RESPONSE TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS MEETING OF THE PORT PHILLIP CITY COUNCIL

DATE 16 AUGUST 2023

Public Question Time

Question from Vicky Ho:

Are the bike lanes really working as my husband was hit by a car in Moray Street?

Response:

Council's endorsed Move Connect Live Integrated Transport Strategy 2018-2028 Action 18 seeks to encourage bike riding by prioritising the delivery of comfortable, safe infrastructure improvements for bike riders of all abilities to make it an attractive choice for our communities. During initial engagement for the Integrated Transport Strategy in 2018, 'walking and bike riding improvements' were rated as the community's top priority and a 2021 survey conducted by Monash University found that 71% of people living in the City of Port Phillip were interested in riding a bike but had concerns about safety.

Council is currently conducting a mid-cycle review of the Move, Connect, Live: Integrated Transport Strategy. This strategy was endorsed in 2018 and lasts through to 2028. In particular, we're seeking insight both from people who ride on our streets currently, and those who for various reasons choose not to ride. This will inform the manner in which Council prioritises and effectively delivers on bike riding improvements through to 2028 (Move, Connect, Live: Integrated Transport Strategy 2018-28 | Have Your Say Port Phillip).

We encourage all road users to be respectful of other users of this space and to obey the road rules to reduce risk and improve safety for all. Victoria Police are the enforcement authority for breaches of the Road Rules, and we would encourage reporting of any serious incidents.

Further enquiries relating to this matter should be directed to Council's Strategic Transport Team.

*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.