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We at 10,000 Friends are supportive of the work undertaken to produce the draft report on Active Transport and recognise it as a significant initiative in drawing attention to the role active transport can play in our cities both in terms of healthier lifestyle and contribution to the transport task.

As we have only become aware of the report we only make a response to the specific questions raised being mindful of the closing date for submissions. We specifically support the 6 key recommendations for planning, building and encouraging active transport.

If desired we would welcome the opportunity to discuss, clarify or expand on comments with you or any staff you may choose to nominate.

#### Responses to questions raised -

1. How can we better plan for comprehensive 20-minute walking and riding networks around central business districts, major activity centres and major education and health campuses?

Response: By planning walkway and cycleway networks as part of a comprehensive transport plan for the CBD and reserving corridors or space for these facilities. Planning needs to be a joint venture between State and local governments.

2. How can we improve access to public transport (train stations, bus, tram and ferry stops) through better walking and riding connections? What are the roles of local, state, territory and Commonwealth governments?

Response: By integrating plans for walkways and cycleways with the plan for the public transport service in lieu of the State planning the public transport service and route and leaving provision of associated facilities for local government to plan and provide. Also by providing better walk and cycle access and better facilities for both at the public transport stop – attractive, convenient, weatherproof with cycle storage facilities at the stop.

3. How can the Australian Government, through its various programs, encourage better planning and building of networks for walking and riding?

Response: By requiring the States to include plans for walkways and cycleways as part of transport plans presented to the Federal Government for funding.

4. How can we ensure that appropriate infrastructure for walking and riding is included when other transport infrastructure is being

constructed so that we can avoid costly retrofitting at a future date?

Response: By requiring plans for transport infrastructure to incorporate plans and facilities for the full journey from origin to destination (e.g. home to work) not just for the journey by the particular mode being planned

5. How can governments, businesses and the community work together to leverage infrastructure investment with other programs and incentives to encourage greater uptake of walking, riding and public transport?

Response: As above, by requiring infrastructure and investment therein to embrace provision of infrastructure and facilities for the full journey origin to destination. Encourage take-up of facilities by advertising on the transport mode the availability of facilities to take the passenger from major transport mode to home/work destination.

6. How can we further achieve consistent standards for facilities, road rules and vehicle design to ensure the safety and convenience of all road users?

Response: Through COAG working parties embracing representatives of Federal, State and local governments + professional practitioners in the field to develop standards for Federal endorsement and incorporation as Australian Standards where appropriate with compliance a condition of consent for Federal funding of infrastructure.