

WESTCYCLE

MORE PEOPLE RIDING BIKES MORE OFTEN



2025 WA ELECTION PRIORITIES

WestCycle envisions a Western Australia where riding a bike is a cornerstone of daily life, reducing household transport costs and contributing to healthier communities, a sustainable environment, and offering more choices for how we get around.

Our 2025 election priorities focus on actionable goals to make bike riding safer, more accessible, and better integrated into our transport and recreation networks. It has never been a better time to invest in infrastructure that enables more people to walk, cycle and get around by other forms of micro-mobility.

By supporting bike riding, the Government can help reduce household transport costs, create jobs, and improve road safety. It will also build healthier communities, create more liveable neighbourhoods, and will provide more affordable and sustainable transport options.

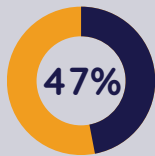
OUR ELECTION PRIORITIES

- **Accelerate the delivery of the Long Term Cycle Network**
- **Create safer streets around schools**
- **Include E-bikes in the Electric Vehicle subsidy scheme**
- **Fund off-road Trail Maintenance**





37% of West Australians rode a bike in 2022.



47% of WA residents say they would ride a bike more often if they felt safe doing so.

Just 33% of the Primary Bike Routes in metro Perth are complete. Even less in the regions.



Two thirds of all car trips in Perth are less than 5km, a distance easily travelled by bike or scooter.

69% of West Australians support a greater portion of the transport budget being spent on walking and cycling.



TRANSFORMING TRAVEL IN WA

WestCycle commends the WA Government for the record investment in bike riding in recent years, however it amounts to just 2% of the transport budget and will take decades to complete the network.

Investing in bike riding benefits everyone, including drivers, by reducing congestion and pollution, saving people money on transportation, and creating safer, healthier, and more connected communities. For example, increased bike riding can lead to significant savings on fuel costs and healthcare expenses related to pollution and sedentary lifestyles.

The Long Term Cycle Network, developed in collaboration with local governments across Western Australia, is the foundation for supporting the growth of micromobility for transport. Speeding up its delivery would help thousands of households across WA save on fuel, parking, and car registration fees.

WESTCYCLE ASKS THE WA GOVERNMENT TO:

- **Set ambitious active travel targets to significantly increase the rate of walking and cycling in WA.**
- **Increase investment in cycling infrastructure so it constitutes 10% of the WA road budget within the next four years.**



I started with a regular road bike and would ride the 24km each way 2-3 times a week. But it was getting a bit time consuming with 90 minutes each way. Decided to invest in a Trek ebike and suddenly I could cycle daily and it only took an hour each way. Plus I would carry a heavy bag, and cycle in any weather. Did 9000km in my first year. And yes, you still need to pedal, there is no throttle!

I've never been on my bike wishing I'd driven into the city – but I have been in my car in traffic wishing I'd cycled! It's amazing and gives such a great feeling of wellbeing . Thank you to Main Roads and the City of Perth, Stirling and Joondalup for such a rider friendly cycle path network. Jill, Sorento .



My husband has Parkinson's so we have both got E trikes and can cycle for several kilometres on the great cycle paths in our and neighbouring suburbs getting the exercise we both need and enjoying nature. Maureen and Tony Cremin, Australind.

CREATE SAFE STREETS AROUND SCHOOLS

Despite most students living less than one kilometre from school, just 20% walk or ride to school.

The WA Government's Active Travel to School Roadmap is a comprehensive plan to reverse the declining rates of children walking or riding to school, but lacks dedicated funding.

If we want children to walk and ride to school again, we need to make it safe.



WESTCYCLE ASKS THE WA GOVERNMENT TO:

- **Fund the delivery of Safe Routes to School for every school in WA, by providing local governments with additional funding to upgrade safe walking/cycling routes around schools.**
- **Make streets surrounding schools safer by lowering speed limit to 30km/h.**



61% of Western Australians support reducing speed limits to make streets safer.

ENABLE MORE AFFORDABLE TRANSPORT

E-bikes are a clean, affordable, and inclusive mode of transport. Queensland and Tasmania have introduced rebates on E-bikes and scooters to encourage their use. European studies show more than 50% of e-bike trips are replacements for car trips therefore reducing congestion, pollution and transport costs. Families can save over \$11,000 annually by replacing a second car with an e-bike.

A subsidy for e-bikes that meet Australian Standards and comply with local laws can improve safety and reduce battery fires by making quality e-bikes more affordable.

WESTCYCLE ASKS THE WA GOVERNMENT TO:

- **Include e-bikes in the EV subsidy scheme**



FUND OFF-ROAD TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Recent investment in new off-road trails is welcome but this investment should be preserved through quality maintenance. With the predominance of machine built trails and the risks of volunteers utilising equipment, professional help is required to maintain the trails at a level to sustain tourism and safety.

An ongoing funding program for trail maintenance will ensure that trails meet best practice standards, trail users are kept safe, the environment is protected, and use of these community assets continues to grow.

WESTCYCLE ASKS THE WA GOVERNMENT TO:

- **Establish a \$3m annual asset management fund for the landowner to work with club volunteers to engage professional teams to undertake technical and machine work to maintain existing off-road trails.**

SUPPORT OUR CAMPAIGN

HELP US CREATE MORE LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES IN WA

WestCycle's 2025 election campaign is a roadmap to a healthier, greener and more vibrant WA. We're calling on decision-makers and community members alike to join us in making bike riding a central part of daily life.

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