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Attention; Strategic Planning Unit
City of Whitehorse

**Whitehorse Planning Scheme Review
Submission by Metro-East Bicycle User Group Inc**

Kindly consider the following submission.

Yours sincerely

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Michael Hassett
Secretary

Submission

Thrust and rationale of proposal

Recognising the rapidly increasing population of the municipality, principally because of burgeoning subdivisions and multi-residential developments, we contend that the developers should contribute to the alleviation of congestion and environmental consequences of additional vehicle traffic through obligations to contribute to improvement and expansion of active transport (walking and cycling) infrastructure.

We suggest that a new '*Active Transport Contribution*' provision, analogous to the Public Open Space Contribution, be added to the Planning Scheme.

The intent would be to require developers to provide shared paths not only within the confines of the development site, but where feasible, construct paths on public land that connect to existing nearby paths, thus incrementally improving the interconnection of paths throughout the municipality. Where no nearby opportunity exists, then a monetary contribution would be made that would supplement Council funding for shared paths generally in the municipality.

Relevant strategies

Integrated Transport Strategy 2011
Whitehorse Community Road Safety Strategy 2013
Whitehorse Cycling Strategy 2016
Sustainability Strategy 2016-2022

Suggested specific amendments to the Planning Scheme

21. Municipal Strategic Statement

Add a clause specifically referring to *sustainable transport and cycling*;

21.02 and 21.04

Add a new point '*Sustainable and active transport*'.

22 series

Create and add a Local Planning Policy '*Active Transport Contribution*', incorporating:

Policy basis

- Facilitate safe walking and cycling both within and external to the development site;
- Capture opportunities to interconnect existing on and off road paths in the general vicinity of the development; or
- Contribute to the development of on and off road paths generally across the municipality.

Policy objectives

Contribute to the implementation of the four strategies listed above.

Suggested quantum

2% of the improved capital value of the development.