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Designing a safer ride: Have your say on new Toowoomba bikeway

- The Queensland Government is inviting community feedback on the detailed design of a bikeway on Taylor Street, between Tor and Boundary Streets, Toowoomba.
- Community feedback gathered during the planning phase has helped to inform the design.
- The bikeway aims to enhance safety and accessibility for bike riders and walkers, and promote healthier, more sustainable transport options in Toowoomba.

The Queensland Government is inviting the community to participate in the consultation process for the design of a new bikeway on Taylor Street, Toowoomba.

This project aims to create a dedicated, separated bikeway between Tor Street and Boundary Street, that improves safety and accessibility for all people using this section of Taylor Street - whether they are motorists, heavy vehicle drivers, bike riders or pedestrians.

A planning phase for this project was completed in early 2023, when local community feedback helped to shape the route option and many of the key design elements.

Elements that were considered by locals to be important in the proposed bikeway design include:

- navigating existing public utility infrastructure including electricity poles, gas and water mains
- the presence of existing mature street trees
- centre median strips and turning lanes
- safety when crossing small and larger intersections.

The consultation window is now open, providing residents, bike riders, local businesses and the Toowoomba community the opportunity to offer feedback on the proposed design elements.

The project is part of the Queensland Cycling Strategy (2017-2027) and aligns with TMR's vision for a single integrated transport network accessible to everyone.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads Southern Queensland Regional Director, Bill Lansbury, said, "We are dedicated to making it easier for people to get to school, work, or other destinations, without having to jump in the car, through our active transport investment program."

"Every person who rides a bike or walks to work, school, or for general life activities, helps reduce traffic on our roads, lowers pollution for nearby residents and can also translate to personal savings on transport costs.

"Having your say on the design of this section of bikeway helps us ensure we are meeting the needs of Toowoomba's drivers, bike riders and walking community, where possible."

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For more information and to participate in the engagement, visit the TMR website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects and search for Taylor Street bikeway.