

## **By Email**

### **TO THE LORD MAYOR AND CITY OF ADELAIDE COUNCILLORS**

The South East City Residents Association (SECRA) is writing to you to urge you to agree that an East-West bikeway (to which Council has already committed) be constructed in Flinders Street-Franklin Street, this being the best option, as explained by Council staff member Ms Anna McDonald at a recent Council workshop (February 25<sup>th</sup> 2020).

Now is the time to move forward with the public consultation on the Flinders Street-Franklin Street option given that the Frome Road North-South Bikeway is nearing completion and the allocated State Government funding is available to 2021. Anything else shows a lack of leadership and a blocking of an initiative beneficial to Adelaide.

We note that two motions relating to the East-West bikeway will be put to the Council on Tuesday 10 March 2020.

By Councillor Donovan:

*'That Council:*

- 1. Approves Administration to undertake research of business and customer activity on the East-West Bikeway routes to include current perceptions of the streets and feedback focused around their specific needs.*
- 2. Notes that the outcome of this research will be brought back to Council prior to Administration undertaking further work on the East-West Bikeway.*
- 3. Prioritises this work to ensure it is achieved within a timeframe that allows the data gained to be used to deliver an East-West bikeway within the timeline stipulated in the bikeways Funding Deed with DPTI.'*

**SECRA supports this motion** even though we believe that Flinders Street-Franklin Street is the best option on the evidence supplied by Ms McDonald.

By Councillor Moran:

*If Council fails to identify a suitable location for the east west bikeway, the Council requests that the State Government's promised bequest of \$2.75million be reallocated to city safety, including but not limited to, lighting, security cameras, green overlay treatments on road bike lanes etc.*

**SECRA does not support** the idea that a suitable location for the East-West bikeway cannot be identified. One has, and that is the Flinders Street- Franklin Street option.

Our members want an East-West bikeway that will keep cyclists and e-scooters safe, and which will also keep pedestrians safe by taking these vehicles off the footpath.

We were encouraged to learn from Ms McDonald that loss of parking bays in city streets is not a problem (for any bikeway option) given Adelaide's many car parks, and that street parking bays are only at 80% occupancy even at peak parking periods.

We welcome your responses to our email.

Yours sincerely

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