Councillor Question Time

Questions from Councillor Nyaguy:

- 1. How many kilometres of on-road separated bike lanes do Melbourne, Bayside, Glen Eira, Stonnington, Merri-Bek, Yarra and Darebin have?
- 2. What are the top five most dangerous bike corridors in Port Phillip? Would Council have a possible legal liability for accidents on bike corridors identified as dangerous and we have chosen not to upgrade them?

Responses:

 At this stage, there is no central data source to obtain this information so officers have contacted transport leads in these councils to prepare the following response. Please note that these are approximations and do not differentiate between what has been delivered by state or local government initiatives.

Council area	On-road Protected Lanes (km)
Bayside	Awaiting response
Darebin	Between 2 to 3 kms
Glen Eira	Awaiting response
Melbourne	Between 26 to 28 kms
Merri-bek	Awaiting response
Port Phillip	Approximately 4.5km
Stonnington	No on road protected lanes
Yarra	Between 4 to 5kms

Council officers will continue to seek clarification from the other councils on this.

2. Officers have analysed available crash statistics along the bike corridors identified in the Move, Connect Live – Integrated Transport Strategy for the period 2018 – 2022. This analysis exclusively incorporates crashes that have been officially reported. It is important to note that unreported crashes, near misses, and similar incidents may not be included in this analysis. The overall count of crashes may not be equal to the sum of individual vehicle/road user type crashes. This discrepancy is due to the potential involvement of multiple vehicle(s)/road user types in a particular crash. This analysis does not reflect the number of riders that are choosing alternative routes due to perceived safety issues on these bike corridors.

Our analysis indicates that the top five most dangerous bike corridors in Port Phillip with the most overall crashes are:

- 1. Inkerman St Fitzroy Street/ Canterbury Rd to Glen Eira connection
- 2. Bridge St/ Richardson St/ Loch St
- 3. Acland St / Mitford St / Beach St (only one with a fatal crash; not involving a bike rider)
- 4. Dorcas St / Nelson Rd / Foote St
- 5. Park St between Moray St & St Kilda Rd

Top 5 where bike crashes have been reported are:

- 1. Inkerman St Fitzroy Street/ Canterbury Rd to Glen Eira connection
- 2. Bridge St/ Richardson St/ Loch St
- 3. Dorcas St / Nelson Rd / Foote St
- 4. Tennyson St/ Blessington St
- 5. Acland St / Mitford St / Beach St

Council could possibly have a legal liability for accidents on bike corridors identified as dangerous and where upgrades have not been implemented, however this would be dependent upon the circumstances. As with all incidents, it would be investigated and treated on its merits.

*Please note: answers to any questions in Public Question Time and Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.