



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

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In relation to: Active Travel

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Answer Due: 06 August 2026

- 1) What path network improvements are funded in the 2026-27 budget within the Murrumbidgee electorate?
- 2) Woden to City separated cycleway - when will the plans be available and when will work commence on construction?
- 3) What is the status of the Streeton Drive cycleway upgrade and when will this project be completed?
- 4) What is the status of the missing links in the active travel path network in Coombs and when will these path sections be completed?
- 5) When will the Coombs Link bridge be completed to connect the active travel path network in Coombs to the C5 cycleway?
- 6) What path improvements are planned for the approaches to the Southlands Group Centre to complement pedestrian upgrades due to commence soon within the Group Centre?
- 7) When will construction commence on upgrading the crossing of the C4 cycleway at Wilbow Street in Phillip to a raised crossing and when will this project be completed?
- 8) What consultation and safety analysis was performed prior to the implementation of barriers at the southern approach to the crossing of the C4 cycleway at Wilbow Street in Phillip?
- 9) Are the designs for the shared/separated active travel infrastructure along Melrose Drive between Hindmarsh Drive and Parramatta Street available for public review? If not, when will they be available?

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

- 1) No new funding was allocated in the 2026-27 Budget for new path network infrastructure within the Murrumbidgee electorate. However, funding is available in 2026-27 and 2028-29 through the Active Travel Infrastructure Program funded in 2025-26 over four years for preventative and corrective maintenance, renewal and upgrades of the existing path network. This included:
 - Inner South - new and renewed paths \$0.5 million over three years.
 - Woden and Weston Creek footpath fund \$5 million over four years.
 - Molonglo Valley projects to be considered through the Canberra-wide funding stream (\$2m).

This program will deliver improvements to existing path network as well as deliver an upgraded shared path along Streeton Drive and complete the missing link in Coombs along the Molonglo River at the Coombs peninsula.

- 2) The design for the Woden to City Separated Cycleway is currently being developed by Infrastructure Canberra (iCBR). The timing for completion and public release of the design has not yet been confirmed. Construction funding has not yet been allocated and will be subject to consideration through future ACT Government budget processes. As a result, a construction commencement date has not been determined.
- 3) Preliminary Sketch Plans (PSPs) were completed on the Streeton Drive shared path upgrade in late 2025. Further design development is required to prepare construction tender-ready documentation. This work is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2026. Construction is expected to commence in 2027 and is currently forecast to be completed in late 2027 subject to project approvals, site conditions and weather permitting.
- 4) Design work is expected to commence in late 2026 on the shared path connection at the Coombs Peninsula. Construction work is anticipated to commence in second half of 2027. Construction is currently forecast to be completed in 2028, subject to project approvals, site conditions and weather permitting.
- 5) Completion of the Coombs Link Bridge is currently expected by August 2027 weather dependent.
- 6) In 2025-26, the ACT Government committed funding to improve the Mawson Group Centre through public space upgrades. Potential upgrades may include new or improved lighting, street furniture, pathways and paving, playground equipment, integrated community artwork, signage, landscaping and tree planting, as well as improvements to traffic management and parking arrangements.

The project scope and design details, including any associated path improvements to approaches into the Group Centre, are being considered. Information on the proposed works will be made available to stakeholders and the community as project planning progresses and designs are refined. Community consultation opportunities will be provided at the appropriate stage of the project.

- 7) The City and Environment Directorate has committed to installing the raised crossing in 2026-27. A road safety assessment and detailed design will be required before going out to market for construction. Specific timing for the beginning of construction is currently unable to be provided at this point in time.
- 8) Following the installation of the new crossing on Wilbow Street safety concerns were raised by members of the public, Pedal Power and Transport Canberra bus drivers. A meeting was held on site between Roads ACT, Transport Canberra and Pedal Power to discuss the concerns and the temporary arrangement currently on site was then installed. No broader public consultation was undertaken.
- 9) Preliminary Sketch Plans (PSPs) were completed in late 2025 for a proposed shared/separated active travel path between Hindmarsh Drive and Parramatta Street in Phillip. At present, no further design or delivery work is planned for this project. Should future funding become available to progress the project, the design will be further developed to the Final Sketch Plan (FSP) stage and shared with stakeholders as part of the next phase of project development. Preliminary design concepts were previously distributed to relevant peak body stakeholders in late 2025 to inform early engagement and gather feedback on the proposed alignment and active travel outcomes.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2026–2027

Signature: 

Date: 12/17/26

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