview of cycling history in NSW and the New South Wales BikePlan.

The overwhelming sentiment from attendees was that effective action at the local level, working closely with local councils, would translate into effective change and transformation on a state-by-state basis and national level.

Attendees expressed the belief that by engaging regularly with local councils to implement positive change, through regular consultation, forums, legislation, and lobbying, cyclists could achieve top of mind status, and increase government and community support for effective cycling laws and travel improvements locally and state-wide.



In attendance were:

Ashfield BUG
Bay BUG
Bike North
Bike South West
Bike Sydney
BIKEast
BikeSydney Bug
CAMWEST
Canada Bay Bug
Department Of Climate Change
Greenbridge Energy
Hawkesbury HS
HV BUG
LBUG
MosMan BUG
North Shore BUG
NSW Health
Sutherland Shire BUG - (SharkBike BUG)
Warringah council
Local RTA staff

The workshop discussions included the following:

The major themes/comments that reoccurred highlighted the need to:

Improve and extend current bicycle pathways, paying particular attention to cycle pathways, shoulder zones, and car door zones.

Engage the support of major motorist organisations such as the NRMA and RACV, to educate motorists on cyclist's priorities, shared road access, and legislation.

Work closely with Local Government major transport providers, bus and rail networks and the RTA, to adopt bike friendly cycle ways, and to develop a clear cohesive policy on bicycle access. This would include development planning processes for roads, housing, shopping centres, and school centres.

Be more "bike aware" with regard to access, smooth safe transportation, and end of trip facilities.

Create a cycle pathway network throughout NSW that is safe, easy to access, and well maintained, in order to increase bicycle usage for riding to work, school, and for recreational and health pursuits.

Comments

Actively promote involvement in cycling activities of senior government decision makers as positive role models, "bike heroes" to champion cycling.

Promote the positive health and pollution reduction advantages of increased and regular cycling to the general public. (The Jakarta Declaration)

Engage local councils to frame a policy that actively campaigns to get more people riding bicycles.

NSW Government to promote cycling with a public promotional campaign similar to the successful "heart tick" campaign.

Create an employer awareness campaign to help encourage and fund "fleet bicycle schemes" with incentives for employees to ride to work.



Employers to provide better bicycle facilities at work places.

Implementation of regular bike workshops by local councils.

Tourism NSW to promote cycling holidays tours, awards for bike rides.

Retail bike shops to take on more responsibility as educators of bike safety; be more user friendly.
Increase Internet facilities to promote information on legislation, RTA initiatives, and local rider groups and council bike programs.

Development of a national map cycling route, providing a comprehensive cycle travel experience, including parking and storage facilities, the and time required to travel specific distances, water stops, hazards etc.
Insufficient cycle ways – priority to address this lack of suitable, unbroken, well maintained routes.
Adopt pro-active measures and more aggressive advocacy with local councils, government authorities, and the media to ensure top of mind for cyclists.

Focus on lobbying politicians; adoption of a bi-partisan committee within state government, similar to the parliamentary "stay safe" committee, to promote the rights of cyclists.

Ensure more money is invested in improving and developing bicycle infrastructure. This can achieve a relative quick flow of monetary investment into the real economy, and help reduce green house gas emissions.
Public awareness campaign to enhance the image of cycling and to encourage more takes up of bike riding by the general public.

Ensure continued auditing and checking of Bike NSW plan once implemented, to ensure the maintenance of cycle programs and local council input.

Councils to ensure their "bike friendly plans" are implemented at all levels through to engineers and contractors.

Ensure any new developments approved include a bike user plan and facilities.

Develop town city bike facilities that are free to the public, like a " cycle lend" program similar to those implemented in some major European cities. The scheme allows for residents to pick up a bike at one end of the city, and drop t off free or at a nominal charge at the end of their journey. This would reduce dependence on motor vehicles in major built up urban areas thereby helping to reduce pollution and traffic congestion.

