

# Councillor Freeman - MoN - East-West Bikeway

Tuesday, 27 January 2026  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Freeman

Public

**Contact Officer:**  
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## MOTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Freeman will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:**

'THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the City of Adelaide's ten-year strategic commitment to delivering an East-West Bikeway through the city, as documented in successive Council strategies, including the Strategic Plans 2016-2020 and 2020-2024, the Integrated Transport Strategy, and City Plan 2031.
2. Notes that planning for an East-West Bikeway ceased almost five years ago in March 2021 when Council resolved not to proceed with the proposed Concept Design or investigate alternative routes, despite majority community support.
3. Requests the Administration to recommence planning for an East-West Bikeway for consideration in the 2026-27 Business Plan and Budget process, including:
  - a. Route options and updated concept design(s) within the broader network
  - b. Cost estimates and an economic assessment, including cost-benefit analysis
  - c. Community and stakeholder engagement strategy, informed by the 2021 consultation
  - d. Key technical investigations and governance to guide route selection and design feasibility
  - e. Delivery options including opportunities for trials or temporary works, funding pathways and a proposed timeframe back to Council
4. Requests the Administration to convene a workshop at the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee prior to resolution of the 2026-27 Business Plan and Budget to discuss the above matters.'

## ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The City of Adelaide's [Integrated Transport Strategy](#) (ITS) identifies the delivery of a network of cycle lanes and safe cycle routes as a Key Project and Service under Movement & Access Goal 1.4: Better travel choices for a more liveable city.
2. The ITS also identifies the future state cycling (micromobility) network map in the Our Street Network section including route classifications and recommended facility types for various streets across the City of Adelaide, and a Traffic Circulation Plan for the better management of motor vehicles travelling through the city centre to create more space for people walking/wheeling and cycling, public transport and places for people and greening.

3. The ITS, including its network maps, presents a fresh opportunity for meaningful engagement whereby the City of Adelaide considers and commits to routes to be delivered to certain standards, and engages with the community and stakeholders to seek feedback on elements of the design.
4. Australasian cities which are successfully delivering cycle routes, such as City of Sydney, Christchurch and Wellington, follow this approach to commit to deliver their network and undertake engagement predicated on the routes being delivered.
5. To support the delivery of safer east-west cycle routes, the Administration has included several draft budget bids as part of the 2026–27 Business Plan and Budget process which will be considered by Council Members at the upcoming CEO briefing sessions to be held on 7 and 21 February 2026. These projects align with the network mapping within the ITS.
6. The following items (where relevant) will be considered as part of the planning and design for safer cycling infrastructure:
  - 6.1. Current conditions
  - 6.2. Previous consultations and project learnings
  - 6.3. Cost estimates
  - 6.4. Economic assessment including cost-benefit analysis
  - 6.5. Community and stakeholder engagement
  - 6.6. Governance framework to support decision-making
  - 6.7. Key technical investigations to inform planning and design matters including feasibility
  - 6.8. Delivery options including opportunities for trials or temporary works
  - 6.9. Potential funding streams and partnership opportunities.
7. Should the projects be funded in the 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget, the concept designs and supporting investigations will be presented to Council in the 2026/27 financial year.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Not applicable
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	Not applicable
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 2 hours.

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