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Pedal Power welcomes ACT Budget

Pedal Power ACT has welcomed the 2010-11 ACT Budget which contains additional investment to 'get more Canberrans cycling, more often, for a better community.'

Pedal Power spokesman, Tony Shields, has particularly welcomed \$1m for cycle and footpaths as well as funding for lighting cycle paths in Civic and around Lake Ginninderra.

'This funding honours the commitment by the Stanhope Government and The Greens to get more Canberrans cycling. It will help the completion of the two priority cycling projects that Pedal Power sees as important, the Civic Cycle Loop and filling in the missing links in the ride around Lake Burley Griffin at Kingston Foreshore and The Causeway.

Mr Shields said Pedal Power cordon counts have found a 64% increase in the number of people cycling into Civic over the last six years and this funding will keep that momentum growing.

'A government that makes it easier to cycle is a government that is helping people to look after their health and save money on petrol. Also, we all benefit from less car parking demand, cleaner air and less greenhouse gas emissions.

'This funding will further enhance Canberra's reputation as Australia's cycling capital,' said Mr Shields.

Other cycling initiatives include:

- \$1.75 million over 3 years to deliver new or improved public transport infrastructure at identified major stops on high frequency bus corridors. These facilities will include bike racks.
- \$4.25m over 2 years for the design and feasibility of bus lanes or bus priority along Northbourne Avenue, as well as improved cycling and pedestrian facilities. The funding will also include the construction of the cycling and pedestrian solution, following the feasibility study.
- \$700k over 3 years for new bike and ride shelters across the bus network.

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