
SUMMARY OF MINUTES - Local Government Cycling Reference Group Meeting 8

Date: Wednesday, 22 August 2018 **Time:** 9.30am – 11.00am

Attendees: City of Stirling, City of Fremantle, City of Melville, City of Perth, City of Vincent, City of Albany, RoadWise, Department of Transport

Apologies: City of Joondalup, City of Rockingham

Summary of main points from the meeting:

1. Update on the Department of Transport's current policy focus, particularly bicycle share schemes

A Local Government in Perth was initially approached by a bicycle share company to launch a scheme in Perth and the Local Government approached the Department of Transport for assistance. The Department of Transport developed a policy position paper. The Department then discussed the issue with WALGA which then led to the development of [WALGA's discussion paper](#).

The pitfalls of bicycle share schemes were highlighted, particularly the recent events in Melbourne. The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Victoria classified dumped and vandalised bicycles as 'litter' and invoked the litter provisions of the Environment Protection Act 1970 (Vic). OBiKe was not able to meet the requirements set by the EPA and was told to leave Melbourne in June 2018.

The same issues apply to dockless e-scooters which are on the rise as well. Local Governments may be approached by companies to install dockless e-scooters.

2. Bike Share Masterclass – Dr Elliot Fishman

The Bike Share Masterclass was held on 24 July. Some the key points included:

- Bike share operators must understand the user
- A bike share scheme must be launched at a time of the year when people want to ride a bike i.e. not in winter
- Surveyed users and non-users identified the three most important reasons they will continue to use or take up using bike share:
 - Safety (most important)
 - Convenience – number one reason people use bike share; also number one reason why people don't use bike share i.e. survey response was "driving is more convenient"
 - Spontaneity
- Research in two cities where bike share was in use showed on a per kilometre basis, bike share is associated with decreased risk of both fatal and non-fatal bicycle crashes when compared to private bike riding (Graves et al 2014).
- Pros and cons were presented as similarly discussed in WALGA's discussion paper.

The group then discussed that the legislation for compulsory helmet use was the main impediment for bicycle share schemes in Australia. This is a separate policy issue and wasn't considered in detail in [WALGA's discussion paper](#).

3. Armadillos – City of Stirling

An update on the armadillos was provided by the City of Stirling. There has been a trial of one type of armadillo at King Edward Road, Osborne Park for the past two years. A new type of armadillo which

is shorter in length and a flatter profile than the first type that was discussed. The group discussed the lack of evaluation collected regarding armadillos that have been used in Perth.

