

## Gladys Berejiklian MP

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# \$40 MILLION BOOST FOR LOCAL WALKING AND CYCLING PATHS ACROSS NSW

Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian today announced more than \$40 million for new bike and walking paths across NSW, supporting local communities and getting more people out of their cars.

Ms Berejiklian said the record funding injection from the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government was a huge boost for communities who have been asking for more infrastructure to improve local connections and support active transport.

"More than 380 projects across the state will be delivered – completing crucial missing links on popular walking and cycling paths, building new routes to connect growing communities, linking people to public transport hubs and improving access to regional centres," Ms Berejiklian said.

"It doesn't matter if you live in the city or regional or country areas, this funding is great news for communities and will support the growing number of people who are walking or cycling.

"Whether it is building new cycleways and walking paths, adding more public transport services or upgrading local roads and bridges – the Baird Government is delivering the vital infrastructure needed across NSW."

Some of the 380 projects across the state include:

#### Western Sydney

A new cycleway connecting the existing Sunnyholt Road cycleway to Blacktown Station and Richmond Road;

Continuing the cycleway along the Great Western Highway to connect to the University of Western Sydney Penrith Campus;

#### **Hunter and Central Coast**

Continuation of the Fernleigh Track between Belmont and Swansea;

Forster-Tuncurry – Funding to complete a package of works including cycleway connections and improved wayfinding.

#### **Western NSW**

Construction of a pedestrian refuge on the Newell Highway between Baker St and Medlyn St, Parkes;

Funding for a package of works to complete the cycleway network in the Orange town centre, including connections under the rail line, off road and on road cycleways, detailed design of other network links and education programs.

#### Southern NSW

Begin upgrade of the Windang Bridge to provide a cycleway and footpath connection across Lake Illawarra;

Complete construction of an off road cycleway beside Matron Porter Drive between Garrads Lane and Sunnygrove Lane, Milton.

#### **Northern NSW**

Complete Stage 2 of the cycleway connecting Corindi to Red Rock; Continue construction of the cycleway beside Manilla Road, Tamworth between Tribe St and Johnston St, Oxley Vale.

#### South West NSW

Construction of a walking and cycling path on the southern side of Clifton Boulevard from Hillam Drive to Doolan Crescent, Griffith – providing a link to the Ted Scobie Sports oval;

Complete construction of a walking and cycling path along eastern side of Goldfields Way to the Lake Centenary Access, Temora – linking the Airport and aviation museum with the home of the Jet Boat World Championships.

Ms Berejiklian said the projects will be delivered in partnership with councils and will begin in the next financial year.

"This investment is about connecting people and places and making a difference to the way people move around their communities," she said.

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