



14.1 BIKE LANE REMOVAL

I, Councillor Andrew Bond, give notice that I intend to move the Motion outlined below at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 20 July 2022:

That Council:

1. Writes to the Department of Transport and requests that they immediately halt the construction of its Pop-Up Bike Lane program within the City of Port Phillip.
2. Requests that DOT immediate commence the removal of all speed humps, bollards and concrete blocks recently installed within the City of Port Phillip as part of the DOT Pop-Up Bike Lane program
3. Requests that VicRoads immediate commence the removal of the centre of road bike lanes in Bridge Street, Port Melbourne and Westbury Street, St Kilda East recently installed in the City of Port Phillip as part of the DOT Pop-Up Bike Lane program.
4. Request that DOT works with the City of Port Phillip to review the Pop-Up Bike Lane programs prior to any re-commencement of works in the City of Port Phillip as part of the DOT Pop Up Bike Lane program.
5. Request that VicRoads conducts thorough consultation with the residents of the City of Port Phillip prior to any re-commencement of works in the City of Port Phillip as part of the DOT Pop-Up Bike Lane program.

Supporting Information

The recently installed 'temporary' Pop-Up Bike Lanes have not been well received by Port Phillip residents. The promised 'light touch' treatment to our roads has been replaced by bollards, speed humps, concrete blocks and yellow lines from one end of Port Phillip to the other, creating a wall of visual pollution across the municipality.

This treatment in no way reflects the 'light touch' road markings and way finding signs that were originally proposed as part of the Pop-Up Bike Lane program.

Most concerning is that this program, which was designed to enhance on-road safety for cyclists in Port Phillip, has created an environment whereby pedestrians, motorists and cyclists, have all had their safety compromised by the treatment of roads, the random placement of concrete blocks, bollards and speed humps, and the distraction of excessive and confusing road markings.

I call upon DOT to halt the roll out of this current program in Port Phillip, immediately remove all dangerous, excessive and offensive road treatments, conduct a thorough review of the program, and consult with the City of Port Phillip, and the Port Phillip community prior to the re-commencement of any future works.