

## COMMUNIQUÉ

The Australian Bicycle Council (ABC) held its meeting in Brisbane on Wednesday, 18 March 2009. The meeting was chaired by John Erceg, Austroads Network Program Manager. This communiqué summarises the main discussions, decisions and actions arising from the meeting.

The morning after the meeting a site visit was conducted in and around the Brisbane CBD to inspect the King George Square cycle centre, the Tank Street, Goodwill and Eleanor Schonell cycleway bridges. A workshop on cycleway counters; comparing various types, their accuracy, implementation and potential was held on Thursday afternoon.

### OUTCOMES OF THE ABC MEETING

#### OVERVIEW

The main focus of the meeting was the Australian National Cycling Strategy (NCS) 2005-2010 implementation and the framework for the next NCS 2011-2016

#### PROGRESS ON NATIONAL CYCLING STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION

##### Secretariat Report

The Cycling mapping project via electronic and hardcopy mapping is progressing. A pilot project utilising data from the ACT and with a modal option, on the electronic versions, of 'by bike' is currently being developed.

The cooperation between the Healthy Spaces and Places project team (Planning Institute of Australia) and the ABC is continuing on the active transport components of their nationwide project.

##### Cycling Resource Centre

The CRC is attracting visits from Australia (78%), New Zealand (2%), North America (10%), UK (3%) and Central Asia (3%). As at 28 February 2009, the CRC had over 26,000 visitors since its inception. The most popular pages, apart from the Home Page were; Road Safety Statistics, Benefits of Cycling, Maps and Bicycle Network Planning.

##### ABC website

The ABC website continues to have the highest visitation rates of the Austroads website, averaging 12% of the site visitors, with over 2,000 visitors per month.

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL CYCLING STRATEGY

Progress on the implementation of the NCS for each jurisdiction was reported to the ABC based on responses received from ABC members. Highlights of the implementation include:

- QT is developing an Active Transport Policy to provide for cyclists in new state government infrastructure as a congestion management initiative
- End of Trip facilities to be incorporated in all new NT government leased buildings
- Cycle Tourism Toolkit has been completed and will be launched formally in April 2009
- BIA in partnership with BFA developed three new issue sheets:
  - Cycling is good for communities
  - Cycling and safety
  - Cycling can save you money

- CPF launched 4 cycling safety video clips which are available online (CPF & CRC):
  - Dealing with Car Doors
  - Heavy vehicles and cyclists
  - Dealing with Intersections
  - Cyclists visibility

### AUSTRALIAN BICYCLE STANDARDS

Changes to the Australian Bicycle Standard – AS/NZS 2063:2008 Bicycle Helmets, were noted.

### RESEARCH PROJECTS

- NS 1435 – Effectiveness and selection of intersection treatments for cyclists – this Austroads project is progressing, with anticipated completion in June 2009
- NP 1436 – Cycling aspects of Austroads Guides –framework for this proposed 2009-10 Austroads project was discussed
- research projects on public transport integration – project funding application is being considered currently
- cycling infrastructure and design consideration for inclusion in urban planning – the ABC is working with the national Healthy Spaces & Places to further this project
- building design including cycling infrastructure and design considerations – framework was discussed, further input from ABC members was requested
- benchmarking the provision for cycling – the scoping document for the project and a request for ABC input into the research were discussed
- developing effective strategies to educate pedestrians and cyclists on shared path etiquette – the framework for the project and possible funding options were discussed.

Reports will be made available on the ABC and CRC websites when completed.

### AUSTROADS TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND ROAD DESIGN REVIEW PANELS

The ABC continues to have input into the development of new Austroads guides. The Austroads guides that have been recently published and may be of interest are:

- AGRTP/09 - Guide to Road Transport Planning
- AGRS04/09 - Guide to Road Safety Part 4: Local Government and Community Road Safety
- AGRS06/09 - Guide to Road Safety Part 6: Road Safety Audit

The guides are available on the Austroads website ([www.austroads.com.au](http://www.austroads.com.au)). Future drafts of parts of the Guide to Traffic Management and the Guide to Road Design will be referred to ABC members as they become available.

### NEXT MEETING

ABC meeting #32 will be held in Darwin in August 2009.