

PEDAL POWER ADVOCACY INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP: PRIORITY ISSUES 2017

As agreed at the Advocacy meeting on 7 November 2016 and submitted to the Pedal Power ACT Board for feedback/endorsement.

GENERAL COMMENT

The Group will focus on major infrastructure matters. Minor issues of the type raised through Access Canberra will inform our discussions to the extent they raise broad (network-wide) issues.

Pedal Power's Submission on the 2017-18 ACT Budget calling for allocation of \$120m over four years sets out our expenditure priorities. Of particular note is the need to influence the way in which the election promise of an 'additional' \$30m is spent. This money should be allocated to new infrastructure and not to recurring items such as path maintenance and projects already part-funded.

PLANNING ISSUES

- Missing Links including network extensions - identification of major missing links (not pram ramps and short lengths covered under minor works) and lobbying for action (see budget submission for examples).
- Separated cycle infrastructure – lobby for two demonstration projects: one on an arterial road; and one on a busy shared path. Gain wider acceptance within Government of the principles of separation as set out in the Active Travel Framework of 2015. Incorporation of appropriate standards in MIS Part 5.
- Town Centres – connections and cycle loops particular in the neglected town centres of Woden, Tuggeranong, and Belconnen.
- Practitioners Tool and Map – contribute to its further development and ensure it becomes part of the ACT planning/approval process.
- MIS Part 5 Standards – contribute to its further development and application.
- Light rail infrastructure and cycle route issues (Capital Metro and Canberra Metro)
- Contributions to Master Plans and follow up to get them into legal planning documents to make them enforceable.
- Active Streets (cycling boulevards) starting with routes east and west of Northbourne Ave and support for the on-going Active Streets for Schools

PROJECTS

- Major capital works – Responding on plans for major works for which there is separate budget allocations, including reviewing the off-road shared paths that are now mandated as part of major road projects.

- Path maintenance and up keep – government acceptance of the benefits of an adequately funded maintenance program (see budget submission), introduction of an effective asset management system, increasing the budget allocation and review of the works undertaken.

ONGOING MATTERS

- Respond on minor capital works where network-wide issues are raised.
- Annual road resealing program
- TTMs for particular sites where contractors have failed to adhere to the rules.
- Bike racks on buses (existing and new), traffic lights, bollards
- Annual budget submission, attendance at lock up and follow up

COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS

- Communication with members – Canberra Cyclist, News Wheel, web site
- BAG Meetings – use of the BAG to advance our priorities.
- Liaison with Board and advance the role of Advocacy in the Pedal Power strategic planning
- Liaison with Active Travel Office