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MEDIA STATEMENT

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BIKESydney calls on the State Government to deliver Central Sydney Access Strategy

In deferring the delivery of the **Central Sydney Access Strategy** (the integrated transport plan for the CBD), the State Government has again blocked the delivery of critical cycling infrastructure in the CBD. Potentially terminally.

The State Government promised to deliver the blueprint for the CBD bicycle network in May of this year. At yesterday's Central Sydney Transport and Traffic Committee meeting, the State Government again failed to deliver the Plan and evaded committing to a fixed deadline for its delivery.

We know that the City of Sydney is ready to construct these routes and that their plans have been approved by the Roads Authority and other agencies.

The State government is *still* yet to provide cyclists with a safe East-West and North-South crossings of the city.

Other projects like the City West Cycle Link and the southern approach path to the Harbour Bridge are also being ignored while the State Government builds around them, simply because we don't yet have an integrated transport plan.

The CBD cycleway network will need to be completed in time to provide a viable alternative to the traffic congestion that will hit once construction of the George St light rail commences. In fact, we believe the Roads Minister is intentionally pushing the approval of the CBD bike network hard up against this deadline.

The State government will fail to deliver on its NSW 2021 goal of doubling the number of bike trips by 2016 if it doesn't connect the CBD cycleway network in the next 18 months.

In the meantime, the Committee appears to have busied itself with micro-managing individual parking spots in the CBD.

The State government is spot on about the need to coordinate transport in central Sydney, but it's now two years since it was elected and still nothing has been done. It's now time to deliver on the "can do" rhetoric.

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Business and Minutes of 1st CSTTC meeting:

www.transport.nsw.gov.au/csttc

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TARGETS	PRIORITY ACTIONS
<p>INCREASE THE SHARE OF COMMUTER TRIPS MADE BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">To and from Sydney CBD during peak hours to 80% by 2016To and from Parramatta CBD during peak hours to 50% by 2016To and from Newcastle CBD during peak hours to 20% by 2016To and from Wollongong CBD during peak hours to 15% by 2016To and from Liverpool CBD during peak hours to 20% by 2016To and from Penrith CBD during peak hours to 25% by 2016	<p>Transport for NSW will deliver a comprehensive transport plan for Sydney. Public transport networks will be expanded to keep pace with population growth in our metropolitan centres. Increasing transport provision and patronage will help communities to access jobs and services closer to home. We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Service fast growing regions of Sydney by building the South West and North West Rail LinksExpand light rail in Sydney and integrate into the broader transport networkImprove and coordinate existing and future transport services, by defining the projects needed for growth, improving the way people travel and how businesses move goods to metropolitan and regional communities. Areas targeted include Sydney City, Parramatta and Western Sydney, Green Square, Macquarie Park, Mid North Coast, Far North Coast, Illawarra and the Lower HunterDeliver high standards of customer service across all modes of public transport. This includes providing real-time information services to attract more passengers to the public transport system.
<p>INCREASE THE PROPORTION OF TOTAL JOURNEYS TO WORK BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN THE SYDNEY METROPOLITAN REGION TO 28% BY 2016</p>	<p>This target aims to increase the number of trips by public transport for all trips, in particular trips to work. Actions to deliver on the target include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide better public transport connections between and within population and economic centres through the development of strategic bus corridors, the potential expansion of Sydney's light rail network, and the upgrade of supporting infrastructure in key centresIncrease the frequency and efficiency of public transport services through improvements to timetabling and better service coordinationIntroduce an electronic ticketing system.
<p>INCREASE WALKING AND CYCLING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">More than double the mode share of bicycle trips made in the Greater Sydney region, at a local and district level, by 2016Increase the mode share of walking trips made in the Greater Sydney region, at a local and district level, to 25% by 2016	<p>To increase walking and cycling to help ease transport congestion and build a healthier, more active community we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Complete the construction of the Metro Sydney Bike Network and work with local councils to complete local cycle networks as part of an integrated transport networkDevelop and implement a NSW Walking Strategy to encourage and promote walking for travel and recreation, and to enhance walking environments in NSW.

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