

**Department of Health**

Responsible for developing the Victorian Public Health & Wellbeing Plan. The 2023-27 plan has a strategic direction to 'increase active living' which includes support for active transport. Councils are required to have regard to the state plan when developing municipal public health and wellbeing plans.

**VicHealth**

Victoria's health promotion foundation, an independent statutory authority. Its health prevention areas include encouraging physical activity and mental wellbeing. Leads advocacy, research and innovation. Delivers programs with partner organisations.

**Department of Education**

One of DE's Education State school targets is to have happy, healthy and resilient kids. Active travel to school is an important way for kids to be physically active.

**Sport & Recreation Victoria**

SRV encourages Victorians to move more every day, particularly bike riding and walking as they are in the top three activities that Victorians want to participate in more. SRV invests in active recreation places and spaces through council partnerships.

**Parks Victoria**

Statutory authority managing designated parks and reserves in partnership with traditional owners. Includes walking and bike riding access for transport and recreation within these areas.

**Regional Development Victoria**

Responsible for rural and regional economic development working in partnership with business, the community and all levels of government. This includes programs for job creation, infrastructure and planning.

**Major Transport Infrastructure Authority**

Oversees planning and construction of major projects. Projects have responsibility for delivering walking and bike riding access, interfacing with local government to support access beyond their sites.



MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

## Local Government Walking and Bike Riding Stakeholders

Snapshot – updated November 2023

**Municipal Association of Victoria**

Membership association and the legislated peak body for local government in Victoria. Policy and advocacy focus areas include transport. Hosts resource hub on walking and bike riding

**79 Victorian local councils**

Delivering infrastructure, places and programs that encourage more walking and bike riding

Non-government  
organisation

State government  
department/agency

Transport policy, planning,  
management

**Department of Transport and Planning**

The integrated department brings together Public Transport Victoria and VicRoads alongside statutory and strategic land use planning. Responsible for walking and cycling policy, including Plan Melbourne and 20-minute neighbourhoods.

It also covers road safety and the school crossing supervisor program.

Safety

**Transport Accident Commission**

A Victorian government-owned organisation whose role includes road safety promotion. Funds road safety campaigns, research, community grants. Leads Victorian Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 in partnership with DTP, Vic Police, DJCS, DH.

Health

**Heart Foundation**

A national not-for-profit that delivers research, initiatives and programs to support and prevent heart disease, which includes increasing physical activity. Its Healthy Active By Design website assists development of active neighbourhoods.

Walking

**Victoria Walks**

A walking health promotion charity which leads advocacy, research and programs to encourage more people to walk more everyday. It focuses on encouraging walking and tackling obstacles that discourage walking.

Cycling

**Amy Gillett Foundation**

National cycling safety charity. Advocacy, campaigns on key issues (eg a metre matters) and supports research (eg BikeSpot safe/unsafe bike riding locations survey) and cycling events to improve and profile bike riders' safety.

**We Ride Australia**

National independent not for profit advocating for the benefits of bike riding through national Summit, study tours, parliamentary cycling group, Ministerial Cities reference group. Advocacy for infrastructure and programs, including Safe Routes to School.

Mobility

**Bicycle Network**

National, 50,000 member charity striving to make it easier for everyone to ride a bicycle every day. Advocates for better riding conditions; runs behaviour change programs; provides member support and major events; and advisory services (eg bike counts, parking).

Research

**RACV**

Member-based organisation providing insurance products and services for transport, home, leisure and travel. It advocates for better transport services for all Victorians, including increased use of walking and cycling and safety for vulnerable road users.

**Research institutions**

Academic institutions provide best-practice research/evidence and evaluations of walking and bike riding outcomes, which may support or influence local/state/federal government