



Active Transport Community of Practice

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Transport for NSW

Regional and Outer Metropolitan Cycling and Micromobility Plan 2025–2035

May 2025





Local councils



- Lismore City Council
- Orange City Council
- Coffs Harbour City Council
- Port Macquarie-Hastings Council
- Dubbo Regional Council
- Central Coast Council
- Singleton Shire Council
- Tweed Shire Council
- Blue Mountains City Council
- Bathurst Regional Council
- Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
- Wagga Wagga City Council
- Wollongong City Council
- Mid-Western Regional Council
- Ballina Shire Council
- Clarence Valley Council

- Shellharbour City Council
- Armidale Regional Council
- Tamworth Regional Council
- City of Newcastle
- Lake Macquarie City Council
- Griffith City Council
- Albury City Council
- Broken Hill City Council
- Gunnedah Shire Council
- Inverell Shire Council
- Bega Valley Shire Council
- Shoalhaven City Council
- Kiama Municipal Council
- Parkes Shire Council*
- Maitland City Council

*Representing Forbes Shire Council and Lachlan Shire Council

Other stakeholders



- Bicycle NSW
- Bicycle Network
- Hearing Matters
- NSW Council for Intellectual Disabilities
- Physical Disability Council of NSW
- Rail Trails NSW
- Vision Australia

Academia

- Charles Sturt University
- University of Newcastle

NSW Government agencies

- Department of Planning and Environment
- Department of Regional NSW
- Destination NSW
- Ministry of Health
- Office of Sport







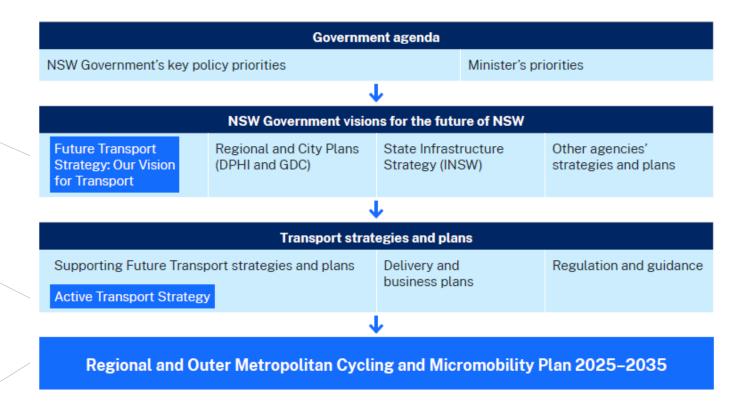


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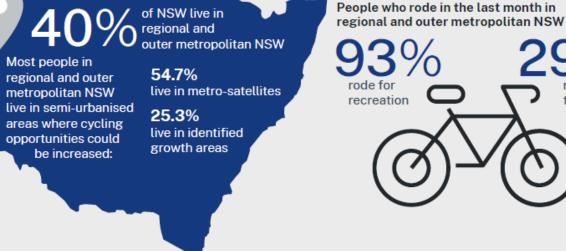
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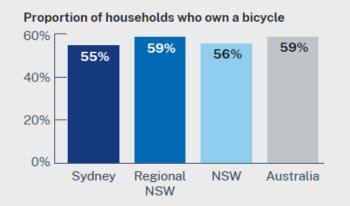


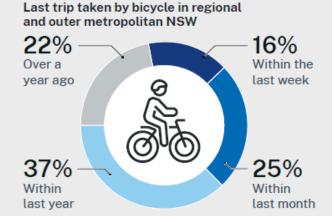
Regional & Outer Metropolitan NSW snapshot









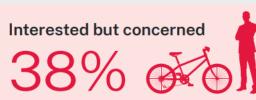


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Potential riders

Cautious riders

of people in regional and outer metropolitan NSW currently ride bicycles and would ride more if it were safer.



of people in regional and outer metropolitan NSW currently do not ride bicycles but would if it were safer

Current and future bike riders

Potential riders are people of all ages and abilities. By improving cycling and micromobility options for potential riders, we can improve travel outcomes for many people like:



Seniors



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders



Public transport users



People with a disability



Remote communities



Children traveling to school independently



Carers and parents with children



Culturally and linguistically diverse customers



Examples of what we heard

Theme	Issues	Opportunities
Safe and comfortable	 Friction between users on shared paths, and between people cycling and driving Hesitation to cycle due to safety concerns Resistance to remove parking 	 Improving intersection design and ensuring priority at crossing Reducing speed limits in town centres or neighbourhoods to 30 km/h
Connected	High speeds on regional roadsLack of fundingRoads and streets designed for drivers	 Requiring cycling and active transport infrastructure in new developments Closing some local streets to through traffic Improving wayfinding and signage
Tourism & economy	 Difficult to take bikes on regional trains and buses Land ownership and asset management issues make rail trails difficult to plan and implement 	 Adding user friendly bike storage to regional trains and regional train stations Improving wayfinding and providing resources for tourists to know where cycling routes are
Multimodal integration	 Requirement to box bikes to put them on regional trains Grant program doesn't fund cycle parking at transport interchanges Lack of secure bike locking facilities 	 Adding free bike storage to regional trains, train stations and interchanges Adapting buses to be bike friendly and working with bus operators to explore opportunities for future facilities in new bus fleets
Behaviour change	 Some people lack access to bikes Some towns don't have bike shops Many regional towns have high car dependencies 	 Using positive messaging and marketing with people focused language Establishing school programs that educate students on safe bike use Providing additional bike education opportunities for drivers
Collaboration & information sharing	Some guidance not suited to regional councils	 Exploring opportunities for more transparency and support to local government for cycling Creating a platform for sharing plans and maps



Objectives



Safe and comfortable

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Multimodal integration

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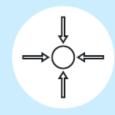
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- transport policies
- grant funding criteria
- cycling planning and design guidance
- pilot projects
- safe implementation of new technology
- e-scooter share trials
- town centre improvements
- technology and systems
- programs in Aboriginal communities
- active travel to school initiatives





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- cycleways and 15-minute neighbourhoods
- Aboriginal communities
- new development
- strategic cycleways
- road space reallocation policy
- · microfreight and last mile
- acknowledgement of Country





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- cycle tourism initiatives
- non-operational assets and rail trails
- connections between towns and rail trails
- events
- wayfinding
- linking sharing schemes with tourism
- access to national parks





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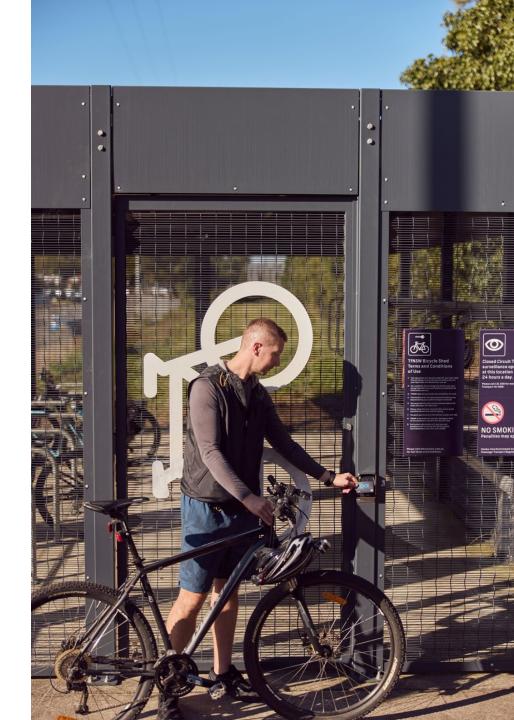
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- bike parking at interchanges
- bikes on trains and coaches
- access to public transport





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- cycle promotion and behaviour change campaigns
- education and training
- shared path campaigns
- safe driver behaviour and awareness





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Collaboration and information sharing

- digital maps and trip planning
- guidance and courses
- forums
- grant application assistance
- data sharing
- research partnerships
- dashboards



Implementation

- form collaborative partnerships
- work with stakeholders
- prioritise projects
- oversee implementation

Aiming to achieve the following outcomes:

Increases in:

- people riding their bike
- percentage of school children riding their bike to and from school
- perception of cycling safety, connectivity and effectiveness

Decreases in:

- percentage of short trips made by people using a private vehicle
- rate of bike rider fatalities and seriously injured



Questions & links

Regional & Outer Metropolitan Cycling & Micromobility Plan 2025-35

https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2025/rom-cycling-and-micromobility-plan_1.pdf

Regional active transport

 $\frac{https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/operations/active-transport/regional-active-transport}{transport/regional-active-transport}$

NSW rail trails

https://www.nsw.gov.au/regional-and-primary-industries/resources/nsw-rail-trails

Riding bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters in NSW https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/bikes-e-bikes-e-scooters

