

Inner Melbourne Action Plan

Briefing Paper

Action 2.5 Bicycle Network

Purpose

1. To respond to the Committee's request to clarify the gaps remaining in the Bicycle Network and to advise how Capital Works priorities are established.

Background

2. At the IMAP Implementation Committee meeting on 19 February 2010 the Committee resolved:

That the IMAP Implementation Committee resolves to:

- a. **note** the update on Action 2.5
 - b. **request** that the working party bring back a map showing the gaps in the bicycle network and the current priorities for addressing these.
3. This paper is in response to *part b.* and provides the background on how the capital works priorities for the bicycle network have been established.

Discussion

4. IMAP Action 2.3 Bike Network Legibility set up the initial programme of works through its recommendations on the bicycle network through the work commissioned from Bicycle Victoria. As few of the current IMAP Implementation Committee were members at that time, the final report of the Action 2.3 Working Group [reported to IMAP on 28 February 2008] is attached for background information.
5. IMAP Action 2.5 Bicycle Network is now implementing this programme through individual Council's annual capital works programmes. The update on progress with these works was provided at the last meeting.
6. The Action 2.5 Working party members will be present at the IMAP Implementation Committee meeting on 28 May to provide a further update and to respond to questions on the priorities set in this paper.
7. See also the attached news article from Sydney regarding economic benefits associated with inner-city bike networks – for information.

Recommendation

8. For Noting.

Attachments: 11a Action 2.3 Bicycle Network Legibility – Final report, 28 February 2008
 11b Bicycle Victoria's Review of the Priority Bike Route Network for IMAP
 11c News Article: "Benefits of bike network far outweigh cost, says study"
 Sydney Morning Herald May 14th, 2010