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## **Wheels in motion: Cyclists big winners as raft of new projects unveiled**

The Malinauskas State Government is spearheading a bonanza for cyclists with a series of new projects announced under the latest round of the State Bicycle Fund, combined with a raft of new initiatives under the national Road Safety Program.

The \$2 million State Bicycle Fund enables local councils to build more bike paths as well as improving existing ones, helping promote healthy, active lifestyles and more cycling options.

A total of 21 projects across 14 councils will receive funding to design or construct projects that will install new shared-use paths, widen existing paths and construct crossings along with other road safety improvements.

More than \$1.9 million was allocated across 17 projects that are ready for construction, while \$75,000 was allocated across four projects for councils to develop plans to get new projects 'shovel-ready' and eligible for future rounds of funding.

Projects include installing bicycle lanes on King William Road between Simpson Parade and the Mike Turtur Bikeway, as well as safety and connectivity upgrades along the Outer Harbor Greenway in Port Adelaide.

Adelaide City Council, City of Unley, City of Port Adelaide Enfield and City of Playford were big winners, each awarded funding towards multiple cycling infrastructure projects.

Five regional councils received funding for projects, including to design a path in Port Augusta from the Joy Baluch AM Bridge to Addison Road, and construction of an 800-metre shared-use path in Port Pirie.

Meanwhile, bicycle and pedestrian safety continues to be improved through the Australian and South Australian Governments' \$168 million commitment under the national Road Safety Program with new Bicycle and Pedestrian Actuated Crossings

(BPAC and PAC), wombat crossings, crosswalks and pedestrian refuges set to be installed at the following locations:

- **Springbank Road, Colonel Light Gardens:** PAC between Daniels Road and Eliza Place.
- **James Congdon Drive, Mile End:** PAC near Hughes Street.
- **Lower North East Road, Campbelltown:** PAC near the ARC Campbelltown.
- **St Vincent Street, Port Adelaide:** Raised safety platform to be installed at existing PAC.
- **Main South Road / Chandlers Hill Road, Happy Valley:** Crosswalks to be installed at the intersection.
- **Lincoln Highway / McBryde Terrace, Whyalla:** Crosswalks to be installed at the intersection.
- **Grand Junction Road / Fosters Road, Oakden:** Upgrades to the existing crosswalks.
- **Main Street, Crafers:** Wombat crossing near Station Road.
- **Nelson Road, Para Vista:** PAC near Prescott Primary School.

As part of the Program, eight projects will be delivered by three councils through a grant at the following locations:

- **Glen Osmond Road, Adelaide:** BPAC for the Adelaide Park Lands Trail (\$1.3 million grant to City of Adelaide).
- **Melbourne Street, North Adelaide:** Two wombat crossings (\$0.6 million grant contribution to the City of Adelaide).
- **Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Adelaide:** BPAC for the Park Lands Trail (\$1.2 million grant to the City of Adelaide).
- **Peacock Road, Adelaide:** Separated bike lanes for the Mike Turtur Bikeway (\$0.5 million grant to the City of Adelaide).
- **Goolwa Road, Middleton:** Pedestrian refuge near Thomas Street (\$0.2 million grant to the Alexandrina Council).
- **Hays Street, Goolwa:** Pedestrian crossing near Porter Street (\$0.2 million grant to the Alexandrina Council).
- **King William Road, Unley:** Shared-use path extension to Greenhill Road for the Mike Turtur Bikeway (\$3.6 million grant to the City of Unley).
- **Railway Terrace South, Goodwood:** Walking and cycling Improvements for the Mike Turtur Bikeway (\$0.4 million grant to the City of Unley).

The \$168 million invested under the national Road Safety Program is jointly funded by the South Australian and Australian governments (50:50) with \$37 million allocated towards cycling and pedestrian upgrades.

Cycling and pedestrian projects under the Road Safety Program will support approximately 70 full-time-equivalent jobs during the construction period with all works expected to be completed in 2025.

### **Quotes attributable to Tom Koutsantonis**

*The State Bicycle Fund is about making cycling a safer and more appealing choice for South Australians.*

*Our roads are also getting busier, and it can become more difficult to safely cross the road. By installing new crossings on our busiest roads, we reduce the risk of an incident where someone is seriously injured or loses their life.*

*Through improving and expanding our network of bike paths, we're investing in healthier, more connected, and environmentally friendly communities.*

### **Quotes attributable Adelaide City Council Lord Mayor Dr Jane Lomax Smith**

*Cycling is becoming increasingly important as the City of Adelaide strives to become a climate resilient city.*

*Encouraging more cyclists to commute to work or visit the city helps activate alternative transportation to cars and other carbon producing vehicles.*

*These grants will further improve safer cycling access into and from the city, especially through the Park Lands and North Adelaide.*

### **Quotes attributable to City of Unley Mayor Michael Hewitson**

*I am incredibly pleased that our city will be the recipient of this vital funding support to extend and complete sections of the increasingly popular Mike Turtur Bikeway.*

*These projects will deliver streetscape improvements, safer intersections, and enhance access for people walking and riding along the bikeway to local destinations, including Goodwood's main shopping precinct, primary school, Forestville Reserve, King William Road and the Adelaide Park Lands and CBD.*

*This injection of funding is a significant contribution, helping to ensure our city is safe and connected, and increasing the number of active transport journeys along our walking and cycling networks.*

### **Quotes attributable to Alexandrina Council Mayor Keith Parkes**

*Alexandrina Council has been advocating for some time for safer pedestrian access on these busy sections of state government road through Goolwa and Middleton, so we really appreciate the government's support on this important community safety matter, and we're pleased to contribute through some design work and project management.*

*These roads are designated transport routes. At Hays Street we have a high traffic area with large numbers of pedestrians moving to and from the historic Goolwa Wharf Precinct with the markets, SteamRanger, the PS Oscar W and other tourism attractions, so a refuge will make crossing this very busy road much safer.*

*Middleton's main street is always busy - jam-packed during summer - so a third pedestrian refuge centrally located between the two crossings at either end of the CBD will be welcome by locals and visitors.*

### **Quotes attributable to Member for Elder Nadia Clancy**

*The crossing at Springbank Road is a huge win for our community and I'm really excited for work to begin soon.*

*This project came about after members of the community called for something to be done to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, while also creating some gaps in traffic to assist those in vehicles. This solution was developed following extensive community consultation, and I'm grateful to everyone who took time to share their views both with me and the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.*

### **2024-25 State Bicycle Fund Recipients**

<b>#</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>SBF contribution</b>
1	City of Adelaide	Undertake detailed design for a 115-metre section of the River Torrens Linear Trail to widen the path to 3.5 metres and upgrade the lighting and fencing.	\$40,000	\$20,000
2	City of Adelaide	Undertake detailed design for a shared-use path along Hutt Road to extend the recently constructed path from the Park Lands Trail to Greenhill Road.	\$80,000	\$20,000
3	City of Adelaide	Upgrade 75 metres of the River Torrens Linear Trail, (adjacent the Port Road / Park Terrace intersection) to widen to 4.5 metres, add lighting and upgrade fencing.	\$285,000	\$100,000
4	City of Unley	Install bicycle lanes with line-marked buffer on King William Road between Simpson Parade and Mike Turtur Bikeway (part of the Wood-Weller Bikeway).	\$40,000	\$20,000
5	City of Unley	Construct path, ramps and traffic safety improvements at Thomas Street / Mornington Road intersection to provide safer access for cyclists.	\$50,000	\$25,000
6	City of Prospect	Construct 430 metres of shared-use path alongside the rail corridor in Islington (part of the Gawler Greenway), including lighting.	\$440,725	\$200,000
7	City of Port Adelaide Enfield	Outer Harbor Greenway – install small scale path, ramp, refuge and lighting improvements to	\$138,000	\$69,000

		improve safety and connectivity in Port Adelaide.		
8	City of Port Adelaide Enfield	Install a wombat crossing at Gray Terrace to connect the existing shared-use path and install bike lanes with line-marked buffers on Bedford Street.	\$132,000	\$66,000
9	City of Port Adelaide Enfield	Install two shared path refuges and short sections of connecting paths to provide access across Lady Gowrie Drive to paths in residential areas (North Haven and Taperoo).	\$110,000	\$55,000
10	Town of Gawler	Construct 700 metres of shared-use path along Clark Road and Coventry Road, Evanston Gardens to connect to Tambelin Railway Station.	\$505,515	\$200,000
11	City of West Torrens	Westside Bikeway - install two wombat crossings where the existing shared-use path crosses Oval Terrace, McArthur Avenue, Lydia Street and Osborn Terrace in Plympton.	\$160,000	\$80,000
12	City of Playford	Construct 600 metres of shared-use path along Adams Road, Craigmore to connect residential area with local schools.	\$483,000	\$200,000
13	City of Playford	Construct 350 metres of shared-use path along Midway Road, Elizabeth Downs to connect to the sports facilities.	\$200,000	\$100,000
14	City of Playford	Construct 600 metres of shared-use path along Blair Park Drive, to connect to the residential area to the existing shared path along the creek.	\$536,000	\$200,000
15	City of Salisbury	Construct 130 metres of shared-use path along Wright Road between Walkley Road and Bridge Road.	\$200,000	\$90,000
16	Mount Barker District Council	Construct 400 metres of shared-use path alongside the rail line to connect to Byethorne Park to the main street (Old Princes Highway), Nairne.	\$175,000	\$87,500
17	Port Augusta City Council	Undertake survey and design for 500 metre shared-use path from the Joy Baluch AM Bridge to Addison Road.	\$30,000	\$15,000
18	City of Victor Harbor	Undertake detailed design for 800 metre section of shared-use path on the Encounter Bikeway, Chiton, between the Chiton Surf Life Saving Club and the Investigator car park.	\$55,000	\$20,000
19	Adelaide Plains Council	Construct connecting paths and street lighting adjacent Mallala Road, Two Wells.	\$65,000	\$32,500
20	Port Pirie Regional Council	Construct 800 metres of shared-use path on Three Chain Road from Afford Road to Wandearah Road.	\$400,000	\$200,000
21	Copper Coast Council	Construct 1090 metres of shared-use path along Coast Road, Moonta Bay / Port Hughes between Rossiters Road and Harrys Point Road.	\$527,689	\$200,000