



Unley Bicycle User Group

City of Unley, South Australia

Young St Neighbourhood Bicycle Route (Stages 2+3) - Community Consultation

Please accept this submission from the committee and members of the Unley BUG. This submission is prepared by the Unley BUG Committee on behalf of our 510+ current members to ensure the interests of people who cycle, walk and use mobility aids in, to and through our City are met in the above stated project.

Unley BUG would like to express our **strong support** for the proposed project overall. We feel the treatments being proposed for the two stages are appropriate for the condition and level of traffic of each section of street. In particular, we like:

- Both stages seeking to improve visibility and legibility of Young St as a 'cycling route' by the implementation of unique pavement treatment (the red pattern).
- Stage 3 incorporating the very successful design first implemented in the Wood-Weller Bikeway for traffic calming that also minimises car-cyclist conflicts at the speed humps.
- Thoughtful consideration of safe movements through the Glen Osmond Rd intersection, taking advantage of the recent works undertaken by DIT.
- The fact that these changes cement Young St as a viable, safe and convenient east-west cycling route in northern Unley, eventually connecting almost all of Unley's major North-South bikeways.

Our main area of constructive feedback for council's consideration is the intersection of Young St and George St. While we understand that this formed part of the Stage 1 project of the Young St bicycle route upgrades, we feel that its location in the middle of Stages 2 and 3 give council the opportunity to address minor concerns that have been raised by the community in the ~2 years the upgraded crossing has been in operation. Specifically:

- **Legibility of crossing timing.** Many community members have raised concerns with us that they are unaware as to when they should be crossing the intersection after they have pushed the button. They are unaware that they should look to the adjacent pedestrian crossing lights for timing, or if they are aware, find this difficult to see from the bike waiting areas and/or unintuitive. We suggest that a bike signal be installed on either side of the intersection to make the crossing timing unambiguous.
- **Visibility as a bike route.** As mentioned above, one of the strengths of the proposed works is the consistent visual treatment of red pavement brought to the bike route. We suggest council extend this treatment to the crossing point of George St, potentially with the same red textured pavement used elsewhere on the route.
- **Positioning of cyclists waiting to cross westwards.** We have heard reports of cyclists waiting to cross westwards having potential conflicts with left-turning car drivers. One way this could be mitigated is for council to consider changing the painted waiting area into a full bike-box so that cyclists are positioned in front of car drivers.

Overall, we are pleased with the improvements proposed as part of this project and believe they will significantly enhance the connectivity and safety of Unley's walking and cycling network.

Regards,

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