



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

Reference: iCBR

Hearing: 18 November 2025

In relation to: Design guidelines for cycling paths on major roads

Question received: 19 November 2025

Answer Due: 03 December 2025

I note the Austroads Design Guide AGRD03-16, available online at <https://austroads.gov.au/publications/road-design/agrd03> which contains Part 3 of the Guide to Road Design: Geometric. It identifies in chapter 4.9.7 (Bicycle Lanes), in a footnote to table 4.18, that “Physical separation including safety barriers are essential on urban roads that have a posted speed limit > 80 km/h”.

I also note the ACT Government's Municipal Infrastructure Standard, MIS 05, for active travel facilities design, available online at <https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/plan-and-build/standards-codes-andguidelines/municipal-infrastructure-design-standards-mis> which references the Austroads design guides with respect to on-road cycling routes. MIS 05 appears to have limited guidance for safety features with respect to on-road cycling routes where the posted speed limit is >80km/h.

- 1) Can you confirm that iCBR and the ACT Government accept the Austroads Road Design Guide as a Standard that is intended to be fully incorporated into the ACT's Municipal Infrastructure Standards?
- 2) If not, why not?
- 3) Does iCBR and the ACT Government comply with, and intend to comply with, the Austroads Road Design Guide in all respects, with specific reference to the requirements for on-road cycle lanes in Part 3, Chapter 4.9?
- 4) If not, why not?
- 5) If yes, how will the requirement for physical separation including safety barriers be met on the Monaro Highway Upgrade?

Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) Guidance material published by Austroads aims to promote national consistency on the design, construction, maintenance and operations of road network infrastructure. As identified within the Preface for ACT's Municipal Infrastructure Standards, the Austroads series of guides are a primary technical reference, together with the Australian Standards. The ACT Government accepts the principles and general guidance in the Austroads Guide to Road Design. ACT's Municipal Infrastructure Standards are issued to clarify any exceptions or additional requirements for implementation in the ACT, and to identify relevant complementary documents.
- (2) N/A.
- (3) ACT's Municipal Infrastructure Standards and Austroads guidance material applies to new and upgraded public assets – they are generally not applied retrospectively to existing assets. This means that ACT's existing infrastructure is not required to be upgraded to comply every time Austroads or Australian Standards issues new guidance material or updated information. Standards are written with the expectation that upgrades will occur incrementally over an asset's lifecycle.
- (4) N/A.
- (5) A design for a physically separated off road shared path along the Monaro Highway from Coyne Street, Macarthur to Canberra Avenue, Symonston has been prepared but is not funded for construction as part of the Monaro Highway upgrades package 1.

The requirements for physical separation are largely met through the space between the path alignment and the Monaro Highway alignment; in some locations guardrails are required where separation requirements cannot be met to provide a safe and compliant design. These have been allowed for in the preliminary design, and will be subject to further review and refinement through the design development process

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Transport and City Services

Signature:



By the Minister for City and Government Services, Tara Cheyne MLA

Date:

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