Attachment A

Whitehorse Cycling Strategy 2016

Action		Activities completed during 2016/17
1	Construct a shared use path along the Melbourne Water Pipe Track from East Burwood to Mitcham.	Construction of the section from Highbury Road East Burwood to Ballantyne Street Forest Hill is complete - official opening held on 29/3/17. A grant from Sport and Recreation Victoria has been received for 25% of construction costs for sections of the pipe track from Mahoneys Road Forest Hill to Rooks Road Mitcham. Council continues to advocate to Active Transport Victoria and VicRoads for improvements to the intersection of Springvale Road and Canterbury Road and for traffic signals across Highbury Road - discussions, emails and information documents sent to both authorities. Meetings have been held on site with VicRoads. Planning and scoping meetings have been held with VicRoads, Active Transport Victoria and Transport Accident Commission.
2	Identify, map and prioritise 'Low Stress Easy Rides' throughout the municipality.	Planning for these routes has commenced.
3	Consider funding and commence a program of improvements for the 'Low Stress Easy Rides' on the local road network (eg linemarking and wayfinding signage).	Awaiting outcome of action 2.
4	Identify key arterial road crossing points and other physical barriers to creating 'Low Stress Easy Rides'.	Awaiting outcome of action 2.
5	Advocate to the State Government for improvements to the identified key arterial road crossing points and other physical barriers.	Awaiting outcome of action 2. Strong advocacy to VicRoads, Active Transport Victoria and Transport Accident commission for improvements to arterial road crossings of the pipe track path (see details in action 1)
6	Implement high priority actions from Council's review of cyclist safety at existing traffic management devices.	5 existing traffic treatments along Hanover Road Vermont South and 6 treatments along Dorking Road Box Hill have been modified to improve cyclist safety. Funding from the TAC has been received to assist with the construction costs.
7	Expand the Skate/ BMX facility in Box Hill South.	Construction has commenced.
8	Continue to advocate for the appropriate design and construction of the Box Hill to Ringwood shared use path.	Council continues to advocate to the State Government for appropriate design of the section of the path through Laburnum. Final plans have not been released by the State Government for this section. All other sections of the path are either open to the public or under construction.
9	Identify opportunities to improve connections to off road shared paths, particularly north-south connections to the Box Hill to Ringwood shared use path. Consider funding for the projects.	Connections are being considered as part of the 'Low Stress Easy Rides' (Action 2). New cross over constructed in Sheraton Close Burwood East to improve access to the East Burwood Reserve.
10	Advocate for the timely construction of a shared path on the former Healesville Freeway Reservation.	There has been Councillor participation in the State Government working group regarding the broad planning of the linear park along the former Healesville Freeway Reservation. Council officers have been informed that Parks Victoria master planning, which would include planning of the shared path through the linear park, will commence when the land transfer process is complete. Advocacy activities are being planned by Council through the Eastern Transport Coalition for this project.

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11	Work with land developers to ensure cycling infrastructure and services are appropriate in new major developments.	Ongoing liaison with developers through the planning permit application phase to ensure compliance with the Whitehorse Planning Scheme.
12	Ensure Council's major development projects include appropriate cycling end of trip infrastructure and services, eg Nunawading Community Hub.	Planning has commenced for the development of the Nunawading Community Hub and community comments regarding cycling that have been received to date have been discussed with the appropriate officers and consultants. Thorough community engagement activities are being held as part of the planning for this project. Discussions have been held regarding the redevelopment of the pavilion at Bennettswood Reserve.
13	Document the location of current end of trip bicycle facilities on Council properties. Identify gaps and consider funding for the installation.	Bike hoops have been installed at the following locations during 2016/17: Outside the cafes at 900 Whitehorse Road Box Hill Rear of Box Hill Town Hall at 1022 Whitehorse Road Box Hill Outside BrandSmart at 388 Springvale Road Nunawading Outside shops at 396 Springvale Road Nunawading Outside Cycle Science at 478 Whitehorse Road Mitcham Outside Rays Outdoors at 287 Whitehorse Road Nunawading Outside Officeworks at 274 Whitehorse Road Nunawading Outside Bicycle Superstore at 315 Whitehorse Road Nunawading
14	Consider options for improving accessibility, safety and convenience for cyclists utilising service lanes parallel to arterial roads. Advocate to VicRoads, where required, for improvements to service lane connections.	Action scheduled to be undertaken during years 8-10 of this Strategy.
15	Design, construct, inspect and maintain on and off road cycling infrastructure in accordance with the Road Management Plan.	These tasks are conducted on an ongoing daily basis in accordance with the Road Management Plan. A review of the Road Management Plan has commenced.
16	Ensure that new road and path infrastructure considers the needs of all users including cyclists, pedestrians and vehicle occupants. Consider lighting, visibility, rest facilities, signage, separation of road users if appropriate, accessibility for users of all abilities and convenience.	New path infrastructure has been designed to consider points raised in Action 16. A Road Safety Audit of the completed section of the pipe track path has been completed to ensure it meets the required standards. Audits of the designs of the remaining sections of the paths are underway. Road Safety Audits have been undertaken for the cyclist safety improvement made at a number of existing traffic management devices (see action 6).
17	Work with the State Government and neighbouring municipalities to ensure relevant network improvements provide connectivity, accessibility and safety throughout the eastern region. Prioritise relevant actions from the Melbourne East Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy.	Ongoing liaison with neighbouring municipalities and the State Government regarding: Pipe track shared use path; Box Hill to Ringwood shared use path; Burwood Highway between Morack Road Vermont and Eastlink Box Hill to Ashburton Strategic Cycling Corridor Shared use path along the former Healesville Freeway reservation
18	Work with the State Government to review and update strategic documents relevant to Whitehorse, eg: Principle Bicycle Network; Strategic Cycling Corridors; Metropolitan Trail Network	Ongoing liaison with VicRoads to further plan the Strategic Cycling Corridors

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19	Advocate for improved access and increased cycle parking at key sites within Whitehorse., eg: Train Stations (particularly Blackburn and Heatherdale); Appropriate tram stops; Shopping centres; Burwood Highway between Morack Road Vermont and Eastlink	Parkiteers (bike parking cages) have been constructed at Blackburn and Heatherdale train stations as part of the level crossing removal projects; Ongoing strong advocacy to the State Government for improvements to the Box Hill Transport Interchange; Bicycle parking provided as part of Mitcham Shopping Centre upgrades; New bicycle hoops installed at 8 new locations during 2016/17 (see action 13); Continued advocacy along with Knox Council for cycling facilities to be constructed by VicRoads along Burwood Highway between Morack Road Vermont and Eastlink.
20	Review Council's Domestic Animal Management Plan to understand the effectiveness of dog off leash controls in the vicinity of shared paths.	The review of the Domestic Animal Management Plan has commenced and is currently in the community engagement phase.
21	Review on-road cycle lanes where vehicle parking is permitted. Assess if improvements can be made that accommodate the needs of cyclists and drivers.	Action not commenced.
22	Investigate options to identify sections of the shared path network where reduced speed limits would improve pedestrian and cyclist safety and implement appropriate advisory signage	Action scheduled to be undertaken during years 4-7 of this Strategy.
23	Investigate safety improvements that can be made to the local road network that currently have a Level of Traffic Stress rating of 3 or more	Action scheduled to be undertaken during years 4-10 of this Strategy.
24	Develop an 'Easy Ride Signage and Wayfinding Strategy' to identify consistent, legible, and practical signage and linemarking to be implemented across the network.	Awaiting outcome of Action 2.
25	Continue to review Green Travel Plans submitted to Council to ensure they align with the City of Whitehorse Cycling Strategy 2016.	Green Travel Plans continue to be assessed when submitted to Council as part of the planning permit process.
26	Advocate to the State Government for appropriate cycling conditions as they plan and deliver major transport and recreation projects.	Ongoing advocacy to the State Government regarding the Box Hill to Ringwood shared use path, the planned path along the former Healesville Freeway Reservation and arterial road crossing points along the pipe track path.
27	Continue to implement cycling education programs for school aged children that encourage safe cycling as a healthy and sustainable mode of transport and recreation. eg Bike Ed, Bike It, Transit, Bike Skills School Holiday Program, Ride to School Day.	'Bike It' hosted on 16/11/16 with 180 students and 65 volunteers/ staff; 'Transit' sessions held in 12 schools with 688 grade 6 participants; 'Ride to School Day' promoted for 17/3/17 School holiday bike skills program hosted on 6-7/4/17 Funding provided for teachers to undertake Bike Ed accreditation training
28	Continue to implement education programs for adults to encourage bike riding for transport and recreation. Particularly encourage females and community members who are 'interested but concerned', eg CycleWise	Five CycleWise courses held on 10/9/16, 17/9/16 (x2), 18/3/17 and 8/4/17 Mums on Bikes course held on 31/8/16 Hosted the Women's Ride with Deakin University 25/3/17 Bicycle maintenance course held on 3/6/17 Promotion and distribution of 'We care for Cyclists' bumper stickers to encourage better sharing of the roads.

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29	Develop and implement a publicity campaign to raise awareness that parklands and reserves are for the enjoyment and use of a variety of users, and therefore need to be respectfully shared by cyclists and pedestrians.	Display in Whitehorse Civic Centre foyer from 7/3-4/4/17 regarding sharing roads and paths Whitehorse News and Whitehorse Leader advertising in March 2017 VMS's placed in parks on 9 occassions to promote respectful sharing of paths Promotion at events - Women's Ride, Ride to School Day, CycleWise, Pipe track path opening, school holiday bike skills course, Wiser Driver courses, and Wiser Walker Wiser Traveller courses. Shared path logo developed to be used on campaign materials. Participating in the VicRoads 'promo bike' program with branded bikes placed on shared paths displaying etiquette messages. 'On-hold' phone messages arranged during March 2017. Continued patrols of parks and reserves by rangers to promote keeping dogs on leads on shared paths. Pop up displays in parks regarding responsible animal ownership including keeping dogs on leads when on shared paths.
30	Develop and implement a publicity campaign that promotes the respectful sharing of roads by drivers and cyclists. Continue to use resources from campaigns such as the Amy Gillett Foundation's 'It's A Two Way Street' and 'A Metre Matters'.	Promotion and advertising of the 'We Care For Cyclists' bumper sticker campaign in September 2016 and March 2017. It's a Two Way street campaign promoted at the Women's Ride 25/3/17 Promotion of sharrows and sharing the road in the June 2017 edition of the Whitehorse News. Media release sent to Whitehorse Leader regarding sharrows. Display in Whitehorse Civic Centre foyer from 7/3-4/4/17 regarding sharing roads and paths. Promotion at events - Women's Ride, Ride to School Day, CycleWise, Pipe track path opening, school holiday bike skills course, Wiser Driver courses, and Wiser Walker Wiser Traveller courses. 'On-hold' phone messages arranged during March 2017.
31	Host community cycling and promotional events that encourage new riders and congratulate existing riders eg Ride to Work Day, Ride to School Day, Whitehorse Spring Festival, Community Bike Rides	Ride to Work day events held in Box Hill and Nunawading on 12/10/16 Women's Ride hosted with Deakin University 25/3/17 Hosted 5 CycleWise courses Ride to School Day promoted 17/3/17
32	Provide information and maps in a variety of accessible formats that promote cycling routes and programs and allow cyclists to select routes that are suitable for their skill level. Consider regional publications rather than municipal. Work with community groups and retail outlets to distribute the information.	TravelSmart maps distributed at relevant community events such as CycleWise, Transit and Wiser Driver. Map is available on Council's website and through Council's customer service centres. Information distributed at events, including 'It's a Two Way Street' brochure and the 'Sharing Roads and Paths' brochure
33	Support, where feasible and appropriate, cycling campaigns and events conducted by external stakeholders and community groups.	Co-hosted Deakin University's 'Women's Ride' on 25/3/17 Publicised 'Box Hill Ride a Bike' group in the June 2017 edition of the Whitehorse News. Participating in the VicRoads 'promo bike' program with branded bikes placed on shared paths displaying etiquette messages.
34	Promote respectful driver behaviour through enforcement of parking regulations in locations where illegal parking causes safety issues for cyclists. Liaise with Victoria Police regarding other Road Rules that are outside the enforcement authority of Council.	Ongoing education and enforcement of parking regulations throughout the municipality. Advertising campaign commenced regarding respectful sharing of roads by all road users. Ongoing liaison with Victoria Police regarding enforcement and road safety issues.

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35	Develop an 'Easy Ride' brand. Run a promotional campaign for each new Easy Ride route following implementation, including households along the routes, visitors to major destinations along the routes and the general community.	Awaiting outcomes of Action 2.
36	Participate in relevant regional and state committees to increase knowledge and advocate for improved services and infrastructure within Whitehorse.	Regular attendance at Eastern Transport Coalition; Metropolitan Transport Forum; RoadSafe Eastern Metro; Sport and Recreation Victoria forums; Level crossing removal project committees; Melbourne East Regional Sport and Recreation committee; Whitehorse Council/ Victoria Police road safety committee.
37	Review and update internal policies (eg Green Travel Plan) and procedures to raise Council officers awareness of cycling issues and enable a culture of promoting safe, healthy and sustainable transport and recreation.	A review of Council's Green Travel Plan has commenced. Training courses, workshops and conferences attended, such as Bike Futures 10/2/17, MAV Road Safety workshop 14/3/17, MAV/TAC cyclist safety workshop 15/3/17 Induction training is held for all new Council staff regarding transport issues, including cycling to and from work, end of trip facilities and cycling events for staff.
38	Encourage cycling amongst Whitehorse Council staff through the development of tailored programs and promotions.	Staff are encouraged to participate in Ride to Work Day, Women's Ride and CycleWise events; Ongoing encouragement through new staff induction processes; Review of Council's Green Travel Plan has commenced.
39	Regularly review cycling data, eg ABS Census data, VISTA, bicycle and traffic counts, school travel data, crash statistics	Crash statistics reviewed regularly. Cycle to school data captured as part of the VicHealth's 'Walk to School' program. Participated in Bicycle Network's Super Tuesday and Super Sunday program.
40	Monitor trends in use of various types of bikes, including electric bikes, tandems, recumbents and hand bikes. Plan for infrastructure, education and advocacy actions as required.	Action not commenced.
41	Annually evaluate key programs and projects and report to Council the progress of implementing this Strategy.	Evaluation reports prepared for programs such as Bike It, Walk to School Day and Ride to Work Day: Road Safety Audits conducted for construction projects such as pipe track, Thurston Avenue Box Hill and improvements to traffic management devices.
42	Conduct a review of this Strategy at the midpoint and end of its term.	Action scheduled to commence after year 5.
43	Form a group of community cyclists and non-cyclists to assist with the strategic implementation of the Whitehorse Cycling Strategy 2016.	Planning has commenced for appropriate community engagement activities that can assist Council with the strategic implementation of the Cycling Strategy.