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BIKESydney's Response to the RMS Proposal for Pedestrian Crossings adjacent to Green Square Station, Alexandria (Bourke Rd, Wyndham St, O'Riordan St)

This is BIKESydney's submission to the RMS' proposal to install five new pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Bourke Road, Wyndham Street and O'Riordan Street adjacent to the entrance to Green Square Station in Alexandria.

Introduction

BIKESydney is an incorporated not-for-profit community organisation.

We want to live in a city:

- Where riding a bicycle is part of everyday life
- That is vibrant, healthy, productive, creative and robust
- That values community, mobility, health, wellbeing social equity and sustainability
- Where people of all ages can make easy choices to ride a bicycle, walk and take public transport.

We advocate on behalf of our members and people who ride bicycles who live and work in central Sydney.

Documentation Reference

Our submission is based on the RMS's newsletter posted online and to local residents in February 2014 as presented at:

http://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/ehq-production-australia/a79e5228ce8987c4567505f568c34e676e663bc8/documents/attachments/000/004/979/original/LETTER_Green_Square__Alexandria__Pedestrian_crossings.pdf?1393480666

A copy of this newsletter is attached to this submission.

BIKESydney's Response to the Proposal

We're aware that this proposal is the product of many years of negotiation with many stakeholders but we are concerned that the design has overlooked the need for provisioning for cycling on a route that is recognised to be of regional significance by both Local and State Governments (refer: pages 16 and 18 of Transport for NSW's (TfNSW) **Sydney Cycling Future** (Dec 2013)).

There appears no mention of upgrading provision for cycling. The traffic design of this intersection does and will heavily influence the uptake of cycling along this highly important corridor.

We request that the design of the proposal be amended to:

- Include bicycle lanterns at crossings, and
- Given the crossing wait times, remove the need for pedestrians and cyclists to cross multiple times where single-crossing opportunities exist.

We justify these requests include on the basis that:

- These crossings sit on the City of Sydney's flagship cycling route, the Bourke St/Rd Cycleway;
- This cycling corridor is recognised explicitly by the RMS and TfNSW as a Regional Cycling Route;
- The route forms part of the **Inner Sydney Regional Cycling Network**;
- This corridor is identified explicitly in TfNSW's **NSW Long Term Transport Masterplan** [page 82] as a "strategic transport corridor with high [traffic] constraints".

We request that these changes be introduced immediately given that approval of the final section of the Bourke St/Rd cycleway (which addresses the considered intersections) will be considered for approval at the next meeting of the Council of the City of Sydney later this month. Every indication is that the concept will be approved and that the final section of the cycleway will be implemented imminently. The imminent activation of this final section of the Bourke St/Rd cycleway will introduce a significant increase in cycling traffic at these intersections.

We note that the RMS proposal is presented as an "interim" solution, but there appears no reason to not provide safe and lawful crossing of these intersections now to save the Government wasted time and money later.

The proper provisioning of cycling at these intersections will directly influence patronage of TfNSW's future CBD Cycleway Network (as enunciated in its **Sydney City Centre Access Strategy**) as this intersection sits on the southern cycling gateway to the CBD area.

We're excited by the prospect of the State Government's plans for cycling in the near future. We see **Sydney's Cycling Future** as a strong, progressive vision and are keen to ensure that it's executed.

Please feel free to contact us should you require any clarification or wish to discuss other matters.

Yours sincerely

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To the householder/ business operator



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Feedback invited on proposed pedestrian crossings in Alexandria

Roads and Maritime Services is proposing to install five new pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Bourke Road, Wyndham Street and O'Riordan Street, Alexandria, near Green Square train station.

Roads and Maritime Services is proposing to install new pedestrian facilities at the intersection of Bourke Street, Wyndham Street and O'Riordan Street, Alexandria. The proposal is in response to community concerns about pedestrian safety and access, especially for people getting to and from Green Square train station. The NSW Government will fund this \$1 million proposal.

Before Roads and Maritime makes a decision on this proposal, we'd like to hear your comments, concerns or support. Your feedback will be considered in our final assessment.

Please send your written comments by **Friday 7 March** to:

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The proposed design includes four pedestrian crossings at traffic lights and one 'zebra' crossing without traffic lights. We have included a diagram of the existing and planned crossings to help better explain the proposal.

Transport for NSW, UrbanGrowth NSW and the City of Sydney Council are putting together longer term plans for the development of this area. Improved access to Green Square train station is being considered as part of these plans. The proposed pedestrian crossings are an interim solution until the longer term plans are implemented.

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